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1(c)	Analyse <u>two</u> advantages to JS of using CAD.				8
Level	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis (4 marks)	Marks	
2	Shows understanding of using CAD in context	3–4	Good analysis of two advantages of using CAD in context	4	
			Good analysis of one advantage of using CAD in context	3	
1	Shows knowledge of the use of CAD	1–2	Limited analysis of two advantages of using CAD	2	
			Limited analysis of one advantage of using CAD	1	
<i>Limited analysis in context: Marks limited to 4+2=6</i>					
<p>Answers could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility – allows JS to design stickers and edit the designs (and allows customers to edit designs) with minimal cost implications. Designs can be sent electronically to customers for approval – this may speed up the lead time from order to production. • Accuracy – CAD may allow the designs to be more accurate and improve the quality of JS's stickers. • Reduced storage space for designs – can save JS costs. • Easier to find previous designs and reproduce past designs/reprints. • It may be quicker to produce designs using CAD than hand drawing – this can reduce costs • Templates can be set up to save time/costs • CAD can be linked with CAM to speed up the production process/less chance for errors. 					

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1(d)	Evaluate suitable payment methods for the employees at JS.				11	
Knowledge and Application (4 marks)		Marks	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)			Marks
			Justified evaluation based on arguments in context			7
			Developed evaluation based on arguments in context			6
			An evaluative statement based on argument(s) in context			5
Shows understanding of two (or more) payment methods in context		4	Argument based on the two (or more) payment methods in context			4
Shows understanding of one payment method in context		3	Argument based on the one payment method in context			3
Shows knowledge of two (or more) payment methods		2	Limited analysis of two (or more) payment methods			2
Shows knowledge one payment method		1	Limited analysis of one payment method			1
No creditable content						
Answers could include:						
Possible payment methods:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time based – currently being used, rewards amount of time, but no allowance for quality of the stickers or the differing working conditions. • Salary – may be appropriate for administrative jobs/design jobs which are task based, but again will not take into account different working conditions or effort put into the job. • Piece rates – useful to motivate workers on the production line but to what extent is one worker responsible for each sticker or group of stickers? Is it possible to separate out the responsibility? Could be used to reward those who work in unfavourable working conditions and who put in more effort. • Commission – useful for sales staff, but to what extent are production workers likely to have any input into sales. • Bonuses – Could be used to reward effort but an objective system would be required otherwise could be divisive. • Profit sharing – Would tie in worker motivation into the bigger picture of JS's performance but how could this improve reward for effort or differing working conditions. • Performance related pay – Would require a system that tied in effort and working conditions to satisfy JS's workers. 						

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2(c)	Analyse <u>one</u> advantage and <u>one</u> disadvantage to Navpreet of taking out a mortgage on her own home to finance PP's expansion.				8
	Level	Knowledge and Application (4 marks)	Marks	Analysis (4 marks)	Marks
	2	Shows understanding of taking out a mortgage to finance expansion in context	3–4	Good analysis of one advantage AND one disadvantage to Navpreet of taking out a mortgage to finance expansion in context	4
				Good analysis of one advantage OR one disadvantage to Navpreet of taking out a mortgage to finance expansion in context	3
	1	Shows knowledge of mortgages and expansion	2	Limited analysis of one advantage AND one disadvantage of a mortgage as a source of finance	2
		Shows knowledge of sources of finance or expansion	1	Limited analysis of one advantage OR one disadvantage of a mortgage as a source of finance	1
<i>Limited analysis in context: Marks limited to 4+2=6</i>					
<i>Annotate advantages on the left and disadvantages on the right</i>					
<i>Analysis should be about the use of a mortgage NOT expansion</i>					
Answers could include:					
Advantages					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would allow Navpreet to retain control of PP and raise sufficient finance for the lease • Long term source of finance so would allow Navpreet to repay the majority when the new shop is making a profit • Relatively (compared to loans) low rate of interest, would reduce repayment costs. 					
Disadvantages					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navpreet may lose her house if she is unable to pay back the mortgage with earnings from the new shop • The bank may not allow Navpreet to take out a mortgage for the amount required • Navpreet must pay interest on the mortgage and she does not know if the new shop will be successful. 					

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2(d)	Evaluate promotional methods that PP could use to grow in the future.				11	
Knowledge and Application (4 marks)		Marks	Analysis and Evaluation (7 marks)			Marks
			Justified evaluation based on argument(s) in context			7
			Developed evaluation based on argument(s) in context			6
			An evaluative statement based on arguments in context			5
Shows understanding of TWO promotional methods in context		4	Argument based on TWO promotional methods in context			4
Shows understanding of ONE promotional method in context		3	Argument based on ONE promotional method in context			3
Shows knowledge of TWO promotional methods		2	Limited analysis of TWO promotional methods			2
Shows knowledge of ONE promotional method		1	Limited analysis of ONE promotional method			1
No creditable content						
<i>Allow above and below the line as methods</i>						
Answers could include:						
Above the line methods						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising – Plumbing is likely to remain a local business so national advertising is likely to cost too much and be inappropriate. Local TV, radio, newspapers and magazines may be appropriate and could be targeted to the appropriate market segments. 						
Below the line methods						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word of mouth – Navpreet has been using this, but unpredictable and unlikely to help further growth • Sponsorship – Navpreet could sponsor a local team/programme etc.. May allow PP to become a more well-known brand • Direct mailing/Leaflets – relatively cheap and puts the contact details for Navpreet into potential customers homes for when needed. • Price promotions – would need to be communicated (perhaps through new shop if it goes ahead). • New shop could be a form of promotion – high street signage, repeat customers etc... • Promotional pricing – sales, discounts etc. 						

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2(d)	<p>Branding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navpreet has a USP and could build on this (perhaps with new shop) to make PP a household brand. Nature of the service is that it is not a day to day product, so a brand needs to be known for when it is needed. <p>Packaging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only appropriate for products sold through the shop. Could cross advertise using packaging.	