## Accounting 2019 v2.0

## IA3 high-level annotated sample response

## September 2018

## Project — cash management (25\%)

This sample has been compiled by the QCAA to assist and support teachers to match evidence in student responses to the characteristics described in the instrument-specific marking guide (ISMG).

## Assessment objectives

This assessment instrument is used to determine student achievement in the following objectives:
2. apply accounting principles and processes for a trading GST business to calculate, record, process and report accounts
3. analyse and interpret financial data and information relating to cash management
4. evaluate accounting practices relating to cash management to make decisions and propose recommendations
5. synthesise and solve accounting problems relating to cash management
6. create a business report that communicates meaning to the business manager of a business

Note: Objective 1 is not assessed in this instrument.

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## Instrument-specific marking guide (ISMG)

## Criterion: Applying

## Assessment objective

2. apply accounting principles and processes for a trading GST business to calculate, record, process and report accounts

| The student work has the following characteristics: | Marks |
| :--- | :---: |
| - effective application of accounting principles to calculate amounts for transactions <br> - effective application of computerised accounting processes to record and process <br> transactions |  |
| - generation of required financial documents. | $3-4$ |
| - application of accounting principles to calculate amounts for transactions <br> - application of computerised accounting processes to record and process transactions <br> - generation of financial documents. | 2 |
| - inconsistent application of accounting principles to calculate amounts for transactions <br> - inconsistent or partial application of computerised accounting processes to record and <br> process aspects of transactions | 2 |
| - generation of inappropriate financial documents. | 1 |
| - does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. | 0 |

## Criterion: Synthesising and solving

## Assessment objective

5. synthesise and solve accounting problems relating to cash management

| The student work has the following characteristics: | Marks |
| :---: | :---: |
| - identification of significant and relevant financial data and information to complete an input area <br> - effective application of accounting principles and processes to achieve a goal through the generation of financial documents <br> - solution produced that thoroughly solves the problem. | 7-8 |
| - identification of relevant financial data and information to complete an input area <br> - appropriate application of accounting principles and processes to achieve a goal through the generation of financial documents <br> - solution produced that effectively solves the problem. | 5-6 |
| - identification of fundamental financial data and information to complete an input area <br> - fundamental application of accounting principles and processes to achieve aspects of a goal through the generation of financial documents <br> - solution produced that solves elements of the problem. | 3-4 |
| - identification of narrow or inappropriate financial data and information <br> - rudimentary application of accounting principles or processes through the generation of financial documents <br> - inappropriate or partial solution produced. | 1-2 |
| - does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. | 0 |

## Criterion: Analysing

## Assessment objective

3. analyse and interpret financial data and information relating to cash management

| The student work has the following characteristics: | Marks |
| :---: | :---: |
| - examine financial data and information through the identification of significant and relevant relationships. <br> - thorough interpretation of trends in the financial data and information <br> - thorough and logical explanation of issues relating to cash management. | 5-6 |
| - examine financial data and information through the identification of relationships <br> - interpretation of trends in the financial data and information <br> - explanation of issues relating to cash management. | 3-4 |
| - examine financial data or information through the identification of superficial relationships <br> - superficial interpretation of financial data or information <br> - narrow or partial statements of issues. | 1-2 |
| - does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. | 0 |

## Criterion: Evaluating

## Assessment objective

4. evaluate accounting practices relating to cash management to make decisions and propose recommendations

| The student work has the following characteristics: | Marks |
| :--- | :---: |
| - perceptive judgments for proposed alternatives or changes relating to cash management <br> - thoroughly justified decisions for cash management pertinent to the accounting context | $3-4$ |
| - convincingrecommendations for cash management. |  |
| - judgments for proposed alternatives or changes relating to cash management <br> - decisions for cash management for the accounting context <br> - recommendations for cash management suitable for the accounting context. | 2 |
| - rudimentary or partial statements for a proposed alternative or change <br> - inconsistent or partial decisions <br> - inconsistent or partial recommendations. | 1 |
| - does not satisfy any of the descriptors above. | 0 |

## Criterion: Communicating

## Assessment objective

6. create a business report that communicates meaning to the business manager of a business

| The student work has the following characteristics: | Marks |
| :--- | :--- |

- succinct, with analysis, interpretation and evaluation related to the goal conveyed logically
- features of the report genre are consistently demonstrated 3
- minimal errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- conveys analysis, interpretation and evaluation related to the goal
- features of the report genre are demonstrated
- some errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- conveys analysis, interpretation and evaluation related to aspects of the goal
- features of the report genre are inconsistently demonstrated
- frequent errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.


## Task

## Context

Jared Jones opened Gym Supplies three months ago on 1 July 2019 as a sole trader trading GST business. Frank Rossini was appointed as the accountant to set up the business file and record transactions in MYOB, as well as prepare cash budgets to guide future direction of the business. However, after two months, Frank resigned. He had only entered the transactions in MYOB for the first two months of trading. Therefore, acting as the business manager, Jared has employed the services of an accounting firm to complete the monthly management accounting for the business and provide advice on its operations.

## Task

As the management accountant for the accounting firm, you must enter the remaining transactions into MYOB, and prepare cash budgets and related financial documents for the client's business. Use the relevant financial documents to prepare workpapers presenting the accounting data and information, and to create an accounting business report. The report should provide Jared with advice about the viability of purchasing a delivery vehicle, and the impact of this purchase on the business's financial performance and position.

## Sample response

| Criterion | Marks allocated | Result |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Applying (practical response) <br> Assessment objective 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Synthesising and solving (practical response) <br> Assessment objective 5 | 8 | 6 |
| Analysing (extended response) <br> Assessment objective 3 | 6 | 6 |
| Evaluating (extended response) <br> Assessment objective 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Communicating (extended response) <br> Assessment objective 6 | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 3}$ |

The annotations show the match to the instrument-specific marking guide (ISMG) performancelevel descriptors.
Please note that in the student response below, the account names in MYOB are abbreviated (e.g. 'Gresham Gold City Gym' appears as 'Gold City Gym').


Gym Supplies
21 Harbour Road Gympie Qld 4570

## All Journals

|  |  |  | 1/09/201 | 9/2019 |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SJ | 7/09/2019 |  | Sale; Cash Sales |  |  |
|  | 00000009 | 1-1200 | Accounts Receivable | \$1,218.18 |  |
|  | 00000009 | 1-1200 | Accounts Receivable | \$121.82 |  |
|  | 00000009 | 4-1000 | Sales |  | \$1,218.18 |
|  | 00000009 | 2-1310 | GST Collected |  | \$121.82 |
|  | 00000009 | 5-1000 | Purchases | \$660.00 |  |
|  | 00000009 | 1-1800 | Inventory |  | \$110.00 |
|  | 00000009 | 1-1800 | Inventory |  | \$550.00 |
| CR | 7/09/2019 |  | Cash Sales for 00000009 |  |  |
|  | CR000007 | 1-1110 |  | \$1,340.00 |  |
|  | CR000007 | 1-1200 | Accounts Receivable |  | \$1,340.00 |
| CD | 9/09/2019 |  | Wages |  |  |
|  | 16 | 1-1110 | Cash at Bank |  | \$3,330.00 |
|  | 16 | 6-5130 | Wages \& Salaries | \$3,330.00 |  |
| PJ | 10/09/2 | 019 P | Purchase; AJT Holdings |  |  |
|  | PJ000002 | 2-1200 | Accounts Payable |  | \$590.91 |
|  | PJ000002 | 2-1200 | Accounts Payable |  | \$59.09 |
|  | PJO00002 | 1-2510 | Office Equip at Cost | \$590.91 |  |
|  | PJ000002 | 2-1330 | GST Paid | \$59.09 |  |
| CD | 12/09/2019 |  | Postage |  |  |
|  | 17 | 1-1110 | Cash at Bank |  | \$33.00 |
|  | 17 | 6-5320 | Postage | \$30.00 |  |
|  | 17 | 2-1330 | GST Paid | \$3.00 |  |
| SJ | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { 14/09/2019 } \\ 00000010 & 1-1200 \end{array}$ |  | Sale; Fitness Fanatics |  |  |
|  |  |  | Accounts Receivable | \$27.27 |  |
|  | 00000010 | 1-1200 | Accounts Receivable | \$2.73 |  |
|  | 00000010 | 4-1000 | Sales |  | \$27.27 |
|  | 00000010 | 2-1310 | GST Collected |  | \$2.73 |
|  | 00000010 | 5-1000 | Purchases | \$9.09 |  |
|  | 00000010 | 1-1800 | Inventory |  | \$9.09 |



## Gym Supplies

## All Journals

1/09/2019 To 30/09/2019










Synthesising and solving [5-6]
solution produced that effectively solves the problem
initial cash budget completed correctly using the relevant
information, input and report areas (with some inaccurate figures from the input and report areas)

- total estimated receipts incorrect due to cash sales and credit sales discrepancies
credit purchases incorrect due to discrepancy from input/assumptions area

GYM SUPPLIES
CASH BUDGET
FOR THE PERIOD JUNE
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## Synthesising and solving [5-6]

appropriate application of accounting princoiples and processes to achieve a goal through the generation of financial documents
what if' approach adopted to anticipate cash movement over the reporting period
adjustment to wages expense account recognised, but should be separated into 'sales wages' and office wages' to inform appropriate disclosure and analysis
recognises creating the 'delivery vehicles expense'; adjustment to wages increase; cessation of expenses incurred to the 'delivery expenses' account

## Synthesising and solving [5-6]

solution produced that effectively solves the problem
response should also include amendments based on options provided in report (e.g. to purchase outright, through a loan, via leasing)

GYM SUPPLIES
CASH BUDGET


Communicating [3]
features of the report genre are consistently demonstrated
refers to financial statements (Workpapers 3 and 4) and cash budgets (Workpaper 5) - a feature of an accounting business report

## Analysing [5-6]

thorough and logical explanation of issues
recognises that the purchase of the noncurrent asset depends upon the current cash management position of the organisation and ongoing associated costs
acknowledges that appropriate financing options and associated costs need consideration
examine financial data and information through the identification of significant and relevant relationships
identifies relationships between current net loss, cost of sales and disappointing sales, in order to afford this significant non-current asset purchase

Note: Identifying the relationship to the financial position of the organisation is also required.
by X Accountant, CPA


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# GYM SUPPLIES 

 <br> Report to Jared Jones, Owner, <br> on the viability of <br> purchasing a delivery vehicle}

### 1.0 Introduction

This report has been commissioned by the owner of Gym Supplies to determine the feasibility of purchasing a non-current asset, expected in October 2019, in order to offset the continual increase in the ongoing monthly delivery expenses reguired for sales customer service. To assess the viability of such a purchase, this report will evaluate the organisation's current cash management position and provide viable cash budgets to forecast projected implications. The accounting data and information examined was from October 2019 to June 2020. The proposed recommendations are based on available information disclosed during this period and are subject to competing_external market conditions.

### 2.0 Overview

The objective of this report is to ascertain the current financial situation of the organisation to determine if and how the business can finance this asset purchase. An investigation of appropriate financing options will be provided and the associated ongoing costs of maintaining the asset will be disclosed.

Gym Supplies reported a current net loss of $\$ 6,105.79$ (see Workpaper 3) for the periods from July 2019 to September 2019. This loss was attributed to marginal mark-up on sales items as evidenced by the Cost of Sales of \$19,411.81, with Gross Profit reported at \$12,526.36 (see Workpaper 3) and variable increases in sales (\$5,730.00 in July, \$16,815.00 in August and \$12,092.00 in September) (see Workpaper 5). The business is in a solid financial situation as a start-up business, with total assets of $\$ 82,433.51$ and limited liability commitments (total liabilities being $\$ 23,489.30$ ) (see Workpaper 4). The owner's returnon investment experienced a loss, as a result of the poor performance over the three-month period; however, it was anticipated that this was only a short-term issue.

Communicating [3]
succinct, with analysis, interpretation and evaluation related to the goal conveyed logically
body of accounting
business report is designed to propose a range of implications to provide analysis, interpretation and evaluation for the proposal to purchase the delivery vehicle

Evaluating [3-4]
perceptive judgments for proposed alternatives or changes relating to cash management
acknowledges external financing as one option

## thoroughlyjustified

 decisions for cash management pertinent to the accounting contextjudges what could happen if decision made to proceed with external financing
perceptive judgments for proposed alternatives or changes relating to cash management
acknowledges ongoing maintenance and associated costs with reference to specific accounting data (e.g. registration, CTP insurance, comprehensive insurance)

### 3.0 Implications for the Non-Current Asset Purchase

Based on the current financial situation, the decision to purchase the non-current asset (between $\$ 35,000.00$ and $\$ 50,000.00$ ), at the proposed date, is impacted by the following issues.

### 3.1 Financing the Purchase of the Delivery Vehicle

The organisation would need to seek external financing for the purchase of this asset (approximately $\$ 40,000.00$ ). While the business has a Bank Loan commitment of $\$ 2,100.00$ (see Workpaper 4), it is of concern as to whether the business could acquire external long-term financing given its current short-term debt obligations (Current Liabilities of $\$ 21,153.75$ ) and a reportable net loss (\$6,105.79) for the organisation. If external financing was approved, the business would attract a higher business loan interest rate; therefore, the business would have to foresee a significant increase in sales, as a result of the delivery service, in order to justify meeting this additional significant debt commitment.

### 3.2 Ongoing Costs Associated with the Delivery Vehicle

Purchasing a delivery vehicle requires ongoing maintenance and associated costs. The historical cost of the asset includes twelve months registration (approximately $\$ 1,000$ ) and CTP insurance (approximately $\$ 500.00$ ). This will need to be disclosed in subsequent financial periods. However, comprehensive insurance would have to be obtained to protect the vehicle and inventories in the event of an accident (approximately valued at \$1,200.00). Additionally, an allocation of sale salaries wages would have to be costed. A decision would have to be made as to whether two staff would deliver the inventories; therefore the budget has been adiusted from 120 hours to 152 hours to recognise this (which is an increase of $\$ 1.184 .00$ per month) (see Workpaper 5).

Finally, a delivery vehicle expense account would be created to disclose ongoing fuel and maintenance costs (supported by a maintenance schedule). These expenses have been forecasted as $15 \%$ of total sales (see Figure 1.1).


| Evaluating [3-4] |
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| convincing <br> recommendations for <br> cash management <br> pertinent to the <br> accounting context <br> recommendations stated link directly back to implications for the purchase of the noncurrent asset <br> recommendations presented provide realistic advice on how to proceed with achieving the goal (to make the post-sales customer service delivery more efficient) |

### 4.0 Conclusion

This report examined the available accounting data and information of Gym Supplies for the periods July 2019 to September 2019 in order to forecast implications for purchasing a delivery vehicle from October 2019. Cash budgets were presented to determine the impact of purchasing the asset outright, obtaining a loan, leasing options or pursuing alternative arrangements. Additional costs were disclosed in order for the owner of Gym Supplies to make an informed decision based on the report's following recommendations.

### 5.0 Recommendations

5.1 The outright purchase of the delivery vehicle is not feasible at this point in time due to its current short-term debt obligations and reportable net loss for the past three-month financial period (see 3.1).
5.2 The organisation is cautioned to explore leasing options for the purchase of the delivery vehicle at this point in time (see 3.1).
5.3 It is recommended for the business to find a cheaper courier service to be able to provide this essential post-sales customer service (see 3.1).
5.4 It is recommended that the business waits until after the financial year ending 30 June 2020 before purchasing the delivery vehicle in order to gain a better understanding of the financial performance and financial position of the business (based on the ambitious cash budgeting forecasts) (see 3.3).

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[^0]:    Communicating [3]
    The response is succinct, with effective language choices to communicate analysis, interpretation and evaluation related to the goal conveyed logically to the business owner.

    Features of the report genre are consistently demonstrated, including: title page, header and/or footer, page numbers, numbered headings and subheadings, and graphs/tables.

    There are minimal errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.

