

# NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

**GRADE 12** 

**ACCOUNTING P1** 

**NOVEMBER 2022** 

MARKING GUIDELINES

**MARKS: 150** 

#### MARKING PRINCIPLES:

- Unless otherwise stated in the marking guidelines, penalties for foreign items are applied only if the candidate is not losing marks elsewhere in the question for that item (no penalty for misplaced item). No double penalty applied.
- 2. Penalties for placement or poor presentation (e.g. details) are applied only if the candidate is earning marks on the figures for that item.
- 3. Unless otherwise stated, give full marks for correct answer. If answer is incorrect, mark workings.
- 4. If a pre-adjustment figure is shown as a final figure, allocate the part-mark as a working mark for that figure (not the method mark for the answer). *Note*: if figures are stipulated in memo for components of workings, these do not carry the method mark for final answer as well.
- 5. Unless otherwise indicated, the positive or negative effect of any figure must be considered to award the mark. If no + or sign or bracket is provided, assume that the figure is positive.
- 6. Where indicated, part-marks may be awarded to differentiate between differing qualities of answers from candidates.
- 7. If candidates provide more that the required number of responses, inspect all responses to give benefit to the candidate. Penalties may be applied for foreign entries if candidates earn full marks on a question (max -2 per Q).
- 8. This memorandum is not for public distribution; as certain items might imply incorrect treatment. The adjustments made are due to nuances in certain questions.
- 9. Where penalties are applied, the marks for that section of the question cannot be a final negative.
- 10. Where method marks are awarded for operation, marker must inspect reasonableness of the answer.
- 11. Operation means 'check operation'. 'One part correct' means operation and one part correct. Note: check operation must be +, -, x, ÷ as per candidate's calculation (if valid) or per memo.
- 12. In calculations, do not award marks for workings if numerator & denominator are swapped this also applies to ratios.
- 13. In awarding method marks, ensure that candidates do not get full marks for any item that is incorrect at least in part. Indicate with a ⊠.
- 14. Be aware of candidates who provide valid alternatives beyond the marking guideline. Note that one comment could contain different aspects.
- 15. Codes: f = foreign item; p = placement/presentation.

These marking guidelines consist of 11 pages.

### **QUESTION 1**

	V	VORKING	SS	ANSWER
(9 000 − 7 750 − 1 185) two marks (6 579 000 / 9 000) two marks 65 ✓ ✓ x 731 ✓ ✓  OR Ledger format			47 515 ☑	
on Lougor forms	<i>a</i> t			41 313 <u> </u>
6 579 000 one mark	5 665 250	7 750 x 731	6 531 485	
6 579 000	5 665 250 two marks	7 750 x 731 1 185 x 731	6 531 485 three marks	one part correct

1 Calculate: Pi	ofit/loss on sale of delivery vehicle	
	WORKINGS	ANSWER
170 000 √ 144 5	$34000$ If 170 000 is x 20% or x 9/12 $-25500\checkmark\checkmark$ 00 three marks	4 500  one part correct & if 140 000 is offset against carrying value

Depreciation before adjustments	328 200
Depreciation on vehicle sold	25 500 ☑ See workings in 1.2.1
Depreciation on alarm system	4 200 ✓ ✓
TOTAL DEPRECIATION	357 900 ☑

NOTE: The amounts calculated above must be transferred to QUESTION 1.3.1, the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

# NSC - Marking Guidelines

## 1.3.1 Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 28 February 2022.

Sales		9 355 250
Cost of sales		(5 665 250)
Gross profit		3 690 000
Other income		200 000 ⊻*
Commission income		4 560
Rent income (183 600 ✓ − 24 300 ✓ ✓)		159 300
Bad debts recovered		33 700 ✓
Provision for bad debts adjustment (85 840 – 83 40 Must be expressed as an income	00)	2 440√√
Gross operating income	8	3 890 000
Operating expenses	SOI – OP	(3 315 000) 🗹
Directors' fees		1 124 000
Audit fees		83 000
Salaries and wages and contributions (1 381 500√ + 11 525√ + 3 235√ + 990√ + 1 980	l√).	1 399 230 ⊻*
Security expenses (72 500 √ - 13 500 √√)		59 000 ⊻*
Stock loss/stock written off/trading stock deficit	see 1.1	47 515 ☑
Depreciation	see 1.2.2	357 900 ☑
Loss on sale of asset **	see 1.2.1	4 500 ☑
Sundry expenses  Do not accept figures for other speci		239 855 ☑
Operating profit	15	575 000
Interest income PB	<mark>SIE – OP</mark> ;	76 250 ☑
Profit before interest expense NPBT	<mark>⊦ Int Exp</mark>	651 250⊻
Interest expense		(142 250)
Net profit before tax NPAT	+ Inc tax	509 000☑
Income tax		(152 700) ✓ ✓
Net profit after tax	5	356 300
		* one part correct

<sup>\*\*</sup> If calculated as profit in 1.2.1 award method mark under op. income; check if carrying value is greater or less than R140 000 to assess P/L

<sup>-1</sup>F foreign items (max -2)

<sup>-1</sup>P placement or presentation (max -2)

# 1.3.2 Extract of the Statement of Financial Position on 28 February 2022

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	
ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	7 762 500 ✓✓
Ordinary share capital	6 670 000
Retained income SE – OSC 3	1 092 500 ☑
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	1 025 075
Mortgage loan  1 280 750 − 1 159 000 two marks 264 000 − 142 250 two marks  1 159 000 ✓ − (121 750 ✓ ✓ x 1,1 ✓ OR + 12 175) 133 925 three marks	1 025 075⊡*
CURRENT LIABILITIES	746 925 ⊻*
Trade and other payables (428 000 ✓ + 24 300 ☑ see 1.3.1 Rent Income)	452 300 ⊻*
Current portion of loan see loan abov	<mark>⁄e</mark> 133 925 ☑
Shareholders for dividends	138 000 ✓✓
SARS: Income tax (152 700 – 130 000)  See 1.3.1 or 356 300 x 30/70  ** If –130 00	22 700 🗹
SE + NCL + CL 1	<b>0</b> 9 534 500 ☑

\* one part correct

<sup>-1</sup> F foreign items (max -2) -1 P presentation (max -2 if no appropriate details)

TOTAL MARKS	60
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### **QUESTION 2**

2.1	2.1.1	Solvency ✓
	2.1.2	Profitability ✓
	2.1.3	Gearing ✓

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### 2.2 EAGLE LTD

# 2.2.1 RETAINED INCOME NOTE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2022

Balance on 1 March 2021 inspect operations from bottom	(+ OSD + SBB - NPAT)	516 000	$\checkmark$	Í
Net profit after tax		908 400	✓	Ĭ
Shares repurchased	120 000 x R1,40	(168 000)	<b>√</b> √	l
Ordinary share dividends	operation operation	(873 600)	$\checkmark$	
Interim dividends		710 400		l
Final dividends	1360 000 x 12c	163 200	<b>√</b> √	
Balance on 28 February 2022		382 800		7

WORKINGS	ANSWER
OR:  389 300 ✓ - 21 300 ✓ - 14 400 ✓  OR:  - 389 300 + 21 300 + 14 400  OR:  400	353 600 ☑ one part correct;
Calculate: Funds used to repurchase shares	
WORKINGS	ANSWER
120 000 x 8,80 = 1 056 000 three marks 120 000 x 1,40 = 168 000 ☑ see 2.2.1  OR: 120 000 x 10,20 = 1 224 000 one mark three marks	1 224 000 ☑ both parts to be added one part correct
Calculate: Net change in cash and cash equivalents	
WORKINGS	ANSWER
44 700 🗸 + 133 000 🗸 - 8 000 🗸	169 700 ☑ one part correct must be positive

Calculate: Debt-equity ratio	
WORKINGS	ANSWER
2 886 000 ✓ : 12 350 800 ✓	0,2 : 1 ☑ one part correct in form x : 1
Calculate: % return on average capital employed	
WORKINGS	ANSWER
$ \begin{array}{c} 1297700\text{one mark} + 382000\text{one mark} \\ \hline 1679700\checkmark\checkmark & x100^* \\ \hline 1/2\big(15236800\checkmark + 14450000\checkmark\big) \\ \text{OR}  1/2\big[(12350800+2886000)+(10750000+3700000)] \\ \text{OR}  1/2\big[(12350800+10750000)+(2886000+3700000)] \\ \hline 14843400\text{two marks} \end{array} $	11,3% ☑ one part correct must use average (½) must include OSHE + NCL
Calculate: Dividends per share	
WORKINGS	ANSWER
710 400 / 1 480 000 × 100 48c ✓ ✓ + 12c ✓	60c ☑ one part correct must be interim + final dividends

TOTAL MARKS 35
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#### **QUESTION 3**

3.1

3.1.1	C ✓	Cash Flow Statement / CFS
3.1.2	D ✓	Director's Report / DR
3.1.3	A 🗸	Statement of Comprehensive Income / SOCI

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#### 3.2 JESSIE LTD

**NOTE:** Trends may be implied by the figures for 2 years or by the indication of increased / improved / decreased financial indicators in all responses below

3.2.1 Mike has informed the board of directors that he has identified and rectified a number of incidents of fruitless and wasteful expenditure in the company's records. Provide TWO financial indicators that justify the success of Mike's strategies. Quote figures and trends.

Financial indicator ✓ ✓ Figures and trends ✓ ✓

- % operating expenses on sales has decreased (from 27,8%) to 14,8% / by 46,8% / by 13% (points)
- % net profit on sales has increased (from 10,3%) to 24,7% / by 139,8% / by 14,4% (points)

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3.2.2 Explain whether the change in the dividend pay-out rate in 2022 will benefit the company or not. Quote figures and trends.

Dividend pay-out rate decreased (from 97,6%) to 46,6% / by 52,3% / by 51% (points).

**OR**: Retained 53,4% of earnings this year (compared to 2,4% last year)

**OR**: Retained 51% more than last year.

Explanation  $\checkmark\checkmark$  part marks for incomplete / partial / unclear response

**Response to benefit company**: They retained funds for future expansion / Intentions to increase productivity and maintain growth achieved this year.

**Response for no benefit to the company:** Consider reasons and award marks accordingly e.g. if investors are discouraged from investing it could affect the market price of the shares.

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Sue Lee, a shareholder who owns 5 000 shares, is satisfied with the dividends she has received despite the change in the dividend policy. Explain why she feels this way. Quote figures and trends.

Explanation ✓ figures and trends ✓ ✓

**NOTE**: Candidates might mention other financial indicators to compensate for the decline in dividend pay-out rate. Do not penalise for superfluous indicators in this sub-question.

- The DPS of 190c in 2022 is higher than the 120c received in 2021 / 70 cents per share more this year / 58,3% more.
- She earned R3 500 more this (R9 500-R6 000 or 5 000 x 70c).
- Dividend yield was 9.9% or 10,3% (190/1920 or 190/1841) / in comparison to the value of the share she is earning a good return of 9,9% / 10,3%

 <sup>\*</sup> Mark-up % is a deliberate decision; ignore if mentioned.
 -1 for superfluous additional financial indicators mentioned.

#### Some shareholders feel that Mike was reckless when he increased the loan by R3.35 3.2.3 million soon after his appointment as CFO. Explain why you do not agree with them. Provide TWO points, with financial indicators, figures and trends.

Max -1 for superfluous additional financial indicators mentioned.

- *Indicator*: Debt/equity ratio ✓ **Figures & trends**: increased (from 0,2 : 1) to 0,3 : 1 / by 0,1 : 1 ✓
- *Indicator*: % return on average capital employed (ROTCE) ✓ Figures & trends: increased / improved (from 7,5%) to 16,9% / by 9,4% (points) / by 125,3% ✓

#### Explanation:

- Still lowly geared / low financial risk / does not rely too much on borrowed capital. ✓
- The company enjoys positive gearing / ROTCE is greater than interest rate of 7,2% / making effective use of loan to generate profits. ✓

#### 3.2.4 Refer to Information C and D.

Calculate Brent's % shareholding on 28 February 2022.		
WORKINGS	ANSWER	
$ \begin{array}{c} 300\ 000\ \checkmark + 75\ 000\ \checkmark\checkmark & x & 100 \\ \hline 1\ 325\ 000\ \checkmark \end{array} $	28,3% ☑ one part correct	

Brent and Kerina decided that they would combine their votes at the upcoming annual general meeting (AGM).

#### Explain ONE possible reason for this decision, with figures.

Accept figures calculated above

Part marks for partial / unclear responses

Figures ✓ Explanation ✓ (mention whether their combined shares are >50% or not)

Combining their shares gives them a clear majority of 54,7% (28,3% + 26,4%) / the other shareholders own 45,3% of the shares / they would enjoy more than 50% of the voting rights / they will be in a position to have more control over major decisions / influence decisions.

If combined shares are calculated as less than 50% mark explanation accordingly e.g. they still do not own more than 50% / they are not majority shareholders / their influence on the company might increase / this is not going to help them in controlling decisions at the AGM.

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As an existing shareholder, explain why you would be concerned about the strategy of Brent and Kerina. Provide TWO points.

Very open-ended: accept any valid points Responses will differ if combined votes are <50% TWO different possible concerns ✓✓ Part marks for partial / unclear responses

- Whether they will use their powers to benefit the company / have other unethical motives (e.g. corruption)
- Whether they want to gain financially through high directors fees in future
- Their past experience in directing a company: their skills and knowledge
- Their understanding of the responsibility / powers of majority shareholders
- Their willingness to serve on the Board / sacrifice their time
- Their attitude: Whether they will support the CEO, CFO and other directors / whether this is an amicable decision or an aggressive effort to gain control / whether they will work as a team with a friendly approach or not
- Quality of their contributions / issues they might have raised at previous AGMs
- Effect on the company if one of them discontinues the coalition / sells shares and is no longer a shareholder / possibility of instability in decision-making

Examples of responses for less than 50% shareholding: minority shareholders have rights and are able to express opinions; although not a majority greater combined % is still significant

#### 3.2.5 Refer to Information A, B and C.

#### **NOTE TO MARKERS:**

Offer of additional

shares / 'rights

issue'

Be alert to the fact that this question requires items not mentioned by candidates above.

The Marking Guide contains the following indicators mentioned in the previous answers above:

Explain THREE points, relating to the financial results of the company,

% OE on sales

% NP on sales

Dividend pay-out rate / DPS / EPS

Debt/Equity ratio

**ROTCE** 

However, if candidates omitted these items in the questions above, they may use them in this question 3.2.5.

besides those mentioned above that the Remunerations Committee can use to justify offering Mike an improved package to remain at Jessie Ltd. Quote relevant financial indicators, figures and trends. part marks for incomplete / partial / unclear response NOTE: Explanations could be common to different financial indicators 3. ✓ ✓ Financial or other Explanation of evidence: 1. ✓ ✓ 2. ✓ ✓ indicator e.g. trend and figures / improvement / additional comment / insight 1.√ 2.√ 3.√ to justify improved package / benefit to company (could be implied) Increased (from 60%) to 70% and they were still able to Mark-up % increase gross profit / customers are confident about product quality Earnings per share Increased to 408c / (from 123c) to 408c / by 231,7%, is a clear indication of improved productivity or profitability. (EPS) **ROSHE** Increased to 20,7% / (from 7,3%) to 20,7% / by 13,4% points / 183,6%. Shareholders would be pleased with the improved returns as well as it being better than interest on alternative investments (4,5%) Although this declined (from 5,3:1) to 3,6:1 this was due to Solvency ratio the fact that large loans had been received and the funds were positively used in the company Improved to 1 841c / (from 1 685c) to 1 841c / by 156c / Net asset value per share (NAV) 9,3%. An improvement in growth (assets > liabilities) Treat as a separate point The market value Increased to 1 920c / (from 1 540c) to 1 920 / by 380c / by (market price) 24.7%. A clear indication of increased demand for shares / Treat as a investor confidence. separate point Other indicators (which might not include traditional financial indicators): Shares issued at R21,00 which is higher than the market Issue price of new shares value. This indicates that shareholders were happy to invest more, taking into account the trends.

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TOTAL MARKS 40

motivate him to stay in the company.

Additional 265 000 shares issued at R21 generated

additional capital of R5,6m / shareholders were confident of

higher returns in future / shares could be issued to Mike to

#### **QUESTION 4: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

## 4.1 The Johannesburg Securities Exchange (JSE) Refer to paragraph 1.

### Explain why companies might want to be listed on the JSE.

ONE valid point  $\sqrt{\ }$  part marks for incomplete / partial / unclear response

- The public can participate in the purchase of shares / easier access to potential investors / tapping the global investment environment (internet)
- Adds to the prestige of the company (due to additional listing requirements & publicity)
- Ensures compliance with Companies Act and other regulations (e.g. BBEEE scores, audit requirements)
- Easier to access additional funds by advertising new issue of shares / ongoing advertising through JSE publications
- The public can make their shares available to other potential investors if they want to 'cash in' their investments / facilitates transfer of shares /
- Constant update of share prices will indicate investor confidence / demand for shares / a good image of the company.

# Explain why the JSE would not tolerate 'incorrect, false and misleading financial results' from companies that are listed.

Explanation 
 part-marks for incomplete/unclear responses

- They will not deceive the public as it is their role to ensure that sound business management practices are in place / do not want to cast doubts about their operations
- Would want to avoid any legal action against the JSE for misleading shareholders / Reputation of JSE may become questionable.
- JSE is a vital organisation in facilitating capital funds that stimulate the economy / leads to creation of jobs / public relies on credible information.
- JSE competes with international stock markets / need to guard their activities / ensure adherence to rules & regulations.

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#### 4.2 Audit reports

#### Refer to paragraph 2.

# Explain the difference between a qualified audit report and a disclaimer of opinion audit report.

Qualified Report ✓ Disclaimer Report ✓ could be a combined or implied explanation

Combined response for 2 marks:

Part-marks for partial / unclear answers

A qualified report mentions only specific items which are of concern to the auditor; while a disclaimer report means that the auditors are refusing to express an opinion.

Examples of separate responses for 1 mark each:

- Qualified audit report: The external auditors identified a few areas of concern / does not allow them to give an unqualified audit report / internal control processes / audit evidence might be deficient.
- **Disclaimer report:** The external auditors refuse to, or were unable to, obtain sufficient evidence to support an audit opinion / the company does not exercise reliable internal control processes / management was incompetent in performing basic recording and reporting tasks / financial statements do not adhere to GAAP & IFRS.

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# 4.3 Concerns of shareholders Refer to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.

# This is a very open-ended question; be alert to any other valid responses

As a concerned shareholder, what questions would you raise at the AGM? Provide THREE different questions. In EACH case explain an appropriate reason.			
	alid questions	Any three valid reasons	
Part marks for incomplete / unclear / partial responses  Excellent / very good = 2 marks  Good / satisfactory = 1 mark		Reasons to be appropriate to the questions. The same reason could apply to more than one question / could be verbatim from scenario.	
Questio	ns you would raise at the AGM	One reason for each question	
QUESTION	Why do the disqualified directors seem to have no skills and/or experience in governance issues? Why are there no criteria for directors' appointments?	For a company listed on the JSE highly qualified directors are required.	
QUESTION	Why did the board not take immediate action over the qualified and disclaimer audit reports?	Poor audit reports will severely affect the company and the market price of its shares.	
QUESTION	Why have they not implemented disciplinary procedures on these directors (before the JSE disqualified them)?	The board should have taken prompt action to prevent further problems.	
QUESTION	Why were very important roles allocated to these directors?	It is reckless to allocate important tasks to directors who cannot carry them out.	
QUESTION	Why do the board and the other directors appear to be negligent or careless in appointing or voting for the unskilled directors at the AGM?	The board and the other directors could lay themselves open to legal claims due to negligence / failure to screen directors and conduct background checks.	
QUESTION	Where will the funds come from to pay the R6,5m fine?	Transparency required by King Code in all processes. Profits or retained income could be negatively affected.	
QUESTION	How has the financial stability or profitability of the company been affected by this incident?	Fraud infinancial statements could negatively affect the company's sustainability	
QUESTION	How are the vacant non-executive directors' posts going to be filled?	The shareholders and the board must not vote for or appoint directors who lack vital skills.	
QUESTION	What measures will the board put in place to prevent this fraud in future? What control measures does the Audit & Risk committee have in place?	Transparency / accountability / improving controls.	
	Accept any other valid questions	Accept reasons that correspond to the questions	

TOTAL MARKS	15

**TOTAL: 150**