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General Comments

Once again, the standard of answers in the P2 examination has continued to improve.

Candidates appear to be taking more care in reading the case study and the questions, so that we are seeing fewer occasions where candidates answer a question other than that which was asked. Having said this, as will be seen in the comments on individual questions below, some candidates are still not using all of the information given in the case study, or some are failing to answer the question in the way demanded by the command verb used in the question.

In this respect, I would again draw the attention of trainers and candidates to the “Student and Tutor Guide”, available on the OCR website, in which will be found explanations of the meaning of command verbs such as “Give”, “Identify”, “State” or “Explain”. The guide also contains many useful hints and tips on examination technique.

The nominal pass mark for this examination is 30 but after every examination, a group of senior examiners and industry sector representatives reviews each paper and sets the actual pass mark in order to reflect the paper’s level of difficulty. In this case, the pass mark was set at 32.

The comments below are intended to help centres and candidates in future examination preparation.

Question 1

OCR has asked ABC to provide quotations for some of its holidays and day excursions.

Using the information in the case study, calculate the price to be quoted to OCR for coach hire for ONE 10-day holiday to the Rhine Valley.

Notes:

OCR pays for all ferries and hotel accommodation directly to the suppliers.

Two single-manned 49-seat coaches will be used but your quotation must be per coach.

You must show all of your workings.

You must name each individual cost.

You must give your answers to the nearest penny.

This question was well answered with most candidates producing a clearly laid out costing, thereby attracting full marks.

As is common with this type of question, the most common errors were either incorrectly calculating the tour mileage or using an incorrect cost from the case study Financial Information table.

Some candidates based the costing on using two drivers per coach, while the notes in the question header clearly state – Two single-manned coaches will be used. Candidates should note that when the question states –“You must give your answers to the nearest penny”, then rounding up or down to the nearest 10p is not acceptable and rounded answers will not gain the relevant mark.

An example of an answer which would have attracted full marks is shown below:

Total Tour Mileage = 2490 km

Standing Costs - 10 days @ £180 = £1800.00

Driver Wages - 10 days @ £100 = £1000.00

Driver overnight allowance - 9 days @ £25 = £225.00

Maintenance 2490 km @ £0.5 per km = £1,245.00

Tyres 2490 km @ £0.06 per km = £149.40

Fuel 2490 km divided by 4 kpl = 622.5 litres
@ £1.20 per litre = £747.00

TOTAL COSTS £5,166.40

Add 20% Mark-up £1,033.28

FINAL QUOTATION £6,199.68
PER COACH

There were many variations in the layout and in the way in which different costs were calculated but full marks were awarded as long as candidates had the correct final figure and had shown their workings and identified individual costs.

Question 2

OCR has asked ABC to consider the provision of feeder services for its coach holiday departures from the Lincoln Depot.

Using the information in the case study, prepare a pick-up schedule for each feeder coach for the Rhine Valley holiday, giving times of pick-up at each point.

Notes:

You should use only the three 20-seat coaches currently owned by ABC.

Each feeder coach must leave its pick-up points as late as possible, to arrive with its passengers at the Lincoln Depot at 07:30 hrs.

The average speed throughout the routes for all vehicles is 60 kph. This speed takes into account time for loading passengers and luggage at each pick-up point.

This question required candidates to schedule three coaches in such a way as to pick up passengers from nine different points and bring them to a central drop off point, arriving at a given time.

The question was generally answered very well, the only recurring errors being either incorrectly calculating journey times from the given distances and speed or, more worryingly, loading the 20 seat coaches with more than 20 passengers.

Some candidates had NOT READ THE QUESTION and did not give pick up times at each point, merely giving the start and finish times for each coach.

Question 3

The partners are to hold a meeting to discuss the possibility of changing the status of ABC, either to a Limited Liability Partnership or to a Limited Company.

- a) **Give THREE features of a Limited Liability Partnership which do not apply to a Partnership.**
- b) **Give THREE features of a Limited Company which would give advantages over ABC's current partnership status.**
- c) **In the event that the partners decide to form a company limited by shares, give SIX items of information other than addresses which must be detailed on the application document IN01.**

Probably the most well answered question in the paper, candidates appeared to know this area very well. It was clear that many candidates had had the foresight to bring relevant reference material into the examination and were able to determine what was relevant from this material, answering the questions as asked.

The only recurring error was where candidates had not correctly read part a, and answered it by giving features of a Limited Company, rather than of an LLP.

Question 4

If the partners decide to change the status of the organisation to a Limited Company, it will have to apply for a new Operator Licence.

Describe the steps that the company must take to achieve this AND satisfy the Traffic Commissioner.

Your answer should state the documents that need to be submitted and the information to be included on them.

Very few candidates answered this question correctly. Many, if not most candidates, simply offered a list of documents which are relevant to an Operator Licence application.

The question clearly instructed candidates to "Describe the steps that the company must take" and went on to further say that the answer should include "the documents to be submitted and the information to be included in them"

Few candidates described what steps must be taken and few gave an indication of the information contained in the documents submitted.

Those candidates who did answer the question as asked, gained full marks.

For example – a candidate who simply wrote "PSV421", gained no mark, whereas a candidate who wrote "Submit PSV421 application form to Central Licensing Office, would have gained a mark.

Or

A candidate who just wrote “Certificate of Incorporation” gained no mark, whereas a candidate who wrote “Send original Certificate of Incorporation, confirming identity of the Limited Company” would have gained a mark.

Question 5

OCR has asked ABC to provide a quotation for its shuttle service to/from Annecy (France). In order to prepare this quotation you will have to work out the minimum driver requirements.

Prepare a driver schedule using the information in the case study. You must show start and finish times for each activity. Do not use tachograph symbols.

Your schedule should commence at the start of duty at the Lincoln depot and finish at the time of departure from Annecy on the return journey.

Notes:

Average speed throughout is 90 kph.

Rest periods may be taken only at Lincoln and Annecy.

Departure from Annecy should be as early as possible.

Local times must be used.

Answers to this question were many and varied, largely due to candidates not following all of the requirements given in the case study and the question, eg. Not arriving in Annecy by midday, taking a break of more than 30 minutes at the service area in France, not using the specified ferry time or not giving Local Time throughout.

Individual errors were penalised by not awarding a mark for the incorrect line in the schedule, but this was not carried forward as an error and all subsequent lines were adjusted and marks were given for them as long as they were individually correct. Failure to change to local time resulted in the loss of one mark at the point where the change should have been made and the loss of one further mark where the final departure time from Annecy was incorrect.

An example of a schedule which would have attracted full marks is below -:

18:30 – 19:00	Checks
19:00 – 23:00	Drive Lincoln - Dover
23:00 – 23:15	Check in
23:15 – 23:30	Embark
23:30 – 02:00 (Local)	Crossing incl 45 minute break
02:00 – 02:15	Disembark
02:15 – 06:45	Drive toward Annecy (Driver 1)
6:45 – 07:15	Break
07:15 – 11:45	Drive to Annecy (Driver 2)
11:45	Arrive Annecy
11:45 – 12:15	Checks - End of Duty (Drivers 1 and 2)
12:15 – 21:15	Daily rest
21:15 - 21:45	Checks and Paperwork (Driver 1)
21:45	Depart Annecy

Question 6

If OCR decides to use ABC's mechanics to carry out the safety inspections on OCR vehicles, OCR will require a sample of the safety inspection record sheet which will be used.

- a) As well as the list of items to be inspected, The VOSA Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness states certain details which **MUST** be recorded on a safety inspection record sheet.

OTHER THAN the list of items to be inspected give **FIVE** of these details.

- b) The VOSA Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness advises that safety inspection intervals should be determined by taking a number of factors into account. Give **THREE** of these factors.

Answers to this question suggested that the majority of candidates had taken "The VOSA Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness" into the examination with them, as answers were consistent with the wording in the guide. Consequently, the question was answered well by the majority of candidates.

A very small number of candidates answered an entirely different question by listing the requirements of a maintenance programme or of maintenance facilities. Some candidates had **NOT READ THE QUESTION** and listed the items to be inspected.

The **PASS RATE** for this examination was: 60%

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