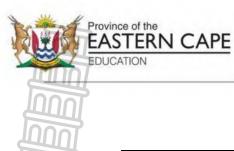
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GRADE 12

JUNE 2023

ACCOUNTING P1

MARKS: 150

TIME: 2 hours



This question paper consists of 11 pages, a formula sheet and a 12-page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them precisely.

- 1. Answer ALL the questions.
- 2. A special ANSWER BOOK is provided in which to answer ALL questions.
- 3. Show ALL workings to earn part-marks.
- 4. You may use a non-programmable calculator.
- 5. You may use a dark pencil or blue/black ink to answer questions.
- 6. Where applicable, show ALL calculations to ONE decimal point.
- 7. If you choose to do so, you may use the Financial Indicator Formula Sheet attached at the end of the question paper. The use of this formula sheet is not compulsory.
- 8. Write neatly and legibly.
- 9. Use the information in the table below as a guide when answering the question paper. Try NOT to deviate from it.

QUESTION	TOPIC	MARKS	TIME (minutes)
1	Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position	60	45
2	Notes to Financial Statements, Cash flow Statement and Financial Indicators	40	30
3	Interpretation of Financial Statements	35	30
4	Corporate Governance	15	15
	TOTAL	150	120

QUESTION 1: STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(60 marks; 45 minutes)

The information relates to Midros Ltd for the financial year ended on 28 February 2023.

REQUIRED:

1.1 Refer to Information B (i) and (ii).

Calculate:

- 1.1.1 The profit/loss on the trade-in of the old vehicle (4)
- 1.1.2 The total depreciation for the year (4)
- 1.2 Complete the following for the year ended 28 February 2023:
 - 1.2.1 Statement of Comprehensive Income (Income statement) (36)
 - 1.2.2 Equity and Liabilities section of the Statement of Financial Position (Balance sheet) (16)

NOTE: Some amounts are provided in the ANSWER BOOK.



INFORMATION:

A. Extract: Balances and totals from the records on 28 February:

	2023 (R)	2022 (R)
Vehicles	?	1 350 000
Accumulated depreciation on vehicles	?	855 000
Equipment	1 022 500	1 022 500
Accumulated depreciation on equipment	923 260	800 900
Fixed deposit: River Bank	1 500 000	
Provision for bad debts	?	15 950
SARS: Income tax (provisional tax payments)	196 040	
Mortgage Ioan: Somerville Bank	?	2 205 500
Ordinary share capital	?	
Retained income	970 750	
Creditors control	448 725	
Net sales	11 724 000	
Cost of sales	7 363 500	
Salaries and wages	982 290	
Employer's contributions	63 620	
Directors' fees	1 925 000	
Rent income	174 675	
Bad debts	15 090	
Sundry expenses (balancing figure)	?	

B. Adjustments and additional information:

(i) The following transaction was not recorded:

An old vehicle, cost price R270 000, was traded-in on 28 February 2023 for a newer model which cost R616 500. The accumulated depreciation on the trade-in date was R111 240. The trade-in value for the old vehicle was R105 000.

Depreciation on vehicles is calculated at 20% p.a. on the diminishing balance.

- (ii) Depreciation for the year:
 - Depreciation on equipment was brought into account.
 - Make provision for depreciation on vehicles.
- (iii) An invoice for R28 800 issued to a debtor for goods purchased on 26 February 2023 was incorrectly recorded as a credit note. The mark-up on these goods were 60%.
- (iv) An amount of R3 230 which was not received from the insolvent estate of a debtor, must be written-off as irrecoverable.
- (v) The provision for bad debts must be decreased by R2 000.

- (vi) Rent increased by 10% per month with effect from 1 September 2022, as per the lease agreement. Rent is received until March 2023.
- (vii) Extract from the salaries journal for February 2023:

Deductions	Net salary	Contributions
R15 600	R47 330	R7 550

The total for gross salaries was not posted to the general ledger. All the relevant payments for salaries were made.

- (viii) The company had five directors until one resigned on 30 June 2022. The one who resigned was only replaced on 1 October 2022. All directors are on the same fee structure. The fees for two directors for February 2023 are still outstanding.
- (ix) Income tax for the financial year was calculated as R242 040. This is 30% of the net profit before tax.
- (x) The Loan statement received from Somerville Bank reflects the following:

Balance at the beginning of the financial year	R2 205 500
Interest capitalised	?
Repayments including interest	1 260 000
Balance at the end of the financial year	1 125 000

The loan balance will be reduced by R625 000 in the next financial year.

(xi) **Dividends:**

 Total dividends for the year amounted to R410 000, which includes an interim dividend of R160 000 paid on 31 August 2022.

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QUESTION 2: CASH FLOW STATEMENT AND FINANCIAL INDICATORS (40 marks; 30 minutes)

- 2.1 Choose the correct word from those given in brackets. Write only the word next to the question numbers (2.1.1 to 2.1.3) in the ANSWER BOOK.
 - 2.1.1 An increase in inventory represents an (inflow/outflow) of cash.
 - 2.1.2 A decrease in accounts payable represent an (inflow/outflow) of cash.
 - 2.1.3 An adjustment for (depreciation / income tax) should be made when calculating the cash effects of operating activities.

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2.2 **EAGLES LTD**

The information relates to the financial year ended 28 February 2023.

REQUIRED:

- 2.2.1 Prepare the Retained Income note on 28 February 2023. (8)
- 2.2.2 Complete the Cash Flow Statement on 28 February 2023. (18)

NOTE: Some amounts are provided in the ANSWER BOOK.

- 2.2.3 Calculate the following financial indicators on 28 February 2023.
 - Acid-test ratio
 - % Return on average shareholders' equity (ROSHE) (4)
 - Dividends per share (4)



INFORMATION:

A. Extract: Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 28 February 2022:

Sales	R 2 450 000
Depreciation	567 490
Profit before interest expense	1 208 200
Net profit before tax	1 120 000
Net profit after tax	784 000

B. Income tax was calculated at 30% for the current financial year.

C. Items extracted from Statement of Financial Position on 28 February:

	2023	2022
Fixed deposit	144 450	277 550
Current assets	2 175 600	2 003 790
Current liabilities	753 065	719 800
Inventories	1 469 700	1 431 000
Trade debtors	603 400	557 340
Cash and cash equivalents	92 840	15 450
SARS: Income tax	9 660 Dr	20 020 Cr
Shareholders for dividends	207 070	150 000
Bank overdraft	0	28 480
Non-current liabilities	735 000	980 000
Ordinary share capital	?	9 520 000
Ordinary shareholders equity	11 887 820	9 814 000

D. Share capital and dividends:

1 190 000 shares were in issue.
85 000 shares repurchased at R2 above the
average share price.
These shares do not qualify for dividends.
Interim dividends of 12 cents per share paid.
R2 479 500 received for additional shares issued.
1 380 500 shares were in issue.
A final dividend was declared.

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QUESTION 3: INTERPRETATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(35 marks; 30 minutes)

3.1 Choose an explanation in COLUMN B that matches a term in COLUMN A. Write only the letters (A–D) next to the question numbers (3.1.1 to 3.1.3) in the ANSWER BOOK.

COLUMN A		IN A COLUMN B		
3.1.1	Return	Α	Total liabilities exceeding total assets	
3.1.2	Current asset	В	Vehicle used in operating the business	
3.1.3	Insolvent	С	The percentage net income on equity	
		D	Fixed deposit matures in the next financial year	

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3.2 ROCK LTD and WILLS LTD.

The information relates to two companies which operate in the same industry. The financial year ends on 28 February each year.

REQUIRED:

NOTE: Provide figures, trends, financial indicators or calculations in EACH case to support your comments and explanations.

- 3.2.1 Identify the company with the better profitability financial indicators.

 Quote TWO financial indicators. (3)
- 3.2.2 Identify and explain which company is managing its liquidity more efficiently. Quote TWO financial indicators. (6)
- 3.2.3 Comment on the dividend pay-out policy of each company. Provide a possible reason why each company decided on the policy adopted. Quote figures.(6)
- 3.2.4 The directors of Wills Ltd decided to increase the loan during the current financial year. Explain whether this was a good decision or not. Quote TWO financial indicators.(6)
- 3.2.5 The shareholders of Rock Ltd are satisfied with the market price of their shares, whereas the shareholders of Wills Ltd are not satisfied. Explain by quoting a financial indicator for EACH company. (6)

3.2.6 Refer to Information C.

Wills Ltd will issue a further 300 000 shares during the new financial year. The Mentoor family is interested to buy 180 000 of these shares.

- Calculate the % percentage shareholding of the Mentoor family if they buy these shares.
- As a shareholder, why would you be concerned about the interest shown by the Mentoor family? Provide THREE points.

INFORMATION:

A. Financial indicators calculated on 28 February 2023:

4	ROCK LTD	WILLS LTD
Mark-up % achieved	45%	52%
% Operating expenses on sales	25,5%	18.3%
% Operating profit on sales	7,4%	10,3%
Current ratio	1,5 : 1	4,2 : 1
Acid-test ratio	0,7 : 1	1,2:1
Average debtors' collection period	28 days	45 days
Debt/equity ratio	0,3 : 1	0,6 : 1
% return on average shareholders' equity	22,3%	14,2%
% return on average capital employed	15,9%	9,5%
Dividends per share	117 cents	190 cents
Earnings per share	390 cents	250 cents
Dividend pay-out rate	30%	76%
Net asset value per share	784 cents	652 cents

B. Additional information on 28 February 2023:

	ROCK LTD	WILLS LTD
Market price per share on stock exchange	838 cents	515 cents
Interest on fixed deposits	6%	6%
Interest on loans	11%	11%

C. Extracts from the accounting records on 28 February 2023:

	ROCK LTD	WILLS LTD
Number of shares in issue	2 000 000	1 600 000
% shareholding of the Mentoor family	23,9%	50,5%

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QUESTION 4: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

(15 marks; 15 minutes)

4.1 The following extract represent a certain type of audit report.

In our opinion the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the company as at 28 February 2023.

REQUIRED:

- 4.1.1 Identify the type of audit report in the extract above and give a reason for your answer. (2)
- 4.1.2 Explain the effect of this type of report for the image of the company. Provide ONE point. (2)
- 4.2 The following information was extracted from a local publication. It relates to a company listed on the JSE.

The JSE has imposed the maximum fine on former CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Millo Ltd, as well as barring her from serving as a director on the board of any JSE listed company, for ten years. The JSE stated that it had imposed the above penalty for the following reasons:

- The release of financial statements that did not comply with listing requirements.
- The financial statements contained incorrect, false and misleading information.
- Fictitious source documents that falsely inflated income by millions of rands, were also discovered.

REQUIRED:

- 4.2.1 Provide TWO possible reasons why the CEO was fined, and not the company. (4)
- 4.2.2 Provide TWO points why the JSE took this action. (4)
- 4.2.3 Identify ONE other party (stakeholder) that could also be accountable for allowing this situation. Provide a reason.

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Gross profit x 100 Sales 1	Gross profit x 100 Cost of sales 1			
Net profit before tax x 100 Sales 1	Net profit after tax x 100 Sales 1			
Operating expenses x 100 Sales 1	Operating profit x 100 Sales 1			
Total assets : Total liabilities	Current assets : Current liabilities			
(Current assets – Inventories) : Current liabilities	Non-current liabilities : Shareholders' equity			
(Trade and other receivables + Cash	and cash equivalents) : Current liabilities			
Average trading stock x 365 Cost of sales 1	Cost of sales Average trading stock			
Average debtors x 365 Credit sales 1	Average creditors x 365 Cost of sales 1			
Net income after tax x 100 Average shareholders' equity 1	Net income after tax x 100 Number of issued shares 1 (*See note below)			
Net income before tax + Interest on loans x 100 Average shareholders' equity + Average non-current liabilities 1				
Shareholders' equity x 100 Number of issued shares 1	Dividends for the year x 100 Number of issued shares 1			
Interim dividends x 100 Number of issued shares 1	Final dividends x 100 Number of issued shares 1			
<u>Dividends per share</u> x <u>100</u> Earnings per share 1	Dividends for the year x 100 Net income after tax 1			
Total fixed costs Selling price per unit – Variable costs per unit				
NOTE:				

In this case, if there is a change in the number of issued shares during a financial year, the weighted average number of shares is used in practice.

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ACCOUNTING P1 ANSWER BOOK

QUESTION	MAX. MARKS	MARKS OBTAINED	MODERATED MARKS
1	60		
2	40		
3	35		
4	15		
	150		

This answer book consists of 12 pages.

1.1.1	Calculate: The profit/loss on the trade-in of the old vehicle		
	WORKINGS	ANSWER	
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1.1.2 Calculate: T Depreciation	Calculate: The total depreciation for the year	ar	
	Depreciation on equipment		
	Depreciation on vehicles		

NOTE: The amounts calculated above must be transferred to QUESTION 1.2.1, the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

1.2.1 Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 28 February 2023

32 400
180 060
56 920
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120 000
(242 040)

1.2.2 Extract: Statement of Financial Position on 28 February 2023

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EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	5 870 750	1
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		1
		1
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables		1
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TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		16

TOTAL MARKS

60



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F	2.1.3	3

2.2.1 Retained Income

Balance on 1 March 2022		
Net profit after tax	784 000	
Ordinary share dividends		
Final dividends	207 070	
Balance on 28 February 2023		8



2.2.2 Cash Flow Statement for the year ended on 28 February 2023.

Information is NOT required in shaded areas.

CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash generated from operations		
Interest paid		
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING		
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END	92 840	18
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2.2.3 Calculate the following financial indicators on 28 February 2023.

Acid-test ratio		
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% Return on average shareholders' equity (ROSHE) WORKINGS	ANSWER	
WORKINGS	ANSWER	
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Dividend per share		
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TOTAL MARKS		
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Identify the company with the better profitability financial indicators. 3.2.1 **Quote TWO financial indicators.**

Identify and explain which company is managing its liquidity more efficiently. Quote TWO financial indicators.



9	Quote figures			
		Comment	Explanation	
	Rock Ltd			
	Wills Ltd			
2.4	current finance		increase the loan during the his was a good decision or not.	

3.2.5	The shareholders of Rock Ltd are satisfied with the market price of their shares, whereas the shareholders of Wills Ltd are not satisfied. Explain by quoting a financial indicator for EACH company.					
	ROCK LTD					
	WILLS LTD					
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2.6	Calculate the %	// percenta	age shareholding of	the Mo	entoor- family if they	1
			KINGS		ANSWER	
	As a sharehold	der. whv w	ould you be concer	ned ab	oout the interest	
			amily? Provide TWC			
			TOTAL MARKS	1		
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4.1.1	Identify the type of audit report in the extract above and give a reason for your answer.	
	Type of report:	
In	Reason:	
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4.1.2	Explain the effect of this type of report for the image of the company. Provide ONE point.	
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4.2.1	Provide TWO possible reasons why the CEO was fined, and not the	
	company.	
		4

4.2.2 Provide TWO points why the JSE took this action.

4.2.3 Identify ONE other party (stakeholder) that could also be accountable for allowing this situation. Provide a reason.

TOTAL MARKS



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ACCOUNTING P1 MARKING GUIDELINE

MARKS: 150

MARKING PRINCIPLES:

- Unless otherwise stated in the marking guideline, 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 working for that figure (not the method mark for the answer). NOTE: If figures are stipulated in marking guideline 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. Where penalties are applied, the marks for that section of the question cannot be a final negative.
- 8. Where penalties are applied, the marks for that section of the question cannot be a final negative.
- 9. Where method marks are awarded for operation, the marker must inspect the reasonableness of the answer before awarding the mark.
- 10 '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 memorandum.
- 11. In calculations, do not award marks for workings if numerator and denominator are swapped this also applies to ratios.
- 12. In awarding method marks, ensure that candidates do not get full marks for any item that is incorrect at least in part. Indicate by with a ⊠
- 13. Be aware of candidates who provide valid alternatives beyond the marking guideline. Note that one comment could contain different aspects.
- 14. Codes: f = foreign item; p = placement/presentation.

This marking guideline consists of 12 pages.

WORKINGS	ANSWER
2 70 000 ✓ – 111 240 ✓– 105 000 ✓	53 760 ✓

epreciation on equipment 923 260 – 800 900	122 360 ✓
repreciation on vehicles 495 000 x 20%	99 000 ✓ ☑ one part correc

NOTE: The amounts calculated above must be transferred to **QUESTION 1.2.1, the Statement of Comprehensive Income.**



1.2.1 Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 28 February 2023

Sales (28 800- 11 724 000 ✓ + 57 6	-28 800) 300 √	11 781 600	∀ *	
Cost of sales	(18 000 + 18 000)			
7 327 500 √ -	+ 36 000 ✓ ✓	(7 363 500)	√ *	
Gross profit	Sales – CoS	4 418 100		8
Other income		195 055	No mark	
Discount received		32 400		
Provision for bad debts-adjustment		2 000	✓	
Rent income 174 675 ✓ – 14 025	√ √	160 650	√ *	
Gross operating income	GP + OI	4 613 150	$\overline{\checkmark}$	6
Operating expenses	GOI – OP	(3 746 850)	\checkmark	
Audit fees		180 060		
Insurance		56 920		
Loss on sale of vehicle see 1.1.1 above		53 760	$\overline{\checkmark}$	
Depreciation se 1.1.2 above		221 360	$\overline{\square}$	
Bad debts 15 090 + 3 230			√ √	
Salaries and wages 982 290 ✓ + 62 93		1 045 220	∀ *	
Directors' fees 1 925 000 ✓ + 70 00	00 ✓ ✓	1 995 000	☑ *	
Employer's contribution		63 620	✓	
Sundry expenses	balancing figure	112 590	$\overline{\checkmark}$	
Operating profit	PBIE – Int inc	866 300	Ø	16
Interest income		120 000		
Profit before interest expense	NPBT + Int exp	986 300	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	
Interest expense 1 260 000 + 1 125	5 000 – 2 205 500	(179 500)	√ ☑*	
Net profit before tax	242 040 x 100/30	806 800	√ √	6
Income tax		(242 040)		
Net profit after tax	NPBT – Tax OR 242 040 x 70/30	564 760	V	36
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⁻¹ foreign items (max. -2) For misplaced items mark workings

*one part correct

Extract: Statement of Financial Position on 28 February 2023 1.2.2

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	5 870 750	
Ordinary share capital OSHE - RI	4 900 000 ☑	
Retained income	970 750 ✓	2
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Mortgage loan 1 125 000 – 625 000	500 000 ✓☑*	2
CURRENT LIABILITIES	1 965 250 No mark	
Trade and other payables (616 500 – 105 000) Rent Inc. D fees 448 725 ✓ + 511 500 ✓ ✓ + 14 025 ☑ + 70 000 ☑	1 044 250 ☑*	
SARS: Income tax (242 040 – 196 040)	46 000 ✓✓	
Current portion of loan	625 000 ✓	12
Shareholders for dividends (410 000 – 160 000)	250 000 ✓✓	
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES operation	8 336 000 ✓	<u> </u>
		16

⁻¹ F foreign items (max. -2)

For misplaced items mark workings only -1 P max. (if no, or inappropriate details)

*one part correct

TOTAL MARKS 60



2.1

2.1.1	Outflow ✓	
2.1.2	Outflow ✓	
2.1.3	Depreciation ✓	3

2.2.1 Retained Income

Balance on 1 March 2022	9 814 000 – 9 520 000	294 000	√ √
Net profit after tax		784 000	
Shares repurchased	85 000 x R2	(170 000)	√ ✓
Ordinary share dividends		(339 675)	V
Interim dividends	(1 190 000 – 85 000) x 12c	132 600	/ /
Final dividends		207 070	
Balance on 28 February 2023		568 320	V



2.2.2 Cash Flow Statement for the year ended on 28 February 2023.

Information is NOT required in shaded areas.

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CASH FLOW FROM (OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash generated from	operations		
Interest paid			
Income tax paid	20 020 ✓ + 336 000 ✓ ✓ + 9 660 ✓ Be aware of signs reversed and use of brackets	(365 680)	 ✓*
Dividends paid	150 000 ✓ + 132 600 ☑ Be aware of signs reversed and use of brackets	(282 600)	 ✓*
CASH FLOW FROM I	NVESTING ACTIVITIES		
CASH FLOW FROM F	FINANCING ACTIVITIES operation	1 384 500	
Proceeds from issue of	f new shares	2 479 500	✓
Repurchase of shares	(680 000 + 170 000) OR 85 000 x R10	(850 000)	✓*
Loan repaid		(245 000)	√ √
NET CHANGE IN CAS	SH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	105 870 CCE end + CCE beg	V
CASH AND CASH EG	QUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING (15 450 – 28 480)	(13 030)	/ /
CASH AND CASH EG	QUIVALENTS AT END	92 840	

*one part correct; in brackets If no brackets, award marks for workings only

2.2.3 Calculate the following financial indicators on 28 February 2023.

Acid-test ratio		
WORKINGS	ANSWER	
2 175 600 − 1 469 700 705 900 ✓ : 753 065 ✓	0,9:1 ☑ one part correct; in the form x:1	3
% Return on average shareholders' equity (ROSHE)		
WORKINGS	ANSWER	
784 000 ✓ 1/2 (11 887 825 ✓ + 9 814 000 ✓) x 100* two marks NOTE: * 100 is not one part correct	7,2% ☑ one part correct and must use average (½) % sign not necessary	4
Dividend per share		
WORKINGS	ANSWER	
207 070 / 1 380 500 x 100 12 cents ✓ + 15 cents ✓ ✓ one part correct with division	27 cents ☑ one part correct;	4

TOTAL MARKS

40



3.1	3.1.1	C✓	
9	3.1.2	D✓	
	3.1.3	A✓	
#]		3

Identify the company with the better profitability financial indicators. 3.2.1 Quote TWO financial indicators.

Wills Ltd ✓

If wrong company identified, allocate marks for relevant financial indicators only (max. 2 marks)

Financial Indicators (with figure)

% Operating expenses on sales – 18,3% ✓ (compared to 25,5% of Rock Ltd)

% Operating profit on sales – 10,3% ✓ (compared to 17,4% of Rock Ltd)

* Mark-up % is a deliberate decision; ignore if mentioned Max. -1 for superfluous additional financial indicators mentioned.

3	3	

Identify and explain which company is managing its liquidity more 3.2.2 efficiently. Quote TWO financial indicators.

TWO financial indicators of Rock Ltd ✓✓ comparative figures ✓✓ explanation ✓✓

If figures are shown for Wills Ltd, award marks for correct financial indicators identified. (max. 2 marks)

Current ratio:

Rock Ltd is 1,5:1 compared to Wills Ltd of 4,2:1 The current assets of Rock Ltd are enough to cover current liabilities / Wills Ltd keep too much cash tied-up in stock (stockpiling)

Debtors' collection period: Rock Ltd is 28 days compared to 45 days of Wills Ltd. Constant inflow of cash from debtors who pay within the acceptable credit terms

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3.2.3	Comment on the dividend pay-out policy of each company. Provide a
	possible reason why each company decided on the policy adopted.
	Quote figures.

	Comment ✓ ✓ (with figures)	Explanation ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ part marks for incomplete / partial / unclear responses
Rock Ltd	Paid out 30% of earnings as dividends / Retained 70% of earnings	The company retained more profit to focus on growth / expansion / long-term sustainability of the business.
Wills Ltd	Paid out 76% of earnings as dividends / Retained 24% of earnings	The company wants to keep shareholders happy to distract attention from poor performance of the company.

3.2.4 The directors of Wills Ltd decided to increase the loan during the current financial year. Explain whether this was a good decision or not. Quote TWO financial indicators.

Indicator and figure: Debt/equity ratio is 0,6 : 1 ✓

Indicator and figure: % return on average capital employed is 9,5% ✓

Explanation:

- The company is highly geared / high financial risk / rely too much on borrowed capital ✓✓
- The company is negatively geared / ROTCE is lower than the interest rate of 11% / does not make effective use of loan to generate profits ✓✓

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3.2.5 The shareholders of Rock Ltd are satisfied with the market price of their shares, whereas the shareholders of Wills Ltd are not satisfied. Explain by quoting a financial indicator for EACH company.

ROCK LTD
Comparison of
MP to NAV ✓ ✓
Figures ✓

Market price per share of 838c is higher than the Net asset value of 784c / Market price per share is 54c higher than the NAV.

WILLS LTD
Comparison of
MP to NAV ✓ ✓
Figures ✓

Market price per share of 515c is lower than the Net asset value of 652c / Market price per share is 137c lower than the NAV.

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3.2.6 Calculate the % percentage shareholding of the Mentoor-family if they buy these shares.

WORKINGS	ANSWER
$\frac{988\ 000 + 180\ 000}{1\ 900\ 000} \times \frac{100}{1}$	52% ✓ ✓ % sign not necessary
(1 600 000 + 300 000)	

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As a shareholder, why would you be concerned about the interest shown by the Mentoor family? Provide THREE points.

Any THREE valid and separate points ✓ ✓ ✓

NOTE:

The family was the majority shareholders during the past financial year and most of the financial indicators were not encouraging.

- Their control over major decisions / Influence over decisions did not benefit the company much, e.g.
 - The company should have retained funds for expansion but pay 76% as dividends. / The company paid 76% of earnings to keep shareholders happy for poor performance.
- Their past experience in directing the company: their skills and knowledge.
- The effect on the future of the company e.g. losing shareholders / attracting new investors / possibility of instability.

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TOTAL MARKS

35

4.1.1 Identify the type of audit report in the extract above and give a reason for your answer.

Type of report: Unqualified report ✓

Reason: ONE valid reason ✓

- No issues found with information on the financial statements.
- Financial statements "present fairly" the financial position of the company
- This it is a clean (good) report "in all material respects"

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4.1.2 Explain the effect of this type of report for the image of the company. Provide ONE point.

ONE valid point $\checkmark\checkmark$ part marks for partial / incomplete / unclear responses

- This will impact positively on the share price / demand for shares
- Potential investors would be interested to buy shares
- Directors appointed are reliable; shareholders are confident in their ability to continue good governance.
- Employees and other role players would recognise that good internal controls are employed and continue to maintain this.

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4.2.1 Provide TWO possible reasons why the CEO was fined, and not the company.

TWO valid and different points $\checkmark\checkmark$ $\checkmark\checkmark$ part marks for incomplete / partial answers

- Is the highest-ranking executive of the company.
- Guides company practices and procedures.
- Oversee company operations.
- Communicating between board of directors and other executives.
- Making important decisions, which affect the company's image.

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4.2.2 Provide TWO points why the JSE took this action.

TWO valid and different points $\checkmark\checkmark$ $\checkmark\checkmark$ part marks for incomplete / partial answers

- 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 and regulations.



4.2.3 Identify ONE other party (stakeholder) that could also be accountable for allowing this situation. Provide a reason.

ONE valid party ✓ Reason ✓ ✓ part marks for incomplete / partial answers

- Board of directors: Plays a supervisory role / overseeing corporate activities and assessing performance / look after shareholders' interest.
- CFO (Chief financial officer): Managing the financial actions of the company / overseeing all aspects of its financial success.
- Audit and risk committee: Monitoring the financial reporting processes / the compliance processes / the performance of auditors / overseeing the audit program.



TOTAL MARKS

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TOTAL MARKS: 150

