

BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL STUDIES

INTRODUCTION

The public assessment of this subject is based on the Business, Accounting and Financial Studies Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Secondary 4 - 6) jointly prepared by the Curriculum Development Council and the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority. Candidates have to refer to the Curriculum and Assessment Guide for the knowledge, understanding and skills they are required to demonstrate in the assessment.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

The public assessment of Business, Accounting and Financial Studies (BAFS) aims to assess candidates' abilities to:

1. demonstrate knowledge and understanding of different areas of business;
2. apply such knowledge and understanding to familiar and novel situations;
3. analyse, synthesise and evaluate information in the context of business decisions, taking into account the integrated and dynamic nature of business problems; and
4. communicate facts, opinions, and suggestions in an effective manner.

MODE OF ASSESSMENT

The following table outlines the various components of the public assessment of BAFS in 2020 HKDSE:

| Component | | Weighting | Duration |
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| Public Examination | Paper 1 Compulsory part | 40% | 1 hour 15 minutes |
| | Paper 2 Elective part (choose one only) 2A Accounting module 2B Business management module | 60% | 2 hours 15 minutes |

PUBLIC EXAMINATION

Paper 1

There will be two sections in this paper: Section A (60 marks) will consist of multiple choice questions and Section B (30 marks) short questions divided into two parts. Candidates are required to answer 3 – 4 compulsory questions in Part 1 (20 marks) and there will be a choice of one out of two questions in Part 2 (10 marks).

Questions will be set on the compulsory part of the curriculum.

Paper 2

Candidates will attempt either Paper 2A or 2B.

Questions will be set on the respective module of the elective part of the curriculum. Candidates are, however, expected to integrate their knowledge and skills learnt in the compulsory part to demonstrate in-depth knowledge of the module.

There will be three sections as follows:

| | Paper 2A (Accounting module) | Paper 2B (Business management module) | Remarks |
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| Section A (24 marks) | 3 – 4 short questions | 4 – 5 short questions | All questions are compulsory. |
| Section B (36 marks) | 2 – 3 application problems | 2 case studies | |
| Section C (20 marks) | Case/Theory questions | Essay questions | Candidates are required to answer one out of two questions. |

Candidates are expected to be aware of the impact of standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants upon the accounting definitions and treatments covered by this curriculum. Newly issued or revised standards which are effective before **1 September 2017** are applicable to the examination.