

HKDSE Business, Accounting and Financial Studies (BAFS)

Professional Development Course (1)

August 2008



Tentative PD Plan

	2007-08 (1)	2008-09 (2)	2009-10 (3)	2010-11 (4)
Title of the courses	Sample Paper and Pilot Test	Briefing Session – Standards-referenced Reporting	School-based Assessment (1)	School-based Assessment (2)
Duration	2.5 hours	3 hours	3 hours	3.5 hours
Topics to be covered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper format and question types • Pilot test findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level descriptors • Exemplars of performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment criteria • Sample tasks • Administrative procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting and marking of assessment tasks
Mode	Seminar	Seminar	Seminar	Seminar + group activities
Available month(s)	Aug 2008	Dec 2008	Mar / Jun 2010	Jun-Aug 2011



Objectives

1. To explain the rationale underlying the design of the public examination
2. To illustrate the question-setting of the sample papers for BAFS
3. To exchange views on pedagogical strategies with reference to the pilot test findings



Programme

Approx. Timing	Rundown		Speakers
10 mins	Registration		
25 mins	The BAFS Assessment Framework and Sample Papers		SM-AD(BS)
10 mins	Paper 1A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Students' performance in the pilot test ➤ Teachers' and students' views on the papers ➤ Preparing students for the examination 	Mrs Elsie Tang
15 mins	Paper 1B		
30 mins	Paper 2A		Ms Chan Yee Wan Mr Chu Kai Yuen
30 mins	Paper 2B		Mrs Elena Leung Mr Lau Yee Chau
30 mins	Open Forum		M-AD(BS)



Assessment Framework

Component		Weighting	Duration
Public Examination	Paper 1 Compulsory part	34% (85% × 40%)	1½ hours
	Paper 2 Elective part (choose one only) 2A Accounting module 2B Business management module	51% (85% × 60%)	2½ hours
School-based Assessment		15%	



Paper Structure and Question Design

Paper 1

- Questions will be set on the compulsory part of the curriculum.
- All questions are compulsory.
- Two sections:
 - Section A (60%): multiple choice questions
 - to minimize the language impact
 - Section B (40%): short questions
 - to make room for tests of high order skills



Paper Structure and Question Design

	Paper 2A (Accounting Module)	Paper 2B (Business Management Module)	Remarks
Section A (30%)	short questions	short questions	All questions are compulsory.
Section B (50%)	application problems	case studies	Mark allocation / no. of questions not fixed
Section C (20%)	case/theory questions	essay questions	A choice of one out of two questions.



Paper Structure and Question Design

	Paper 2A (Accounting Module)	Paper 2B (Business Management Module)
Section A (30%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• basic knowledge and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• basic knowledge and understanding• simple application
Section B (50%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• application to practical problems• accounting entries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• diverse perspectives in case studies
Section C (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• synthesis and/or evaluation of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• knowledge integration and in-depth analysis



Sample Paper

1. To illustrate the paper format and question types
 - Accounting questions in 1A
 - 'Short' questions in 1B
 - Paper 2 Section B questions
2. To exemplify the test of some of the 'new' topics
 - 1A: 6, 10, 11,17
 - 1B: -
 - 2A: 9(e)
 - 2B: 6
3. To gauge the approximate level of difficulty of HKDSE BAFS



Pilot Test

- To validate the length and difficulty level of the papers
- 112 students from 15 schools
- April – June 2007 after students had finished their AL examinations



Pilot Test – Statistics (1)

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
1A (30 marks)	112	6	29	15.97	4.27
1B (40 marks)	110	4	38	23.09	7.47
Paper 1 (100 marks)	112	19	96	54.63	13.82
2A_A (30 marks)	76	5	23	13.54	4.02
2A_B (50 marks)	76	4	38	18.66	6.53
2A_Q8 (20 marks)	17	0	6	3.06	1.75
2A_Q9 (20 marks)	52	0	12	5.71	3.18
Paper 2A (100 marks)	77	16	62	36.31	11.15
2B_A (30 marks)	55	1	17	8.53	3.74
2B-B (50 marks)	55	1	29	16.69	7.16
2B_Q9 (20 marks)	6	0	4	1.33	1.37
2B_Q10 (20 marks)	47	0	12	5.81	3.08
Paper 2B (100 marks)	54	8	53	30.76	11.45
BAFS_Acc (100 marks)	76	21	76	44.09	10.51
BAFS_BM (100 marks)	53	19	63	40.68	10.61



Pilot Test – Statistics (2)

Correlation between papers

	1B	Paper 2A	Paper 2B
1A	.398* (110)	.455* (76)	.461* (53)
1B		.236* (74)	.590* (53)
Paper 1		.433* (76)	.610* (53)
Paper 2A			.391 (22)



Pilot Test – Statistics (3)

Correlation between BAFS and HKAL BS/Acc (by paper)

	2007 AL Accounts Paper 1	2007 AL Accounts Paper 2	2007 AL Business Studies Paper 1	2007 AL Business Studies Paper 2
1A	.523* (97)	.369* (97)	.379* (89)	.290* (89)
1B	.371* (95)	.479* (95)	.448* (87)	.290* (87)
Paper 2A	.818* (77)	.712* (77)	.412* (55)	.381* (55)
Paper 2B	.593* (39)	.600* (39)	.631* (54)	.455* (54)



Pilot Test Observations

- Paper 1 is of reasonable level of difficulty (mean mark 54.63)
- Paper 2A and 2B may be too difficult / lengthy (mean marks 36.31 and 30.76 respectively)
- No clear pattern of bias towards either elective



Limitations of the Pilot Test

- Convenience sampling
- Small sample size
- HKAL cohorts vs HKDSE cohorts
- Knowledge gap
- Time lag
- Low stakes