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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
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- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
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INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].
- The insert contains the case study.

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1 **(a)** Explain **four** characteristics of a successful entrepreneur.

View solution

Characteristic 1: .....

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Characteristic 2: .....

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Characteristic 3: .....

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Characteristic 4: .....

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(b) Using Appendix 1 and other information, consider the advantages and disadvantages to RF of the following **two** methods of promotion. Which method should Santhosh use to attract customers to RF? Justify your answer.

View solution

- 10% discount on a customer's first purchase
- Free delivery on all products purchased

10% discount on a customer's first purchase: .....

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Free delivery on all products purchased: .....

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Recommendation: .....

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2 **(a)** Explain **two** business objectives Santhosh might have for RF.

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Business objective 1: .....

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Explanation: .....

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Business objective 2: .....

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Explanation: .....

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(b) Consider the advantages and disadvantages of the following **three** sources of finance Santhosh could use when starting up RF. Which source should Santhosh use? Justify your answer.

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- Owner's savings
- Microfinance
- Crowdfunding

Owner's savings: .....

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Microfinance: .....

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Crowdfunding: .....

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Recommendation: .....

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3 **(a)** Using Appendix 2 and other information, explain **two** benefits and **two** limitations to Santhosh of using break-even analysis.

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Benefit 1: .....

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Benefit 2: .....

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Limitation 1: .....

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Limitation 2: .....

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(b) Using Appendix 3 and other information, consider how the recession might affect RF's forecast sales and the availability of potential employees. Which is likely to have the most effect on RF? Justify your answer.

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RF's forecast sales: .....

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Availability of potential employees for RF: .....

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Conclusion: .....

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4 **(a)** Explain **two** benefits to RF of having a well-motivated workforce.

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Benefit 1: .....

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Explanation: .....

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Benefit 2: .....

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Explanation: .....

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(b) Consider the following **three** methods Santhosh could use to communicate the daily work tasks to his employees. Which method should he use? Justify your answer.

View solution

- Telephone calls
- Face-to-face meetings
- Text messages

Telephone calls: .....

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Face-to-face meetings: .....

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Text messages: .....

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Recommendation: .....

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