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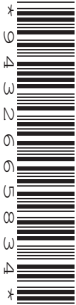
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BUSINESS

Paper 3 Case Study

9609/31

May/June 2018

3 hours

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

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Write your Centre number, candidate number and name in the spaces at the top of this page. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions.

Section B

Answer **one** question.

You are advised to spend no more than 40 minutes on Section B.

Refer to the Insert for the case study for this Paper.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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Section A

Answer **all** questions in this section.

- 1 Analyse the advantages and disadvantages of PGP’s privatisation for any **one** stakeholder group.

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- 3 Discuss the likely advantages and disadvantages to PGP of the proposed delayering of its organisational structure.

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4 Refer to Table 3.

(a) Calculate for PGP:

(i) price earnings ratio

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(b) Discuss **two** ways in which PGP could improve its accounting ratio results in future.

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Section B

Answer **one** question in this section.

- 6 Evaluate the usefulness of any **two** techniques of strategic analysis to PGP’s Board of Directors.

- 7 Discuss whether the techniques referred to in Appendix 1 are sufficient to allow the directors to make the strategic choice between Option A and Option B.

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