

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

INTERMEDIATE MATRICULATION LEVEL 2020 FIRST SESSION

SUBJECT: Marketing

DATE: 4th September 2020 TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

Answer **ALL** the questions in Section A and **TWO** questions from Section B.

SECTION A

Answer ALL the questions in this section. This section carries 40 marks.

- 1. Briefly define 'market offerings' and provide **TWO** examples of market offerings. (4)
- 2. The characteristics of services are different from those of products. List **FOUR** different characteristics of services that differ from products. (4)
- 3. List **FOUR** marketing management orientations and briefly identify **TWO** reasons why it is important to identify a marketing management orientation. (6)
- 4. Briefly define market segmentation and explain **TWO** of its benefits in consumer markets.

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- 5. List **FOUR** advantages of online data collection when carrying out primary research. (4)
- 6. Briefly describe the **TWO** types of customer value-based pricing methods. (6)
- 7. List **SIX** of the 7Ps that compose the marketing mix. (6)
- 8. List the **TWO** types of direct marketing and list **TWO** benefits of direct marketing to the seller. (6)

(Total: 40 marks)

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SECTION B

Answer any TWO of the following questions. Questions carry equal marks. This section carries 60 marks.

- 9. (a) List the **SIX** elements of a company's marketing microenvironment. (6)
 - (b) Discuss **TWO** main reasons why it is critical to track the elements of the company's microenvironment. (8)
 - (c) You have recently been appointed marketing manager of a sports clothing company. Explain how **TWO** technological forces in the macroenvironment may provide a competitive advantage to your company.
 (4)
 - (d) List **TWO** trends from the natural environment that are of interest to the marketing manager of a sports clothing company in Malta, and discuss whether these trends pose opportunities and/or threats. (12)

(Total: 30 marks)

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- 10. (a) Briefly define consumer buying behavior.
 - (b) List **FOUR** factors influencing consumer behaviour and discuss their relevance to a marketing manager of a company selling organic food. (12)
 - (c) Identify the **FIVE** stages of the consumer buyer decision process and discuss how customers go through this process when purchasing organic food. (15)

(Total: 30 marks)

- 11. (a) List the stages of the product life cycle for a product of your choice. (5)
 - (b) Present a diagram showing the sales and profits over the product's life cycle. (5)
 - (c) You have recently been employed as a marketing manager of a family business operating in the hotel industry. The company has sustained success in the maturity stage of the product life cycle for many years but is now experiencing decline. Discuss **FOUR** strategies that the company can adopt to continue to evolve to meet changing consumer needs and wants during the decline phase. (20)

(Total: 30 marks)