

Task Name: Half Yearly Examination	Unit: Operations and Finance
Task Distributed: Week 7 10th March 2026	Task Due: Monday 30 th March
Task Type: Exam	Syllabus Outcomes: H2 H4 H6 H8 H9 H10
Task Weighting: 20% Assessment Mark & 100% of Half Yearly Report	Task number for Course: 2

Task Description:

This exam consists of three sections. Students will have 5 minutes reading time and 2 hours to complete the exam. All sections are compulsory.

SECTION I- 20 Multiple Choice Questions (**20 marks**) Students should read the questions carefully and apply knowledge of the syllabus. Answer the questions on the multiple-choice answer sheet provided.

SECTION II- Short Answer Questions (**40 marks**) Students should read the questions carefully and attempt ALL questions. Each short answer will be worth 10 marks each.

SECTION III- Answer one extended-response question in the form of a **Business Report (20 marks)**. You are expected to interpret the information/stimulus provided using your accumulated knowledge and understanding of the Business Studies syllabus.

Students will need to revise the work they have done on the HSC topics of **Operations** and **Finance** understand the key words from the syllabus – business terminology and NESA directive terms. Practice in exam technique and responding to various styles of past HSC examination questions, specifically Section I, II and III would assist students in their preparation.

NESA Glossary of Key Words

Understanding the verbs associated with each question is integral in the success of this task. The verb will provide an understanding of the detail needed to successfully answer the question.

The directive terms in section II and the amount of answer space should be used as a guide to how much to write. The directive terms used in section III tells you the approach to take and depth to write under each heading. Check the NESA Glossary of Key Words for further guidance <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-student-guide/glossary-keywords>. Most commonly used but not limited to, in the Business Studies HSC exam are **outline, describe, explain, assess and evaluate**.

Details of Submission:

This task will be completed in exam conditions during the Half Yearly Examination Period on Monday 30th March. Students must bring the required equipment for the examination, which is a **black pen** and a **Board Endorsed Calculator**. All writing paper will be provided. Students are NOT permitted to bring notes into the exam.

Assessment Procedures

All students should be fully aware of the School Assessment Procedures for their year group. These were provided at the beginning of the school year and are available off the school website under the Learning Tab for each year group. Students who are absent from the examination, or have a legitimate reason for missing the task, must notify the school before the exam commences. To avoid a zero mark being awarded, any absence must be supported by valid misadventure/illness documentation outlined in the Year 12 assessment booklet.

Feedback provided

The task will typically be returned to students within two weeks of the due date. At this time feedback including information on how to improve will be provided through the marking criteria that will be provided. Students can clarify or seek further feedback by speaker with their teacher or the assessment marker.

Self-Reflection Component

Students will be required to complete a self-reflection worksheet at the time students receive their assessment mark and teacher feedback. Self-reflection is an important part of the learning process as it provides an opportunity to reflect on the strength of your performance, as well as areas that have been identified to strengthen in future tasks.

What Areas of Learning will this Assessment Task Report On?

This task will provide students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of concepts within the study of Business Studies, specifically in the topics of **Operations** and **Finance**. It will also allow them the opportunity to analyse and respond to stimulus material giving recommendations to solve the problems faced by the business. It will allow them to gain feedback on areas of strength and areas on which to improve for their HSC. The structure and questioning style of this exam is modelled off the HSC Business Studies Examination.

Marking Criteria

Section III will use the **rubric** that appears in the HSC. Students will be assessed on how effectively they interpret the stimulus material provided in this section. (See the rubric below)

In your answer you will be assessed on how well you:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding relevant to the question
- apply the hypothetical business situation
- communicate using relevant business terminology and concepts
- present a sustained, logical and cohesive response in the form of a business report