

Qualification at a glance


► Consists of two externally examined papers.

Our specification is structured into two themes, taking students from how entrepreneurs start businesses (Theme 1) through to growing and global businesses (Theme 2). There are two equally weighted exam papers, focusing on each specification theme.

Theme 1 concentrates on the key business concepts, issues and skills involved in starting and running a small business. It provides a framework for students to explore core concepts through the lens of an entrepreneur setting up a business.

Theme 1: Investigating Small Business

 Written examination: 90 minutes

 50% of the qualification (90 marks)

Content overview

- Topic 1.1 Enterprise and entrepreneurship
- Topic 1.2 Spotting a business opportunity
- Topic 1.3 Putting a business idea into practice
- Topic 1.4 Making the business effective
- Topic 1.5 Understanding external influences on business

Assessment overview

The paper is divided into three sections:

Section A: 35 marks

Section B: 30 marks

Section C: 25 marks.


The paper will consist of calculations, multiple-choice, short-answer and extended-writing questions.


Questions in Sections B and C will be based on business contexts given in the paper.

Calculators may be used in the examination.

Theme 2 examines how a business develops beyond the start-up phase. It focuses on the key business concepts, issues and decisions used to grow a business, with an emphasis on aspects of marketing, operations, finance and human resources. It also considers the impact of the wider world on the decisions a business makes as it grows.

Theme 2: Building a Business

 Written examination: 90 minutes

 50% of the qualification (90 marks)

Content overview

- Topic 2.1 Growing the business
- Topic 2.2 Making marketing decisions
- Topic 2.3 Making product decisions
- Topic 2.4 Making financial decisions
- Topic 2.5 Making human resource decisions

Assessment overview

The paper is divided into three sections:

Section A: 35 marks

Section B: 30 marks

Section C: 25 marks.

The paper will consist of calculations, multiple-choice, short-answer and extended-writing questions.

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Switching from OCR to Pearson Edexcel

Switching from WJEC/Eduqas

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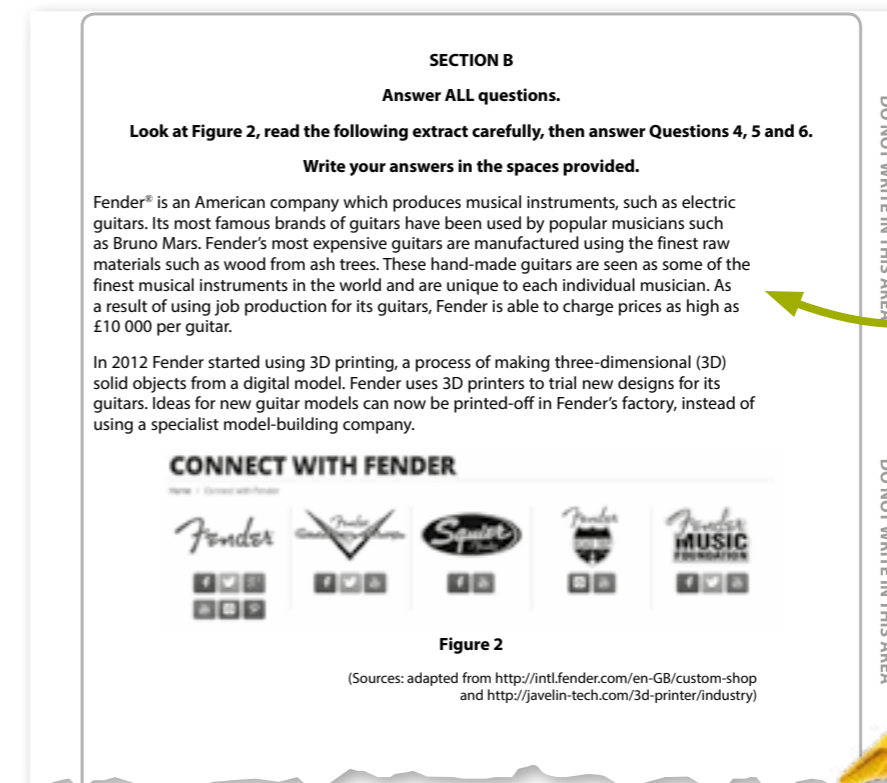
The specification structure also offers flexibility. You may wish to change the order of the content within topics, reorganise the content across topics or even reorganise topics across themes.

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