

Faculty of Business and Law

Assignment Brief – 2022/2023

Module Title	Accounting and Budget Management	Assignment Number	1
Module Code	BABM1003	Assignment Title	Group Case Analysis
Module Leader	Olapeju Ogunmokun	Assignment Weighting	40%

Assignment Release Date:	13th February 2023
Submission Date/Time:	26th April 2023 at 11.59 am (mid-day)

Assessment Information – What you need to do

This assignment is a group assignment.

JustPej Co is a manufacturing company based in country Z, whose functional currency is Z£.

Extracts from its most recent financial statements are shown below:

Statement of Profit and Loss Extract	Z£ million
Revenue	100.00
Gross profit	20.00
Less expenses (excluding finance charges)	(15.00)
Operating profit	5.00

Corporation tax is charged at 30%.

JustPej has Z£ 8 million of long-term borrowings, on which it paid interest of 10% last year, and it has

20 million Z£ 1 share in issue.

JustPej Co expects its interest rate to rise to two percentage points next year (to 12%). Also, a strengthening of the currency in JustPej Co's main export market will cause the Z£ value of JustPej Co's gross profit to rise to Z£ 25million next year.

You would agree that changes in economic variables such as interest rates, inflation and exchange rates can have impacts on a business's ability to achieve its objectives as well as the economy in many ways. Discuss below the impact of changes in economic and business variables on the financial objectives of JustPej Co. and the economy in general.

Criteria for Assessment - How you will be marked

Task / Criteria Weighting

- 1. Analytical and evaluative skills** – The report should provide a clear demonstration of the group's sophisticated analytical and evaluative skills **50%**
- 2. Evidence of critical application to the group case study** – The report should provide a clear demonstration of critical application to the group case scenario **25%**
- 3. Presentation of the report** – The report presented should demonstrate an understanding and application of advanced communication skills **15%**
- 4. Structure, coherence, clarity and presentation** **10%**

Detailed marking criterion is on blackboard. Further information on university mark descriptors [can be found here](#).

This assignment is designed to assess the following learning outcomes: 1 and 5 (please refer to the module handbook).

Assessment Details

The word count is **1,500**. The word limit includes calculations, tables, figures, quotations and citations, but excludes the references list and appendices.

There will be a penalty of a deduction of 10% of the mark for work exceeding the word limit by 10% or more.

Your submission must meet the following requirements.

- Submit your group report to Turnitin under the folder named “**Assessment 1: Group Case Analysis**” by 11:59 am on Friday, **26 April 2023**. Note that only online submissions will be accepted.
- The word limit is 1500 (+/- 10%).
- It should cite at least (no maximum limit) 8 academic sources, using Harvard format referencing in the text and the reference list.
 - o ‘Academic’ sources are textbooks and academic journal articles. Non-academic sources can be utilised but will not count against the minimum requirement for academic sources.
- Use Arial font size 11 or 12 and at least 1.15 line spacing.
- The title page and list of references are not included in the word count.
- Both Microsoft Word and PDF files are acceptable.
- For citation of references, you are required to use DMU’s Harvard referencing system called “Cite Them Right” available [here](#).
- Make sure you keep the submission email receipt as proof that your group has submitted.

How to Submit your Assessment

The group assessment must be submitted by 11:59 am (BST) on **26 April 2023**. No paper copies are required. You can access the submission link through the module web.

- Your group case analysis – Assessment 1 will be given a zero mark if you do not submit a group copy through Turnitin. Please take care to ensure that you have fully submitted your groupwork as a group with all group members details included in the submission as stated in the group agreement form. **Only one submission by the group leader for the group is required.**
- Please ensure that you have submitted your groupwork using the correct file format, unreadable files will receive a mark of zero. The Faculty accepts Microsoft Office and PDF documents, unless otherwise advised by the module leader.
- All group work submitted after the submission deadline without a valid and approved reason will be subject to the [University regulations](#) on unauthorised late submission of assessments.
 - o If an assessment is submitted later than the deadline without an [approved extension or deferral](#) the mark received will be capped.
 - o If an assessment is submitted up to 24 hours past the deadline for submission, the mark for the work will be capped at the pass mark of 40 per cent.
 - o If an assessment is submitted more than 24 hours late the work will receive a mark of zero per cent.

- The above applies to a student's first attempt at the assessment. If work submitted as a reassessment of a previously failed assessment task is submitted later than the deadline the work will immediately be given a mark of zero per cent.
- If an assessment which is marked as pass/fail rather than given a percentage mark is submitted later than the deadline, the work will immediately be marked as a fail.
- The University wants you to do your best. However, we know that sometimes events happen which mean that you can't submit your coursework by the deadline – these events should be beyond your control and not easy to predict. If this happens, you can apply for an extension to your deadline for up to five university working days, or if you need longer, you can apply for a deferral. You must apply before the deadline. You will find information about applying for [extensions and deferrals here](#).
- Students MUST keep a copy and/or an electronic file of their assignment.
- Checks will be made on your work using anti-plagiarism software and approved plagiarism checking websites.

Return of Marked Work

You can expect to have feedback returned to you on **15 May 2023 11:59am (15 working days)**. If for any reason there is a delay you will be kept informed. Marks and feedback will be provided via Turnitin and summary given in class on return as part of aiding support for assessment 1. It is important that you access the feedback you receive as this will help to make improvements to your later work, you can request a meeting with your Module Leader or Personal Tutor to discuss your feedback in more detail.

Marks will have been internally moderated only, and will therefore be provisional; your mark will be formally agreed later in the year once the external examiner has completed their review. More information on assessment and feedback [can be found here](#).

Academic Integrity

In submitting a piece of work for assessment it is essential that you understand the University's requirements for maintaining academic integrity and ensure that the work does not contravene University regulations. Some examples of behaviour that would not be considered acceptable include plagiarism, re-use of previously assessed work, collusion with others and purchasing your assignment from a third party. For more information on academic offences, bad academic practice, and academic penalties, please read [chapter four of our academic regulations](#).

Academic Support and Your Well-being

Referencing is the process of acknowledging other people’s work when you have used it in your assignment or research. It allows the reader to locate your source material as quickly and easily as possible so that they can read these sources themselves and verify the validity of your arguments. Referencing provides the link between what you write and the evidence on which it is based.

You identify the sources that you have used by citing them in the text of your assignment (called **citations** or **in-text citations**) and referencing them at the end of your assignment (called the **reference list** or **end-text citations**). The reference list only includes the sources cited in your text. The main referencing guide can be [found here](#) and includes information on the basics of referencing and achieving good academic practice. It also has tabs for the specific referencing styles depending on whether you require Harvard style used in business or OSCOLA style used by the Law school.

The University has a wealth of support services available to students; further information can be obtained from [Student Gateway](#), the [Student Advice Centre](#), [Library and Learning Services](#) and, most importantly, your Personal Tutor. If you are struggling with your assessments and/or deadlines please do seek help as soon as possible so that appropriate support and guidance can be identified and put in place for you. More information can be found on the [Healthy DMU pages](#).

GROUP AGREEMENT FORM

We, the undersigned members of this group, undertake to be bound by the following agreement:

1. If you have a problem, you **MUST** contact your seminar tutor immediately.
2. To attend all group meetings on time, except when agreed by other group members in advance, or where a document excuse is provided.
3. To be well prepared for each meeting, ensuring that all relevant materials is adequately researched and presented.
4. To be actively involved in the work of the group, by contributing to the best of our abilities.
5. To participate in the editing and preparation of the final written report.

We agree that if a group member breaches these undertakings, then the group has the right to recommend a reduced mark for the individual concerned, below the group grade. In this eventuality the group would submit reasons in writing to the seminar tutor.

We accept that the seminar tutor may require further information before marking any penalty mark adjustments. We accept that the seminar tutor’s decision is final in these matters.

Group Membership

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	Student Number	Email	Signature
(Group Leader)				
