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BUSINESS STUDIES

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Paper 2

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Answer **all** questions.
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- 1 (a) Python Bicycles use batch production. Identify and explain **one** advantage and **one** disadvantage of batch production to Python Bicycles.

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Advantage:

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Explanation:

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Disadvantage:

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Explanation:

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(b) The new owners want to increase the profitability of Python Bicycles. Consider **three** methods that could be used to increase the profitability of Python Bicycles. Recommend which method you think would be the most effective. Justify your recommendation.

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2 (a) The number of employees leaving each year is high as workers are not happy with their working conditions. Identify and explain **two** reasons why poor motivation among the workers may be damaging for Python Bicycles.

Reason 1:

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Explanation:

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Reason 2:

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(b) Do you think that higher wages would be the most effective way of increasing the motivation of the employees at Python Bicycles? Justify your answer.

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3 (a) Before targeting a different market segment, Python Bicycles needs to carry out market research. Explain to the Marketing Manager of Python Bicycles how to carry out primary market research.

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(b) Do you agree with the Marketing Manager that Python Bicycles will need to change each of the elements of the marketing mix if children’s bicycles are to be sold? (See Appendix 2). Justify your answers.

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Element 1 of marketing mix:

Need to change this element?

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Element 2 of marketing mix:

Need to change this element?

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Element 3 of marketing mix:

Need to change this element?

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Element 4 of marketing mix:

Need to change this element?

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- 4 (a)** A cash flow forecast is used by the company to help it with its financial control. Explain why Python Bicycles would find a cash flow forecast useful.

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- 5 (a) Identify and explain **two** reasons why governments encourage exports.
(See Appendix 3).

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Explanation:

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Reason 2:

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Explanation:

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(b) What do you think are the **four** most important factors that Python Bicycles should consider when deciding whether to export their bicycles? Justify your answers.

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