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1(d)	<p>It is taking longer to receive payment from customers than the allowed period. (1)</p> <p>There should be a review of the credit control system. (1)</p> <p>May consider discounts/incentives to encourage prompt payment. (1)</p> <p>Payment to suppliers is being made quicker than the allowed period. (1)</p> <p>This maintains a good relationship with the suppliers. (1)</p> <p>Future discounts/incentives should be protected. (1)</p> <p>Detrimental to cash flow (1) as payments are received 21 days after payments are made. (1)</p> <p>Inventory turnover of 95.77 days could be reduced to improve liquidity. (1)</p> <p>1 for decision + Max 4 for justification</p>	5
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