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2011 Industrial Technology: Timber Products and Furniture Technologies HSC Examination 'Sample Answers'

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Section II

Question 11 (a)

Answers could include:

- radiata pine
- hoop pine
- poplar.

Question 11 (b)

Answers could include:

- cost
- rarity of timber
- time it takes to grow
- changing furniture styles, eg colour, composite materials, use of metal, etc
- lack of structural strength.

Question 11 (c)

Answers could include:

- block
- screw/thin nail
- metal clips/buttons
- dowels
- angle brackets.

Question 11 (d)

Answers could include:

- sketch profile required
- transfer to profile template
- prepare timber stock
- turn initial cylinder
- use template to identify critical points
- turn profile using template to check progress.

Question 12***Answers could include:***

- destruction of insects and fungi
- reduction of moisture content to any desired level
- minimises seasoning defects
- much quicker
- better control over shrinkage rate
- economy of scale.

Question 13***Answers could include:***

- oil
 - easy application
 - soaks in
 - easy to repair/recoat
- wax
 - easy application
 - not messy
 - easy to reapply/repair
- polyurethane
 - difficult application
 - hard wearing
 - difficult to repair
- stain
 - enhance/change colour
 - can be messy
 - skilled application required
- paint
 - change/hide natural colour
 - skilled application required
 - easy to repair.



Section III

Question 14 (a)

Answers could include:

Personal issues should include:

- a core of experienced staff, particularly HR manager
- someone
 - who fully understands the company's policies, ethos and procedures
 - has the authority to make decisions
- recruit locals to build local profile and teamwork
- employment
 - local or transferred from old site/parent company
 - travel interstate – cost, family, emotional/financial
 - training, multiskilling
 - facilities, provision, room, toilets, showers etc
 - legislation, EEO etc
 - morale cause that could cause distress or concern
 - change in staff dynamics
 - communication between management and staff about the expansion.

Question 14 (b)

Answers could include:

Factors other than personnel:

- location
 - near to market for products (outlets, material, transport)
 - near to labour supply – skilled and unskilled, local or transferred old site
 - near to supply of raw/input materials
 - suitable geographic conditions considering heat/humidity/flood/fire/snow etc
 - positioned well to compete with opposition companies
 - positioned well for storage, logistics, distribution and waste management
- state and local legislation and their effect on operations, hours, zone etc
- ensure that same quality of production as at parent company plant
- need for company to be able to act with some autonomy and not have to constantly seek approval of decision from 'head office'
- competition, market share, opportunities for growth
- marketing of new facility
- need for new equipment and/or technology
- ability to act with autonomy rather than constantly seek approval from 'head office'.