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NEW SOUTH WALES

Sample HSC Questions for Vocational Education and Training (VET) Examinations

Decisions made by the Board of Studies in December 2008 have resulted in changes to some HSC examinations in 2010 and beyond.

In the Vocational Education and Training (VET) HSC examinations in 2010 and beyond:

- Sections I and II will remain the same.
- Section III has been replaced by Sections III and IV.
- Section III will contain a compulsory extended response question, worth 15 marks, similar to those questions that have appeared in Section III in past VET HSC examinations. However, there will be one question for all students to answer, rather than a choice of one from three as in past years.
- Section IV will contain a compulsory structured extended response question. The question will be broken into two or three parts, each with separate marking criteria. Parts may ask students to, for example, write in paragraphs, or complete a table, or mark diagrams, or other types of response applicable to the course. One of the parts will be worth at least 8 marks. Where the VET Framework course has streams, Section IV will contain a structured extended response question for each of the streams. Students are to answer the question on the stream they have studied.

The following questions are examples of structured extended response questions that may be set in Section IV of the VET HSC examinations from 2010. They provide teachers and students with guidance as to the sort of questions to expect, although they are not meant to be prescriptive. That is, each year the questions may focus on different syllabus outcomes and/or units of competency.

Example 1 (15 marks)

Entertainment Industry

A band will be performing at an indoor venue for an audience of 200 people. There will be two singers, two guitar players, one drummer and one keyboard player.

- (a) Draw and label a diagram showing an appropriate stage set up for the performance, including the position of lighting and sound equipment. **5**
- (b) Describe the responsibilities of the lighting and audio technicians in setting up the stage for this performance. **10**

Example 2 (15 marks)

Retail Services

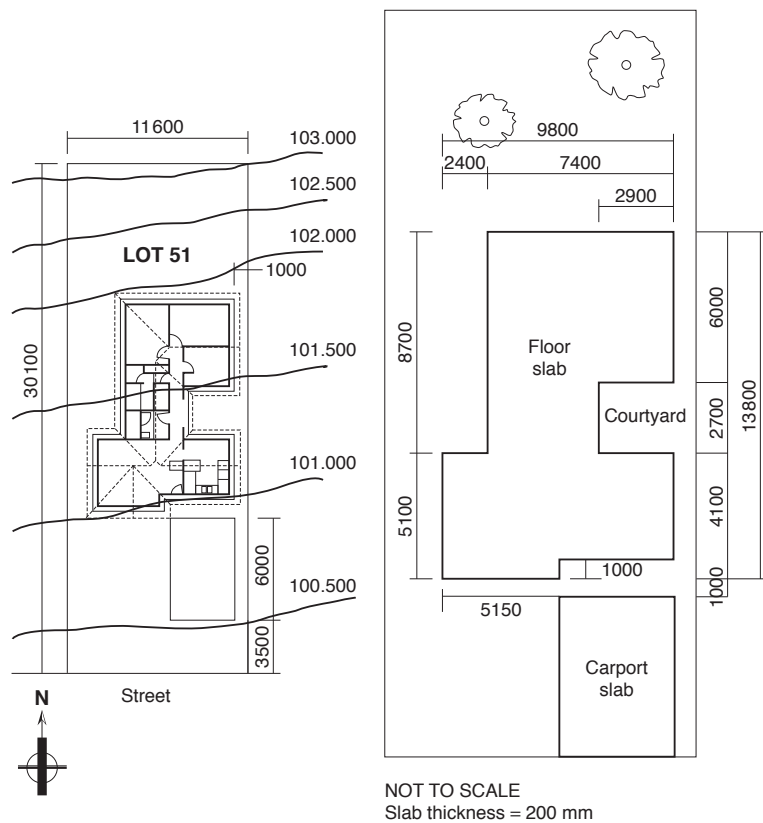
General Selling stream – SIRXSLS001A Sell products and services

- (a) Define customer-focused service. **2**
- (b) Outline the characteristics of quality service. **4**
- (c) Explain how a professional salesperson can effectively provide quality customer service by using different methods of approaching a customer. **9**

Example 3 (15 marks)

Construction

Plans for a brick-veneer house with slab on ground construction are shown.



- (a) What is the purpose of having a datum point on a construction site? **2**
- (b) Identify and describe a process for transferring heights with reference to the brick veneer house. **5**
- (c) The Local Council has rejected the plans as shown, and has required a set-back of 7.5 metres from the street. Discuss the implications for the builder of moving both the carport and house further back to satisfy council requirements. **8**