

# Preparing for A Level Business – Transition tasks

Exam Board: AQA

Link to specification: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/business/as-and-a-level/business-7131-7132/specification-at-a-glance>

Course Title: Business 7131 / 7132

Course Content:

- Unit 1 – What is business?
- Unit 2 – Managers, leadership and decision making
- Unit 3 – Decision making to improve marketing performance
- Unit 4 - Decision making to improve operational performance
- Unit 5 – Decision making to improve financial performance
- Unit 6 – Decision making to improve human resource performance
- Unit 7 – Analysing the strategic position of a business
- Unit 8 – Choosing strategic direction
- Unit 9 – Strategic methods: how to pursue strategies
- Unit 10 – Managing strategic change

Methods of Assessment:

Paper 1: Business 1	+	Paper 2: Business 2	+	Paper 3: Business 3
<b>What's assessed</b> All content above		<b>What's assessed</b> All content above		<b>What's assessed</b> All content above
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<b>Questions</b> Three compulsory sections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section A has 15 multiple choice questions (MCQs) worth 15 marks.</li> <li>• Section B has short answer questions worth 35 marks.</li> <li>• Sections C and D have two essay questions (choice of one from two and one from two) worth 25 marks each.</li> </ul>		<b>Questions</b> Three data response compulsory questions worth approximately 33 marks each and made up of three or four part questions.		<b>Questions</b> One compulsory case study followed by approximately six questions.

Before the qualification can be awarded, students must undertake **all** the assessments.

# Tasks to Complete

## Research Task One:

- What is a business?
- How many different types of business can you identify (legal structures)?
- How do they differ?
- What are the benefits and drawbacks of each?



Your best friend has left school and is thinking of opening a Sandwich Shop. Your friend is not sure whether the business's legal structure should be a SoleTrader or a Private Limited Company (Ltd).

From your research, advise your friend accordingly and justify your decision.

## Research Task Two:

- What is the difference between an aim and an objective?
- What is the difference between management and leadership?
- Identify as many different leadership styles as you can in addition to the most common – autocratic and democratic.



Compare the autocratic and democratic leadership style and consider:

- Is one better than the other?
- If so why?

OR – are they each valuable in different situations?

For example: If a loved one had a heart attack, would it be appropriate for the medical staff to sit around having lots of democratic discussions, or would you prefer for the first qualified Doctor to make an autocratic decision to save a life?

## Research Task Three:

- What is meant by a business's capacity utilisation?
- What does it mean for a business to be operating over capacity?
- What does it mean for a business to be operating under capacity?

In March 2020, in the wake of the Covid 19 Pandemic, the government announced that the National Health Service (NHS) was operating under capacity (due to the sharp increase in the number of sick people, they were unable to provide all of the medical attention and care that was now needed). The government responded to this problem by initiating a lockdown in order to protect the NHS and save lives. What other interventions did the government put in place in order to address the problem of the NHS operating under capacity?

