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Responses to questions

Q1 – Q5 - all MCQs answered well.

Q6 – this was generally answered well with a lot of students giving an example in context, e.g. health and safety legislation, but some just stated health and safety without relating this to the legal factor. Some students confused it with “environmental”.

Q7 – generally well answered showing understanding the impact of the lack of adequate resources. Some students gave examples of the business having too many resources and the effect of this on stock and cash flow.

Q8a – well answered with most students relating this to customers not being able to access information and therefore the business failing. Some did not read question and focused on an advantage rather than a disadvantage.

Q8b – generally this was well answered with most students able to give examples of both step and incremental change relating to developments in social networking.

Q8c – generally this was a well answered question with some well thought-out responses. Most students could identify both positive and negative impacts of changes on working practices, but some did not relate this to ICT specifically but technology in general terms.

Q9a – generally a well-answered question with most students identifying two factors.

Q9b – a well answered question with a wide range of responses. Most students referred to making redundancies, cutting production, relocating, and outsourcing.

Q9c – well answered with most students providing two ways. Marks were lost where students referred to the employer dealing with changes rather than the employee.

Q9d – this was not well answered as a lot of students did not link women seeking FT employment with the effect of the UK economic downturn. Some students were able to identify there were less jobs available and that employers may not want to offer women FT work due to maternity legislation. A lot of students referred to most jobs being available in construction which women were unable to do.

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