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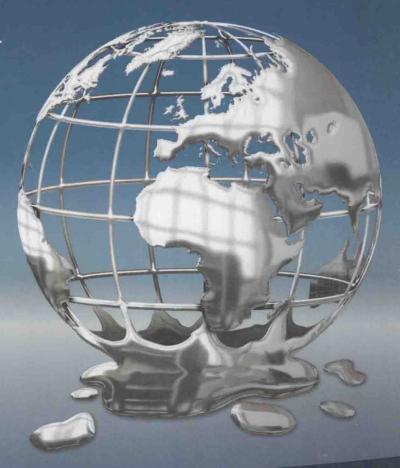
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The headings in this checklist/index indicate the main topics of questions, but questions often cover several different topics.

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Listed below are the key Paper P2 syllabus topics and the numbers of the questions in this Kit covering those topics.

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- We show you how you can pick up Easy marks on some questions, as we know that picking up all readily available marks often can make the difference between passing and failing
- We include marking guides to show you what the examiner rewards
- We include examiners' comments to show you where students struggled or performed well in the actual exam
- We refer to the 2011 BPP Study Text (for exams in 2012) for detailed coverage of the topics covered in questions
- In a bank at the end of this Kit we include the examiner's answers to the June and December 2011 papers.
 Used in conjunction with our answers they provide an indication of all possible points that could be made, issues that could be covered and approaches to adopt.



Attempting mock exams

There are three mock exams that provide practice at coping with the pressures of the exam day. We strongly recommend that you attempt them under exam conditions. **Mock exams 1 and 2** reflect the question styles and syllabus coverage of the exam; **Mock exam 3** is the December 2011 paper.

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Topics to revise

P2 has the reputation of being a difficult paper. However its pass rate is usually quite high. Although the examiner, Graham Holt, sets challenging questions, the styles of question he uses are now familiar because he has been the examiner for many years. He has also provided a great deal of feedback in his examiner's reports and in the very detailed published marking schemes, many of which are included in this Kit.

Graham Holt has warned very strongly against question-spotting and trying to predict the topics that will be included in the exam. He has on occasions examined the same topic in two successive sittings. He regards few areas as off-limits for questions, and nearly all of the major areas of the syllabus can and have been tested.

That said, exams over the years have shown that the following areas of the syllabus are very important, and your revision therefore needs to cover them particularly well.

- Group accounts. You should not omit any aspect of group accounts, as they come up every sitting. We
 would advise against question spotting, but if a statement of cash flows, say, has not come up for a few
 sittings, it might be a good bet. Group accounts will always be examined as part of the 50 mark case study
 question, in which you may also expect a question on some aspect of ethics
- Emerging issues. The impact of a change in accounting standards on the financial statements is often
 examined. Look on the IASB website for details: www.iasb.org
- Share based payment usually comes up as part of a question.
- Financial instruments was the subject of a Student Accountant article, and it is regularly tested. Questions
 will be set in terms of IFRS 9 as far as it applies.
- Developments in financial reporting, for example, IFRS 10 to 13 and the revised IAS 19.

Question practice

Question practice under timed conditions is essential, so that you can get used to the pressures of answering exam questions in **limited time** and practise not only the key techniques but allocating your time between different requirements in each question. Our list of recommended questions includes compulsory Section A and optional Section B questions; it's particularly important to do all the Section A case-study-style questions in full as a case study involving group accounts will always come up.



Passing the P2 exam

What to expect on the paper

Of course you cannot know in advance what questions are going to come up, but you can have a fair idea of what kind of questions.

Question 1

This will always be a case study, with half or a little more than half on group accounts. It will often involve high speed number crunching. Easy marks, it cannot be said too often, will always be available for basic consolidation techniques. You cannot pass the groups part on these alone, but it can give you a foothold. Question 1 usually has a bit of a twist, for example financial instruments or pensions. This question will also contain an element of written explanation and a question on ethics or corporate social accounting. For example, the December 2010 paper had a statement of cash flows; then you were asked to explain whether a change of method of preparing such a statement was ethical.

The examiner has stressed the importance of answering the written parts of question 1. Many students ignore parts (b) and (c), but marks can be gained for common sense.

Questions 2 and 3

These are very often – although not always - multi-standard, mini-case-studies, involving you in giving advice to the directors on accounting treatment, possibly where the directors have followed the wrong treatment. Being multi-standard, you may be able to answer parts, but not all of a question, so it makes sense to look through the paper to select a question where you can answer most of it. If Part (a) is on an area you are not confident about, do not dismiss the question out of hand.

The examiner is testing whether you can identify the issues. Even if you don't get the accounting treatment exactly right, you will still gain some credit for showing that you have seen what the problem is about. So do not be afraid to have a stab at something, even if you are not sure of the details.

These questions can be on a single standard or theme. One of these questions will be the specialised industry question.

Question 4

This question is generally on developments in financial reporting. It is usually general in nature, rather than linked to a specific accounting standard. It may cover an aspect of reporting financial performance – for example the Management Commentary.

While you certainly cannot bluff your way through Question 4, if you know your material it is a good way of earning marks without high speed number crunching.

Question 4 may now include a computational aspect illustrating the topic you have just discussed. Usually these are fairly straightforward.

Remember: the examiner stresses that it is important to learn principles rather than rote-learning techniques.



Exam technique for P2

Do not be needlessly intimidated

There is no shortcut to passing this exam. It looks very difficult indeed, and many students wonder if they will ever pass. But most students generally do. Why is this?

Easy marks

All the questions are demanding, but there are many easy marks to be gained. Suppose, for example, you had a consolidated statement of cash flows with a disposal, a pension complication and a financial instruments calculation. There will be easy marks available simply for the basic cash flow aspects, setting out the proforma, setting up your workings, presenting your work neatly. If you recognise, as you should, that the disposal needs to be taken into account, of course you will get marks for that, even if you make a mistake in the arithmetic. If you get the pension bit right, so much the better, but you could pass the question comfortably while omitting this altogether. If you're short of time, this is what you should do.

Be ruthless in ignoring the complications

Look at the question. Within reason, if there are complications – often only worth a few marks – that you know you will not have time or knowledge to do, cross them out. It will make you feel better. Than tackle the bits you can do. This is how people pass a seemingly impossible paper.

Be ruthless in allocating your time

At BPP, we have seen how very intelligent students do two almost perfect questions, one averagely good and one sketchy. The first eight to ten marks are the easiest to get. Then you have to push it up to what you think is fifteen (thirty for the case study question), to get yourself a pass.

Do your best question either first or second, and the compulsory question either first or second. The compulsory question, being on groups, will always have some easy marks available for consolidation techniques.

Exam information

Format of the exam

		Number of marks
Section A:	1 compulsory case study	50
Section B:	Choice of 2 from 3 questions (25 marks each)	50
		50 100

Section A will consist of one scenario based question worth 50 marks. It will deal with the preparation of consolidated financial statements including group statements of cash flow and with issues in financial reporting.

Students will be required to answer two out of three questions in Section B, which will normally comprise two questions which will be scenario or case-study based and one question which will be an essay. Section B could deal with any aspects of the syllabus.

Additional information

The Study Guide provides more detailed guidance on the syllabus.

December 2011

Section A

1 Consolidated statement of financial position with business combination achieved in stages; segment reporting; ethics

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Examiner's comments

The examination consisted of four questions (Question 1 for 50 marks and three further questions of 25 marks each of which candidates had to chose two to answer) The performance of candidates was quite pleasing with good marks being achieved in all aspects of the paper. The approach to the examination is good with little evidence of time pressure although some candidates are still failing to produce answers of sufficient length and appear to be spending too much time on a single question. Candidates do not use the information in the scenario in order to develop their answers.

Question 1 is designed to test candidates' computational skills and brief explanations are often useful to the marker but detailed discussion of the relevant standard is not normally required. Candidates often wasted time discussing a standard in detail when an application of the standard was required. It is important also to make sure that the answer is relevant to the question. In this exam there was evidence of students discussing standards at length that were not relevant to the question.

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Examiner's comments

This was a demanding paper dealing with a range of issues and accounting standards, but candidates responded well resulting in a good pass rate. However, when issues get more complex, they perform less well. Topical issues of a discursive nature are quite well done, indicating a good awareness of current issues. However, the computational parts are often poorly completed which again seems to indicate that application of knowledge is a problem. Additionally, some candidates do not write in sufficient detail on the discursive parts of the paper, and do not answer the question set.. A significant part of the paper comprises discursive elements and candidates need to develop skills in this area.

Where possible, candidates should make sure that they show all workings and start each question on a new page. Time management issues seem to have been less prevalent in recent diets, but where the time allocated to a question is over, candidates should move on and start a new question, leaving sufficient space to come back and finish the question if time allows. Candidates seem to have difficulty applying standards to the scenarios given in the questions, even though they have the knowledge, and the scenario can often give help in answering the question. There are several key principles in each standard. Sometimes these are lost in the detail of the standard. These principles are the basis of most of the examination questions and candidates should concentrate on these principles.

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Examiner's comments. The pass rate for this paper was satisfactory, and the examiner was generally pleased with the way candidates responded to a testing paper covering a wide range of accounting issues and standards. Examination techniques were well applied. However yet again there was evidence of candidates only answering two questions rather than the three questions required, and also leaving out the ethics part of question 1, suggesting that they do not appreciate the importance of attempting all of the examination paper, or perhaps particular problems with ethical instruments. Some candidates still do not have a good understanding of accounting for financial instruments which are examined frequently in this paper. It is essential that candidates get to grips with this topic.

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Examiner's comments. The paper dealt with a wide range of issues and accounting standards. The examiner said that the paper was quite testing but that candidates responded well resulting in a pleasing pass rate. Candidates had benefited from reading articles in *Student Accountant* on specific topics and had built on their knowledge, particularly of the revised IFRS 3 and financial instruments. Candidates also seem to have applied good examination techniques in answering the paper. In particular, candidates were not making the mistake of missing out questions or parts of questions.

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