

## STRATEGIC CASE STUDY MAY 2018 EXAM ANSWERS

### Variant 4

## Marking Guidance

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The following marking guidance is based on Strategic Case Study Exam May 2018, Variant 4.

Find the questions and suggested answers for variant 4 here.

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| Section | Technical Skills                                       |    | Business skills  |    | People Skills  |    | Leadership Skills  |    | Integration | Total |
|---------|--|----|--|----|--|----|--|----|-------------|-------|
| 1       | Discuss the relevance of hedge accounting              | 15 | Evaluate currency risks                                | 15 |  |    |  |    | 3           | 33    |
| 2       |  |    |  |    | Discuss potential<br>advantages of<br>merging<br>databases | 15 | Discuss problems<br>associated with<br>bidding for a<br>potential takeover<br>target | 15 | 3           | 33    |
| 3       | Discuss need for internal audit to conduct a follow-up | 8  | Recommend<br>internal audit<br>response to<br>weakness | 7  | Recommend<br>approach to<br>motivating<br>internal audit   | 8  | Identify change<br>management<br>issues  | 8  | 3           | 34    |
|         |  | 23 |  | 22 |  | 23 |  | 23 | 9           | 100   |