

March 2023 Series R2 (Road Haulage) Case Study

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Examination Details:

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Time allowed: 2 hours 15 minutes

You must have:

- This case study
- A question/answer booklet

You may use:

- a calculator
- a dictionary
- any permitted written materials

Instructions

- Use the case study information to answer all the questions.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided in the question/answer booklet.
 If you need extra space, use the lined page(s) at the end of the question/answer booklet.
 The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Additional paper may be used if required but you must clearly show your name, date of birth and question number(s).
- Answer all the questions.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets () in the question/answer booklet.
- This document has 4 pages.
- Assessment material has been prepared in line with legislation current at the time of production. Any subsequent changes to legislation have not been taken into account, however, responses that refer to amended legislation will be credited.
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Background

You are the recently appointed Transport Manager for Walvingham Transport Limited (WTL).

WTL has operated its fleet of eight box-bodied 18,000kg GVW rigid lorries from its only operating centre in Walvingham since 2012. The company has a number of long-term contracts for carriage over set routes. Its turnover is approximately £1.5 million per year.

WTL holds a Standard International operator licence in the North East of England Traffic Area, authorising 11 vehicles and no trailers. The company is wholly owned by its Managing Director, Jim Brown. It employs eight drivers and an assistant to the transport manager, Tony Price.

Company policies

- Drivers must complete set routes in line with the assistant transport manager's instructions.
- Drivers must be scheduled to complete a 10-minute vehicle check before leaving the operating centre.
- Driver breaks and rest periods are to be taken as late as possible, for the shortest possible time.
- Drivers are required to assist with all loading and unloading of vehicles.
- All drivers have signed a Workforce Agreement, opting out of night work limits.

Assistant to the transport manager

Tony Price has been employed as assistant to the company's transport manager since 2018 and has recently completed five years of service with the company. Following the retirement of WTL's previous transport manager, you have reviewed Tony's work history.

From Tony's personnel file you note that he has been given two written warnings in recent months, both described as being for 'incompetence'. The warning issued in January of this year is marked as a 'final written warning'.

You are considering dismissing Tony Price on the grounds of incompetence. As part of the evidence-gathering for this, you are to review his driver allocations for eight routes, completed in line with his plans for a week in February 2023. You believe that Tony's instructions have resulted in some employees committing drivers hours rules and/or working time offences.

The information for the work planned and completed is set out in the following tables:

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Route information

	Start Time	Finish time	Driving time	Other work (minutes)	Breaks (minutes)	POA (minutes)
Route A	06:00	17:00	9 hours	60	45	15
Route B	09:00	23:00	10 hours	60	90	90
Route C	09:00	21:00	9 hours	120	45	15
Route D	03:00	16:00	9 hours 30 minutes	30	90	90
Route E	22:00	06:30	4 hours	165	30	75
Route F	09:00	20:00	8 hours	60	45	75
Route G	16:00	04:15	9 hours 45 minutes	60	45	45
Route H	09:00	16:00	5 hours	75	45	nil

Driver information

The drivers were scheduled to work on the following routes, in line with Tony Price's plan, and did so:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Andrea	Route B	Route F	Route A	Route B	Route F	Route A	REST
Bill	Route H	Route A	Route F	Route C	Route A	REST	REST
Chris	Route C	Route B	Route B	Route F	Route C	Route C	Route D
Davina	Route F	Route C	Route C	Route A	Route E	Route G	REST
Eddie	Route A	REST	Route H	Route D	REST	Route B	Route C

- The two 'overnight' routes (E and G) start on the days indicated in the table.
- No drivers worked on the previous Sunday and only Bill worked on the following Monday.
- Eddie took only a reduced weekly rest in the previous fixed week. The other drivers all took at least a regular weekly rest in the previous fixed week.

Future plans

New operating centre

WTL has been offered a long-term contract to operate routes from a new operating centre in Swindon in the West of England Traffic Area. Jim has identified suitable premises to be leased, large enough to accommodate the three new 18,000Kg GVW vehicles that would be bought from Walvingham Motors Ltd and based in Swindon. You are to act as the Transport Manager for the Swindon operating centre. Vehicle maintenance for the three vehicles will be contracted out to a local garage.

The customer requires the routes to start operating no later than the end of April 2023, some seven weeks from today.

Collection and delivery contract

Another customer has asked WTL to provide a quote to collect goods from Peterlee, to be delivered to Derby on three occasions in April 2023. You realise that this offer presents an opportunity for the three new vehicles (see above) to be driven from Walvington to Swindon, completing the proposed work on the way. The customer would be charged for the distance from the Walvingham operating centre to the new operating centre in Swindon, via Derby.

Your initial research has identified the following route information:

- Driver schedules are to assume an average speed of 60kph.
- When the driver has completed the daily vehicle check, the vehicle will be driven to the fuel station 10km from the Walvingham operating centre, where it will take 10 minutes to add sufficient diesel for the journey.
- The distance from the fuel station to the customer in Peterlee is 20km.
- Loading goods in Peterlee will take 20 minutes.
- The distance from Peterlee to the Derby delivery point is 340km.
- Unloading in Derby **must start at 14.30hrs** and will take 20 minutes.
- The distance from Derby to the new operating centre in Swindon is 230km.

Financial information

The following table sets out the financial information for each of the new 18,000kg GVW lorries.

Cost item	Details	
Expected days in use	200 days per year	
Vehicle cost, excluding the initial set of tyres	£80,000	
Depreciation rate	15% per year	
Other standing costs	£100 per day	
Driver's wages	£150 per day	
Tyre cost	£2,200 per set	
Tyre expected life	55,000km	
Fuel price	£1.67 per litre	
Fuel consumption	10km per litre	
Vehicle maintenance costs	£0.12 per km	
Profit mark-up	15% on all costs	