

ACC202 Management Accounting

T1-14 Assignment Task

1. Group report topics

This subject requires students to study a number of major topics in Management Accounting. These include:

- a) Issues relating to decentralised business structures and motivation:
 - a. Responsibility accounting (Chapter 12)
 - b. Transfer pricing (Chapter 12)
- b) Performance measurement:
 - a. Responsibility accounting (Chapter 12)
 - b. Financial measures of performance (Chapter 13)
 - c. Non-financial measures of performance (Chapter 14)
- c) Managing the supply chain (Chapter 15):
 - a. Measuring supplier performance
 - b. Measuring customer profitability
 - c. Managing inventory
 - i. Kanban system
 - ii. Just in time methodology

2. Student assessment:

Students are to work in a GROUP and produce a report (2400 words for groups of three and 2800 words for groups of four) on ONE of the above Management Accounting topics.

You are to research Academic Literature (to be found using EBSOHOST Search) related to your chosen topic and write a report on the use and implementation of the chosen method in a business application **AND how that relates to the Management Accounting function.**

While the TEXT may be used as a guide for your research, further research **MUST** be undertaken to find examples of at least two case studies that demonstrate how the chosen management (and Management Accounting) practice impacts in a commercial business.

Submitting your assignment

The Report requires that you use Microsoft Word to format and complete the task. There are TWO steps to submitting your assignment:

- 1) The Group Report is to be submitted using Turnitin BEFORE your Tutorial in Week 8 to obtain a Turnitin Score and then PRINT the Turnitin score and submission receipt. Once you have a printed copy of your submission receipt and Turnitin score, you **MUST** bring

this as a printed copy to class along with a hard (printed) copy of your report as submitted to Turnitin.

Your draft report will be briefly reviewed in class in Week 8 (Students in multiple tutorials should submit it at the EARLIEST tutorial) and an acknowledgement certificate will be issued as receipt of your DRAFT.

Please note that this assignment is a progressive assessment so the draft MUST be submitted to qualify for the final lodgement in Week 9.

The Turnitin Score MUST be less than 25% as at DRAFT date in Week 8 and the final Turnitin Score should be below 20% in your final submission in Week 9.

- 2) Final due time and date is before 8.00 pm WEDNESDAY 17th September 2014. This date is in the MIDDLE of Week 9. (Please consult the Library for instructions if necessary WELL BEFORE the due date and time.) A printed copy of the assignment should be handed in during your tutorial in Week 9 however, the time of electronic submission to Turnitin/Moodle will be the time officially recorded as your lodgement.

You may lodge it earlier if desired.

Students MUST make sure that their printed copy of the assignment submission is accompanied by a completed and signed KOI Group Assignment Coversheet. Please note that marks will be awarded to all members of the group based on their input. The lecturer should be consulted if a group member is not contributing to the task WELL IN ADVANCE of the due date so action may be taken.

Only ONE person in the GROUP (someone very reliable) should be nominated to make the GROUP lodgement. Do NOT lodge multiple copies of the GROUP assignment from each group member. More information will be provided in Week 8 on how this can be done.

The Total Assignment will be marked out of 20 Marks and this Group Assignment carries a course weighting of 20 COURSE MARKS.

Where to find information:

Remember, you are looking for additional academic articles and information to support your Report relating to Quality Management in a Company or Industry. You should try to find current articles written between 2005 and 2013. Earlier articles may be OK but you need to think as to whether they are still relevant given today's circumstances.

Finding articles:

1. Type the term into the Library database
2. Add a second search term such as *Quality Management* if you don't get any results
3. Still no results that you can use? Try to use a different term that means the same thing.

Reading/reviewing/analysing articles

Many articles you will find will be several pages long – this is quite normal for academic research papers as they are required to explain in detail the research methodology and results. These details are necessary to support and validate the findings.

Do not let this concern you, as, for the purposes of your research for this, and most other assessment tasks, you do not need to read the detail about the research methodology and results. What you need to find out is the purpose of the research: what question they are trying to answer; any context considerations; the findings – i.e. the answer to the question; and any comments about future directions or the application of the findings

To gain this information, points 1 and 2 will be found in the abstract and the introductory section(s) – usually within the first 2 pages. Points 3 and 4 will be found at the end of the paper under the headings “Findings” and/or “Conclusions” and/or “Recommendations” or similar. These are usually the last page or two pages.

A FULL copy of your ‘reference’ article can be found on the subject website along with all other information under the heading ‘Assignment’ however there is also an ‘abbreviated version’ which omits the research methodology and statistical data. Although the article is quite long, only the first two pages (336 & 337) and page 350 have been needed for the review – i.e. students usually only need to read the introduction and conclusion sections of the articles.

3. **Late submission:**

Late group formation will incur a 5% penalty (1 mark) for individuals and failure to lodge the draft edition reviewed on or by Week 8 will incur a 10% penalty.

Please note that late submission (any time after the due date and time) will incur a 25% penalty and then an additional 5% per day each day or part thereof that the Assignment is late. No Assignment will be collected or accepted after one week past the due date.

As this is a Group Assignment, please note that Doctor’s Certificates for individual group members will not exempt a Group from lodging on time. Please lodge the Assignment showing your efforts to the due date and consideration may be given based upon the level of Assignment completion to the date of your illness or other misfortune.

4. **Additional information:**

You may, directly source items to include in your report, such as graphic material and charts from reputable websites such as those shown above, providing you show and acknowledge all sources of this material, however, the analysis should be your own work.

5. **Referencing:**

Referencing IS Required. Ensure that you fully reference ALL material that is directly used and enclose direct quotations appropriately with full references. (Please see the Library for assistance if you are unfamiliar with the correct procedure for Academic Referencing. Please note that WIKIPEDIA is NOT an acceptable reference source other than for very superficial checking and should NOT be used as a primary resource as there are no controlled peer review of the content on this or similar ‘Wiki’ sites.