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BUSINESS

9609/31

Paper 3 Business Decision-Making

May/June 2024

1 hour 45 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

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INSTRUCTIONS

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- The insert contains the case study.

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3 (a) Refer to lines 24–25. Calculate the accounting rate of return (ARR) for the new grinding machine.

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(b) Refer to Table 1.1. Calculate the net present value (NPV) of the new grinding machine.

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(c) Evaluate whether GBS should purchase the new grinding machine.

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4 (a) Calculate the price elasticity of demand (PED) for GBS's gravel product when the price decreased from \$90 to \$81 per tonne.

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(b) Evaluate the impact of elasticity measures when GBS makes marketing decisions.

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- 5 Evaluate the extent to which corporate social responsibility (CSR) should influence GBS's decision to expand into new land.

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