### 1.12

## Using Skill for Business

## Analysing a budget

## Learning Outcome Notes

LO 1.12 - Prepare and analyse a budget, determine the financial position, recommend appropriate action and present the analysis in tabular and graphic formats.

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## Past Exam Questions and Answers

## NOTE - Very Important

It is very important when answering exams question that you use the following steps -

1. That you know the information for the learning outcome
2. That you understand the information form the learning outcome
3. That you can apply the information form the learning outcome to the question
4. Be able to give at least two full sentences for your answer (Fill up the space)

Questions are changing from rote learning to applying the knowledge to the Question

## QUESTIONS

## 2022-Question 13

Complete the following extract from the Dolan household budget for three months.

| Months | July | August | September | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Net Cash | 150 | $(300)$ | $(150)$ | $(300)$ |
| Opening Cash | 210 | 360 |  | 210 |
| Closing Cash |  | 60 |  |  |

## Working

## 2019 - Question 1

The graph below shows Joan Murphy's monthly Budget.

(i) Calculate the difference between Joan's Income and expenditure. State it it's a Surplus / Deficit

(ii) What advice would you give Joan based on you answers


## 2019 - Sample Paper - Question 14

Complete the following extract from the Dolan household budget for three months.

| Months | July | August | September | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Cash | 520 | $(300)$ | 450 | 670 |
| Opening Cash | 375 | 895 |  | 375 |
| Closing Cash |  | 595 |  |  |

Working

## SUGGESTED SLUTION

## 2022 - Question 13

Complete the following extract from the Dolan household budget for three months.

| Months | July | August | September | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Cash | 150 | $(300)$ | $(150)$ | $(300)$ |
| Opening Cash | 210 | 360 | 60 | 210 |
| Closing Cash | 360 | 60 | $(90)$ | $(90)$ |

## Workings

| July | September | Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 150 | $(150)$ | $(300)$ |
| $\frac{+210}{360}$ | $\underline{60}$ | $\underline{210}$ |
|  | $(90)$ | $(90)$ |

## Remember

Closing Figure for one month is the opening figure for the next (Closing cash August 60 and Opening cash September (60))

The closing cash for September and the total columns should be the same (90)

## 2019 - Question 1

The graph below shows Joan Murphy's monthly Budget.

(i) Calculate the difference between Joan's Income and expenditure. State it it's a Surplus / Deficit

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Income - Expenditure
€2,000-€2,500
(€500)
(€500) - Deficit
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(ii) What advice would you give Joan based on you answers

Reduce Expenses - The first step that Joan needs to do to deal with the deficit is to reduce expenses. She must consider cutting back on discretionary spending, such as dining out, entertainment, or travel. She can also look for ways to reduce fixed and irregular expenses, such as renegotiating bills or shopping for deals.

## 2019 - Sample Paper - Question 14

Complete the following extract from the Dolan household budget for three months.

| Months | July | August | September | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Cash | 520 | $(300)$ | 450 | 670 |
| Opening Cash | 375 | 895 | 595 | 375 |
| Closing Cash | 875 | 595 | 1,045 | 1,045 |


| Working |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| July | September | Total |
| 520 | 450 | 670 |
| $\underline{+375}$ | $\underline{595}$ | $\underline{375}$ |
| 875 | 1,045 | 1,045 |

## Remember

Closing Figure for one month is the opening figure for the next (Closing cash August 595 and Opening cash September 595

The closing cash for September and the total columns should be the same 1,045

