Theme 1: Marketing and People

- Mass markets
- Niche markets
- Market size
- Market share
- Brands
- Dynamic markets
- Online retailing
- Competition
- Risk
- Uncertainty
- Product orientation
- Market orientation
- · Primary research
- Secondary research
- Quantitative data
- Qualitative data
- Market segmentation
- Market mapping
- Competitive advantage
- Product differentiation
- Added value
- Demand
- Supply
- Price elasticity of demand (PED)
- Income elasticity of demand (YED)
- Design mix
- Branding
- Promotion
- Unique selling point (USP)
- Viral marketing
- Emotional branding
- Pricing strategies (cost-plus, skimming, penetration, predatory, competitive, psychological)
- Distribution channels



- Product life cycle
- Extension strategies
- Boston Matrix
- Business to business (B2B)
- Business to consumer (B2C)
- Consumer behaviour
- Staff as an asset
- Flexible workforce
- Dismissal and redundancy
- Employer/employee relationships
- Organisational structure (hierarchy, chain of command, span of control)
- Centralisation / decentralisation
- Motivation theories (Taylor, Mayo, Maslow, Herzberg)
- Financial incentives (piecework, commission, bonus, profit share, PRP)
- Non-financial motivation (delegation, consultation, empowerment, job enrichment, rotation, enlargement)
- Leadership styles (autocratic, paternalistic, democratic, laissez-faire)
- Entrepreneur
- Intrapreneurship
- Barriers to entrepreneurship
- Profit maximisation / satisficing
- Sales maximisation
- Market share
- Cost efficiency
- Opportunity cost
- Trade-offs
- Limited and unlimited liability
- Franchising
- Social enterprise
- Stock market flotation



Theme 2: Managing Business Activities

- Internal finance
- Retained profit
- Sale of assets
- External finance
- Peer-to-peer funding
- Business angels
- Crowdfunding
- Venture capital
- Overdraft
- Leasing
- Trade credit
- Grants
- Limited liability
- Unlimited liability
- Business plan
- Cash-flow forecast
- Sales forecasting
- Sales volume
- Revenue
- Fixed and variable costs
- Break-even analysis
- Contribution
- Margin of safety
- Budgets (historical, zero-based)
- Variance analysis
- Gross profit
- Operating profit
- Net profit
- Liquidity
- Current ratio
- Acid test ratio
- Working capital
- Business failure
- Productivity



- Efficiency
- Capacity utilisation
- Stock control
- Buffer stock
- Just-in-time (JIT)
- Waste minimisation
- Lean production
- Quality control
- Quality assurance
- Total Quality Management (TQM)
- Continuous improvement (Kaizen)
- Inflation
- Exchange rates (appreciation/depreciation)
- Interest rates
- Taxation
- Business cycle
- Economic uncertainty
- Consumer protection
- Employee protection
- Environmental protection
- Competition policy
- Health and safety
- Competitive environment



Theme 3: Business Decisions and Strategy

- Mission statement
- Corporate objectives
- Ansoff's Matrix
- Porter's Strategic Matrix
- SWOT analysis
- PESTLE analysis
- Porter's Five Forces
- Economies of scale (internal/external)
- Diseconomies of scale
- Overtrading
- Mergers and takeovers
- Horizontal and vertical integration
- · Organic growth
- Retrenchment
- Innovation
- Benchmarking
- Decision trees
- Critical Path Analysis (CPA)
- Earliest start time / Latest finish time / Total float
- Short-termism / long-termism
- Evidence-based decision making
- Corporate culture (power, role, task, person)
- Stakeholders
- Shareholders
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)
- Business ethics
- Ratio analysis (ROCE, gearing, gross profit margin, operating profit margin)
- Labour productivity
- Labour turnover
- Absenteeism
- Empowerment strategies
- Consultation strategies
- Business continuity



- Succession planning
- Transformational leadership
- Resistance to change



Theme 4: Global Business

- Globalisation
- Emerging economies
- Economic growth
- Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
- Human Development Index (HDI)
- Imports and exports
- Specialisation
- Competitive advantage
- Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
- Trade liberalisation
- Protectionism
- Tariffs
- Import quotas
- Trade blocs (EU, ASEAN, NAFTA)
- Common markets
- Customs union
- Single market
- Global marketing
- Glocalisation
- Global niche markets
- Multinational corporations (MNCs)
- Ethics in global business
- Cultural diversity
- Exchange rate fluctuations
- Infrastructure
- Offshoring
- Outsourcing
- Re-shoring
- Global supply chains
- Transfer pricing
- Intellectual property
- Political stability
- Migration
- Global labour force

