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The Financial Strategy Practice & Revision Kit allows you to apply your knowledge by putting theory in to practice. It contains three complete mock exams and many past exam questions on every area of the syllabus. The questions are supported by detailed solutions and tips on how to approach questions and earn easy marks. Through practice, you are equipped with the best techniques to face the exam and earn the maximum number of marks.

To enable you to analyse the pre-seen material effectively, CIMA Publishing have produced this interactive case analysis workbook based on the actual case 'pre-seen'. Written by Kaplan subject specialists, this workbook is an essential tool for any student sitting the T4 case study exam in March or May 2012. Exam-focused Written to help you pass first time it provides a comprehensive analysis of the 'pre-seen' case study information including questions, comments and ideas from enterprise, financial and performance strategy perspectives. Mini-case scenarios and prioritisation exercises with detailed answers will help develop key skills such as commercial judgement and idea generation. Finally, a mock exam with a comprehensive model answer will allow you to practise your exam technique. Student-Friendly Using accessible language and engaging formats it helps you understand more complex areas and speeds up skills development. It is suitable for all methods of study. Supported with free online material Fixed tests, supplementary materials and an electronic version of the book are available online - see inside for details.

Suitable for: exams in 2012 and 2013The TOPCIMA Study Text is an excellent place to begin preparing for the TOPCIMA Case Study exam. This workbook contains exercises and analysis from previous exam papers, questions put to examiners, CIMA's assessment methodology and previous case study examples to help you understand how to approach the exam questions. The key to passing the exam is preparation and practise. Work through the questions in the Study Text to begin preparing before CIMA issues the pre-seen data and then practice detailed questions based on the pre-seen data in the TOPCIMA Express Kit.

Why is Cinco de Mayo—a holiday commemorating a Mexican victory over the French at Puebla in 1862—so widely celebrated in California and across the United States, when it is scarcely observed in Mexico? As David E. Hayes-Bautista explains, the holiday is not Mexican at all, but rather an American one, created by Latinos in California during the mid-nineteenth century. Hayes-Bautista shows how the meaning of Cinco de Mayo has shifted over time—it embodied immigrant nostalgia in the 1930s, U.S. patriotism during World War II, Chicano Power in the 1960s and 1970s, and commercial intentions in the 1980s and 1990s. Today, it continues to reflect the aspirations of a community that is engaged, empowered, and expanding.

African audiences and users are rapidly gaining in importance and increasingly targeted by global media companies, social media platforms and mobile phone operators. This is the first edited volume that addresses the everyday lived experiences of Africans in their interaction with different kinds of media: old and new, state and private, elite and popular, global and national, material and virtual. So far, the bulk of academic research on media and communication in Africa has studied media through the lens of media-state relations, thereby adopting liberal democracy as the normative ideal and examining the potential contribution of African media to development and democratization. Focusing instead on everyday media culture in a range of African countries, this volume contributes to the broader project of provincializing and decolonizing audience and internet studies.

CIMA offers a business qualification with a finance focus, aiming to produce members with accounting prowess who are skilled in strategic decision-making. 98% of its members work in business, the highest proportion of any worldwide accountancy body. Paper P1 looks at how information is obtained, evaluated and used to control and predict business performance. The syllabus is split into the following five areas: * Cost accounting systems * Forecasting and budgeting techniques * Project appraisal * Dealing with uncertainty in analysis * Managing short-term finance P1 requires a good understanding of the underlying concepts and techniques in all five areas. P1 also needs you to be able to apply these concepts to practical situations, evaluate them critically and interpret the results. The P1 Study Text contains all you need to know for P1, featuring step-by-step guides to techniques such as investment decision making and budget preparation. There are also reminder sections of knowledge brought forward from earlier studies such as costing terminology. Key terms are identified throughout the Text to help you to get to grips with the new material.

BPP Learning Media's Study Text for TOPCIMA will help you pass CIMA's Test of Professional Competence in Management Accounting case study exam. In preparing the Text we have taken note of past papers, questions put to the examiners, the assessment methodology and previous case study exams. The key to the case is to prepare and to practise. Prepare by working through this Study Text before CIMA issues the pre-seen data. Later, practise with the BPP Learning Media TOPCIMA Toolkit that is written around the real pre-seen data. The Toolkit contains analyses and exercises to get you thinking, as well as a number of 'mock' unseens to get you ready for the real thing

A modern and contemporary approach to Management Accounting, this brand new textbook written specifically for courses in the UK and Europe provides an essential grounding for students studying both traditional and new Management Accounting techniques. Importantly, this complete text takes its readers beyond just the traditional accounting techniques, to place accounting information and the role of the Management Accountant in a broader organizational context. The text will provide a definitive education for tomorrow's "business-partner" Management Accountants and finance-literate business managers.

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Now in its second edition, Pass First Time! is the ultimate guide to passing your CIMA exams. Fully revised and updated for the new 2010 syllabus and written by a CIMA examiner, it's packed with useful hints and tips that will help you: * improve the way you study * find out just what the examiners are looking for * avoid the most common pitfalls * earn all the marks you deserve Illustrated throughout, and with summarising mind-maps at the end of each chapter, this book will give you the best possible chance of passing your CIMA exams – first time!

'Writing a CIMA exam is difficult if you do not know how to approach it. David really makes it easy by giving step-by-step advice about understanding what the examiner wants, how to make best use of your time and how to structure your answer in such a way that maximum marks can be scored.' Henry van Rooyen, Business Manager & TOPCIMA student 'Pass First Time! gives an insight into the way examiners think and what they want from the students. It also gives tips on study techniques and time keeping, making it a very useful read.' Alina V S-Botha, CIMA Lecturer, South Africa David R Harris is a management consultant, freelance lecturer, author and CIMA examiner. David specialises in advising smaller organisations on strategy. Neil Sullivan is a freelance author and illustrator with many years' experience in advertising. - There are 90,000 CIMA students in the UK studying independently and needing practical advice on how to learn, take exams, and succeed: this book is the only book on the market that provides this advice tailored specifically for their exams - Written by a CIMA examiner and tutor, giving real-life guidance "from the horse's mouth" - Full of illustrations, mind-maps and cartoons to illustrate how best to learn in a user-friendly way

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"Written under the direction of West Point social sciences faculty for its Student Conference on US Affairs, or SCUSA, the contributors to this edited volume introduce undergraduate students to issues of transnational conflict, providing context to a variety of contemporary issues, such as immigration, terrorism, and environmental security. The goal is to challenge students by sparking policy level debate and formulation of policy recommendations, putting students in the driver's seat and asking them to think as policymakers. Well acquainted with the demands of classroom discussion, the contributors know how to make world politics, international relations, and foreign policy accessible to undergraduate students. The primary question driving the volume is "how does the US promote or even determine an effective and appropriate policy response to boundary-spanning problems?" And if future political and military leaders are all but guaranteed to face the challenge of collective action within the confines of an uncoordinated international system, then what domestic and foreign factors should be considered, what elements brought to the foreground? The book's three part organization--Transnational Challenges and Domestic Sources of U.S. Foreign Policy; Transnational Challenges and Regional Issues in US Foreign Policy; and Transnational Challenges and Opportunities for U.S. Foreign Policy--coupled with topic-recommended reading lists at the end of each chapter will help students develop an approach to the substantial topic of "foreign policy" as a whole, making it more manageable"--

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studies to bring material to life. Exam alerts and skills are signposted to guide you on approaching the exam.

Stelae dating to the Epiclassic and Early Postclassic from Tula, Xochicalco, and other sites in Central Mexico have been cited as evidence of Classic Maya 'influence' on Central Mexican art during these periods. This book re-evaluates these claims via detailed comparative analysis of the Central Mexican stelae and their claimed Maya counterparts.

CIMA offers a business qualification with a finance focus, aiming to produce members with accounting prowess who are skilled in strategic decision-making. 98% of its members work in business, the highest proportion of any worldwide accountancy body. The P3 Performance Strategy exam covers how organisations respond to risks through systems and controls. The syllabus emphasises the wide-ranging risks organisations face, and particularly financial and information risks, because of the severe consequences these can have. It includes the methods organisations use to reduce risks, including: * Management and accounting systems * Corporate governance * Control environment and procedures * Internal audit Key skills are: * Recognising risks * Recommending appropriate actions to counter those risks. The syllabus also requires appreciation of how risks and control systems link with the strategies the organisation pursues. The Study Text provides all you need to know for P3. It gives many examples of the strategic and operational risks organisations face when they try to fulfil their objectives. It explains the frameworks organisations use for controlling risks. It demonstrates the importance of key elements of control systems including corporate governance, ethics support, control procedures and internal audit.

Covering all the accounting issues and reporting standards (IAS, IFRS) that an accounting student needs to know, this text provides a fresh, decision-usefulness approach that will enhance students' interpretative skills and take their understanding to the next level.

The cross-linguistic and cross-cultural practice of translation is a field of rapidly growing international importance. World-renowned experts offer new and multidisciplinary insights on this subject, viewing translation as social action and intercultural communication, and as a phenomenon of languages in contact and a socio-cognitive process.

This book deals with the social exclusion of Romanies ('Gypsies') in Italy. Based on interviews with Romani individuals, institutional and Civil Society Organisations' (CSOs) representatives, participant observation and a broad range of secondary sources, the volume focuses on the conditions of those living in Rome's urban slums and on the recent implementation of the so-called 'Emergenza Nomadi' (Nomad Emergency). The enactment of this extraordinary measure concealed the existence of a long-established institutional tradition of racism and control directed at Romanies. It was not the result of a sudden, unexpected situation which required an immediate action, as the declaration of an 'emergency' might imply, but rather of a precise government strategy. By providing an investigation into the interactions between Romanies, local institutions and CSOs, this book will deliver a new perspective on the Romani issue by arguing that the 'camp' is not only a tool for institutional control and segregation, but also for 'resistance', as well as a huge business in which everyone plays their part.

CIMA offers a business qualification with a finance focus, aiming to produce members with accounting prowess who are skilled in strategic decision-making. 98% of its members work in business, the highest proportion of any worldwide accountancy body. Paper P2 - Performance Management is the second paper in the Performance pillar. It builds on Paper P1 knowledge as well as introducing such new topics as transfer pricing. The paper focuses on the ability to discuss and evaluate results as well as use techniques to calculate the numbers. The syllabus is concerned with * Analysis and discussion of pricing and product decisions * Evaluation of techniques used to in cost planning and analysis for competitive advantage * Evaluation of performance using budgets and discussion of issues in using budgets for this purpose * Discussion of how to measure performance of responsibility centres and evaluation of the usefulness of these techniques P1 requires a good understanding of the underlying concepts and techniques in all five areas. P1 also needs you to be able to apply these concepts to practical situations, evaluate them critically and interpret the results. The P2 study text provides comprehensive coverage of the complete P2 syllabus. It features step-by-step guides to such topics as limiting factor analysis, multi-product breakeven analysis and budgeting. Each chapter includes numerous simple and comprehensive examples of how to apply various techniques. Areas that students traditionally find difficult - such as linear programming and transfer pricing - are dealt with in dedicated chapters that break these topics down into manageable sections and give students plenty of opportunities to practise techniques.

An in-depth look at the role of asset allocation in today's investment environment In Modern Asset Allocation author Richard Marston shows you how to jump back into the market with the reminder that the key to investing is to do it for the long-run. And in looking at investing for the long-term, what matters most is asset allocation. This reliable resource offers a fresh look at asset allocation, and discusses its importance in today's investment environment. Along the way, it examines how returns on stocks, bonds, international equities, hedge funds, real estate, commodities, and the like all increase and are of added value to a portfolio when they are strategically allocated. Examines all of the major asset classes that go into modern portfolios and asks how much they add to portfolio diversification Addresses the issues financial professionals face when attempting to provide diversified portfolios for their clients Based on sessions that Richard Marston has developed for the CIMA program Asset allocation is still thriving as a method to achieve long-term profitability. This book contains the insights that you need to excel at this endeavor.

F1 builds on knowledge from paper C2 and introduces tax at a very basic level; it is not based on any tax regime.

Financial reporting is a major part of the syllabus, both single company and group accounts are examined in the two '25-mark' questions in section C. New financial reporting topics introduced at this level are: group accounts; construction contracts; financial instruments; and leases. It has four main sections: The principles of business taxation The principles of regulation of financial reporting Preparation of financial statements which conform with IFRS Consolidated financial statements The study text concentrates on the key areas of the syllabus, taking into account the way in which topics are examined. The text has a step-by-step approach to producing financial statements and lots of exercises in which you can practice the workings. We guide you through the more problematic topics which can be brought into the preparation of single company and group financial statements, and give you plenty of examples.

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