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Part (f) Calculate the cost of the cream liqueur chocolate truffles manufactured during the last production week of FY2022.				
	Calculations	R		
Roasting Raw materials	R9 622,95 + (\frac{USD2 269 x R16,95}{1000kg} x 750kg)	38 467,61	0,5 0,5 0,5C	
Overheads	$\frac{\text{R5142363}}{800 \text{ hours}} \times \frac{1000 \text{kg}}{20 \text{kg}} \times \frac{20 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ min}}$ alternative: 5 142 363 / 48	107 132,56	0,5 0,5	
alternative:	R5142 363 x 1000kg x 20 min 800 hours (20kgx5) 60 min	21 426,51	0,5 0,5	
		145 600,18		
Separation Overheads	$\frac{R8242800}{320 \text{ hours}} \times \frac{1000 \text{kg}}{150 \text{kg}} \times 1 \text{hour}$ alternative: 8 242 800 / 48	171 725,00	0,5 0,5	
alternative:	$\frac{R8242\ 800}{320\ hours} \times \frac{1000kg}{(150kgx8)} \times 1\ hour$	21 465,63	0,5 0,5	
Proceeds: sale of shells	200kg x R2 966/tonne	(593,20)	1	
Defining 9 arinding		316 731,98		
Refining & grinding Sugar	800kg x $\frac{1}{2}$ x R79	31 600,00	0,5 0,5C	
Overheads	R29 571124 34 560 hours alternative: 29 571 124 / 48	616 065,08	0,5 0,5	
alternative:	R29 571124 34 560 hours x 72 hours	61 606,51	0,5 0,5	
		964 397,06		
Pressing Overheads	R1998 689 72 hours alternative: 1 998 689 / 48	41 639,35	0,5 0,5	
By-product	800kg choc liquor x 50% = 400kg	-	1C	
Conching Cocoa butter	$800 \text{kg} \times \frac{1}{5.67} \text{ parts} = 141,09 \text{kg}$	1 006 036,41	1C	
Soy lecithin	0,1% x 800kg x R195	156,00	0,5C 0,5C	
alternative: alternative:	0,1% x (141,09kg + 800kg) x R195 0,1% x 141,09kg x R195	183,51 27,51	1C 1C	

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Overheads	R5 018 028 2 340 bours		0,5
	2 340 hours	1 608,34	0,5
T		1 007 800,75	
Tempering Overheads	D44.007.704 044.00km		
Overneaus	$\frac{R11807704}{2004 \text{ haves}} \times (\frac{941.89 \text{kg}}{5.5 \text{ have}} \text{ round up}) \times$	245 993,83	0,5
	2 064 nours 5.5kg	240 000,00	0,5C
	0,25 hours	4 050 704 50	- ,
Croom liquour		1 253 794,59	
Cream liqueur truffles			
Cost of liqueur:			
Chocolate input	40 000g x 85% = 34 000g		0,5
Number of truffles	34 000g / 10g = 3400 truffles		0,5C
Cream liqueur			
needed	3400 x (2,5/0,9) = 9 444ml		0,5C
Bottles required	9 444ml / 750ml = 12,6 (round up to 13)		0,5C
Cost of liqueur	13 bottles x R119,20	1 549,60	0,5C
Alternative:			
Bottles required	9 444ml / 750ml = 12,59		0,5C
Cost of liqueur	12,59 bottles x R119,20	1 500,73	0,5C
Cost of chocolate:			
Cost per kg of chocolate	1 253 794,59 / 941,89 = 1 331,15		0,5C
Chocolate for liqueur			
truffles	40kg x 1 331,15	53 246,00	0,5C
Conversion cost:	R0,57 x 3 400	1 938,00	0,5C
		56 733,60	1P
	1 000kg - 200kg shells = 800kg + 400kg of s		0.5
cocoa butter removed + 141,09kg cocoa butter added back + 0,8kg emulsifier = 941,89kg			2,5
		Available marks	20
Maximum marks			20
Communication skills – layout and structure			1
Total for part (f)			21

Part	(g) Discuss the key considerations that should be taken into account when deciding on the purchase of the new Swiss truffle-making machine.	Marks
1.	The current labour-intensive process results in a normal loss of 15% of the tempered chocolate spillage. If the chocolate coating can be mechanised, this spillage could be avoided with a resultant larger output of sellable chocolate. Or, alternatively there could be more spillage in the mechanised process which could lead to a greater loss than the manual process.	2
2.	The board will need to be mindful of the technical support available locally. If such support is not available then Chokaroo will develop a significant dependency risk on the manufacturer of the machine, who is based overseas. Significant disruptions to the production process are therefore possible.	2

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3.	Production staff will need to undergo training in respect of the use of the new	
ა.	machine. If the foreign supplier would be willing to provide such training in	
		2
	South Africa, it could be a costly exercise. Furthermore the required skills might	2
	not be available in South Africa and the cost to acquire thee skills might be	
4.	material.	
4.	Currently, the truffle-making part of the chocolate manufacture process is labour	
	intensive, thus providing a number of jobs in an area where the	
	unemployment rate is high. By mechanising the process, a number of jobs will	0
_	be lost, resulting in an increase in poverty in the area.	2
5	Further mechanisation can impact negatively on the reputation / legitimacy of	2
	Chokaroo amongst its customers and the community. The company could lose	
	customers and hence revenue in the process.	
6.	Given the continuous load shedding in South Africa, the machine will increase	2
	Chokaroo's dependency on Eskom. Currently, staff can continue with most	
	of the truffle-making process during load shedding, given its labour-intensive	0
_	nature.	2
7.	Mechanisation of the process could result in improved efficiencies . It is likely	
	that the time taken to manufacture truffles will lessen, resulting in cost savings	_
	and improving margins.	2
8.	Machine-made truffles will likely all be of a uniform size and uniform quality.	
	The current manual process can result in truffles of different sizes and/or different	
	quality being manufactured, which could lead to customer dissatisfaction.	
	Or, alternatively, the product is not mass-manufactured which makes it unique.	2
	Using a machine to manufacture could cause the uniqueness of the product to be	
	lost and potentially leading to loss of customers.	
9.	There is an exchange rate risk on the purchase of the machine if payment should	2
	be delayed and on the future cost of maintenance, seeing that it would be	
	purchased in Switzerland. Therefore, the machine's price and/or maintenance	
	cost could be higher than expected. The company needs to consider	
	hedging against this risk.	
10.	Consideration should be given to the potential impact on staff morale,	2
	reskilling staff and legal costs as a result of the retrenchments.	
11.	Proper research should be conducted to determine whether there are any other	2
	machines available, for example a machine from a local supplier which could	
	save costs i.t.o. training, maintenance, etc.	
12.	The method of shipment to South Africa should be determined as well as when	2
	the ownership of the machine will be transferred to Chockaroo as this will	
	determine which party is liable if the machine is damaged during transit	
13.	Chokaroo subscribes to the "buy local programme". Buying a Swiss machine	2
	does not align well with the value of "buying local". Similar machines may be	
	available in SA, allowing them to stay true to their commitment to "buy local"	
14.	A capital budget needs to be prepared, taking into account the purchase cost	2
	and maintenance of the machine. The life span of the machine should be taken	
	into account, and cash flows discounted at an appropriate WACC rate. This cost	
	should be compared to the labour cost of manufacturing over the same period	
	of time to see which alternative is cheaper	
15.	Consideration should be given to how the machine will be financed . The effect	2
	of the finance on the optimal capital structure and how it would affect the	
	weighted average cost of capital of Chocaroo should be considered.	
	Available	30
	Maximum	10
	Communication skills – clarity of expression	1
Total for part (g)		11
	TOTAL FOR PART II	32

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TOTAL FOR THE QUESTION	100