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Key skills communication Level 4 – Private Finance Initiative

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Question Paper

YOU NEED

- This question paper
- The source booklet
- An answer booklet
- A pen with black or blue ink

You may **NOT** use a dictionary

Do NOT open this paper until you are told to do so by the supervisor

THERE ARE TWO PARTS TO THIS TEST

Part A (total 26 marks) consists of 3 short-answer questions

Part B (total 24 marks) consists of 1 extended-answer question

Total marks available: 50

Try to answer ALL the questions

YOU HAVE 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES INCLUDING READING TIME

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make sure your personal details are entered correctly in the answer booklet
 - Read each question carefully
 - If you use extra paper, make sure that it has your name and candidate number on it and is securely attached to your answer booklet
 - At the end of the test, hand your answer booklet, the question paper, the source booklet and all notes to the supervisor
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REMEMBER: YOU HAVE 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES TO FINISH THE TEST

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Part A - Short-answer questions

Read documents 1 to 6 and then answer the questions that follow:

- Document 1 Extract from www.unison.org.uk, 2003
- Document 2 A summary of 'Building Better Partnerships', a report from The Commission on Public Private Partnerships, set up by the Institute for Public Policy Research (June 2001)
- Document 3 "'Dramatic improvements" in PFI performance', *The Guardian*, 5 February 2003
- Document 4 'PFI: the issue explained', *The Guardian*, 15 January 2003
- Document 5 'Attitudes to the Private Finance Initiative' - A Survey of Senior Decision Makers, www.pwcglobal.com, May 1999
- Document 6 'A Modern Agenda For Prosperity and Social Reform'. Edited extract of a speech made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gordon Brown, to the Social Market Foundation, London, 3 February 2003

In this section you will be given marks for:

- evaluating and synthesising information from different sources
- communicating relevant information with accuracy, effectively using a form, structure and style that suits your purpose

- 1 Identify three methods the writer of Document 1 employs to argue against the Private Finance Initiative.

6 marks
- 2 Evaluate the extent to which Documents 2, 3 and 5 could be used by supporters of PFI.

9 marks
- 3 Write a short article for a broadsheet newspaper (maximum 400 words) informing the readership of how successfully Gordon Brown's speech (Document 6) addresses the concerns about PFI as outlined in Document 4.

11 marks

Please go on to the next page

Part B - Extended-answer question

In this section you will be given marks for:

- organising and clearly presenting relevant information, illustrating what you say in ways that suit your purpose, subject and audience
- varying your use of vocabulary and grammatical expression to convey particular effects, enable fine distinctions to be made, achieve emphasis and engage the audience

4 A Health Authority is planning to build and operate a new hospital using PFI.

As a researcher for the Health Authority, you have been asked to write a report for the Director of Health, who will have to defend the plan at a public consultation meeting.

You have been asked to predict the main objections likely to be raised at the public consultation meeting and to provide effective answers to these objections.

The answers must demonstrate that the Health Authority has considered the issues sympathetically and objectively.

Base your report on the information and opinions in the documents.

24 marks

End of test