



**Business
Leaving Certificate
Ordinary Level**

**Past Exam Questions on
Ethics in Business**

Q2 Section 2 Part 1 2012

Read the information supplied and answer the questions which follow.

SOLAR SOLUTIONS LTD

Kevin Fitzpatrick, MD and his two brothers set up Solar Solutions Ltd in their home town of Kilduff, to produce solar panels for private and commercial buildings. They identified an increased market demand for renewable energy sources. They received a Government Grant of €90,000 to help set up the business. Kevin is a firm believer in running the business in an ethical manner, and hopes this will ensure its success in this sector.

- (A) What do the letters MD stand for? State **one** function of a MD. (10 marks)
- (B) 'Limited Liability' and 'Continuity of Existence' are two advantages of a Private Limited Company. Explain these underlined terms. (20 marks)
- (C) Describe **two** benefits for the town of Kilduff, of the Fitzpatrick brothers setting up Solar Solutions Ltd. (20 marks)
- (D) Explain the term 'Grant' and state **one** advantage of a grant as a source of finance. (10 marks)
- (E) Outline **two** ways in which Solar Solutions Ltd can behave ethically towards its customers. (15 marks)
- (75 marks)**

Q2 Section 2 2010

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Wholefood Farm Products Ltd

Jim and Martina White own Wholefood Farm Products Ltd, an organic farming and food production business in Cork. They produce a range of fresh and frozen products in a small unit located near their farm. Up until now they have sold on the Irish market only.

They have recently developed a website and have had a lot of enquiries from potential English and other European customers.

They are considering expanding their business by exporting to other countries.

Jim and Martina are very conscious of their ethical responsibilities and believe in treating customers and employees in an honest and fair way. They are aware of their environmental responsibilities and of the benefits their business brings to their local community.

- (A) State **two** advantages of a private limited company. (10 marks)
- (B) Outline **two** environmental responsibilities of business. (15 marks)
- (C) Explain how Wholefood Farm Products Ltd can behave ethically towards:
(i) its customers;
(ii) its employees. (20 marks)
- (D) State **three** challenges/difficulties Jim and Martina may have if they decide to export to other markets. (15 marks)
- (E) Outline **two** possible benefits that Wholefoods Farm Products Ltd may bring to the local community. (15 marks)
- (75 marks)**

Q11 Section 1 2009

11. Outline two environmental responsibilities of business.

- (i) _____

- (ii) _____

Q11 Section 1 2008

11. Outline one social responsibility of a business to each of the following stakeholders.

- (i) Local Community: _____

- (ii) Suppliers: _____
