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## L4M1 - CIPS: Scope and Influence of Procurement and Supply

Artificial Intelligence (AI) - answerMachines that display human-like intelligence

Assets - answerThe value of everything an organisation owns

Audit - answerA systematic inspection of a process or procedure to assess compliance with requirements or regulations

Batch Quantity - answerAmount of products produced at a time

Benchmark - answerCompare an element of one business, such as price, quality or service, against another

Bid - answerOffer of a price, may be a response to an invitation to tender

Brand - answerThe image of an organisation. The name, logo, slogan, colours, etc., that differentiate it from the competition

Budget - answerFinancial plan for a set period of time on how much can be spent

Buffer Stock - answerThe amount of stock held as inventory at any time in addition to immediate requirements

Capital Asset - answerTangible, non-current (or fixed) assets

Carriage Deals - answerNegotiations to achieve the best possible cost

Centralised Structure - answerActivities carried out at one central location

Charity - answerA not-for-profit organisation with the objective of raising awareness or helping its chosen cause

Cloud Computing - answerThe delivery of IT services such as storage and networking which are hosted by a third party and accessed over the internet

Co-Operative - answerA people-centred enterprise owned and run by and for its members, which either reinvests any profits or returns them to its members

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## CIPS L4M1 Exam Syllabus Topics:

Topic	Details
Topic 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Procedures, strategies, manuals, and internal function involvement.</li></ul>
Topic 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Understand and analyse the key steps when procuring goods or services: This section measures that skills of purchasing managers and procurement officers in identifying and evaluating stages in the sourcing process, planning, supplier selection, and contract management.</li></ul>

Topic 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand and analyse aspects of organisational infrastructure that shape the scope of procurement and supply chain functions: This section measures that skill of supply chain strategists and organizational analysts in understanding corporate governance, documented policies, accountability, and ethics. It also covers the impact of organisational policies and procedures on procurement and supply</li> </ul>
Topic 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public, private, charity, not-for-profit, manufacturing, retail, construction, financial, agriculture, and service sectors. It also covers analyzing the impact of the public sector on procurement and supply chain activities public sector objectives, regulations, competition, accountability, and value for money. It finally covers the impact of the private sector on procurement or supply chain activities.</li> </ul>
Topic 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand and analyse the added value through procurement and supply chain management: This section of the exam measures skills of supply chain managers related to identifying added value outcomes in procurement and supply and evaluating cost savings, service improvements, and innovations contributions. It also measures procurement and supply processes that contribute to added value.</li> </ul>

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### CIPS Scope and Influence of Procurement and Supply Sample Questions (Q45-Q50):

#### NEW QUESTION # 45

Bob is a procurement manager at ABC Ltd. He has been asked to ensure all future purchases achieve 'value for money' for the organisation. What is meant by 'value for money'? (5 points). Describe 4 techniques that Bob could use to achieve this (20 points)

#### Answer:

Explanation:

See the solution in Explanation part below.

Explanation:

1) A definition of Value for Money: ensuring a purchase is cost effective. This may be that the purchase achieves the 5 Rights of Procurement or that the purchase achieves the 4Es: Economy, Efficiency, Effectiveness and Equity. - this is only worth 5 points, so don't spend too long on this

2) 4 techniques Bob can use to achieve VFM: this is the bulk of your essay. Each of the 4 will be worth 5 points, so remember to give a thorough Explanation: and example. Pick 4 from the list below: complete a value analysis to eliminate non-essential features, minimise variety/ consolidate demand, avoid over specification, pro-active sourcing, whole life costing methodologies, eliminate / reduce inventory, use electronic systems, international sourcing, sustainability / environmental policies, currency/ exchange rate considerations, negotiating good payment terms, packaging, warranties.

Example Essay:

"Value for money" (VFM) is a concept that refers to obtaining the best possible return on investment or benefits relative to the cost incurred. It involves assessing whether the goods, services, or activities provided offer an optimal balance between their cost and the quality, benefits, or outcomes they deliver.

Value for money is not solely about choosing the cheapest option; instead, it considers the overall efficiency, effectiveness, and long-term value derived from an expenditure. For Bob, the Procurement Manager at ABC Ltd there are four key ways that he can achieve this for all future purchases.

#### Value Engineering

This is looking at the components of a product and evaluating the value of each component individually. You can then eliminate any components that do not add value to the end product. To do this Bob would choose a product to review and determine whether any parts of this can be omitted (thus saving the company money) or could be replaced by components that are of a higher quality at the same price (thus providing added value to the customer). For example, Bob could complete a Value Engineering exercise on the new mobile phone prototype ABC plan to release next year. His findings may discover a way to provide a higher quality camera at

no additional cost or that some components don't add value and can be eliminated.

#### Consolidate demand

Bob can achieve value for money by consolidating demand at ABC Ltd. This would mean rather than each individual person/department ordering what they want when they need it, Bob creates a centralised process for ordering items in bulk for the departments to share. For example, if each department require stationary to be ordered, Bob can consolidate this demand and create one big order each quarter. This will likely result in cost savings for ABC as suppliers often offer discounts for large orders. Moreover, consolidating demand will allow for saving in time (one person does the task once, rather than lots of people doing the same task and duplicating work).

#### International sourcing

Bob may find there is value for money in changing suppliers and looking at international sourcing.

Often other countries outside of the UK can offer the same products at a lower cost. An example of this is manufactured goods from China. By looking at international supply chains, Bob may be able to make cost-savings for ABC. He should be sure that when using this technique there is no compromise on quality.

#### Whole Life Costing methodology

This is a technique Bob can use for procuring capital expenditure items for ABC. This involves looking at the costs of the item throughout its lifecycle and not just the initial purchase price. For example, if Bob needs to buy a new delivery truck he should consider not only the price of the truck, but also the costs of insurance for the truck, how expensive it is to buy replacement parts such as tyres and the cost of disposing of the truck once it reaches the end of its life. By considering these factors Bob will ensure that he buys the truck that represents the best value for money long term.

In conclusion Bob should ensure he uses these four techniques for all items he and his team procure in the future. This will ensure ABC Ltd are always achieving value for money, and thus remain competitive in the marketplace.

#### Tutor Notes

- This case study is really short, and the ones you'll receive in the exam are often longer and give you more guidance on what they're expecting you to write. With case study questions, you have to make your entire answer about Bob. So don't bring in examples from your own experience, rather, focus on giving examples for Bob.
- A good rule of thumb for case study questions is make sure you reference the case study once per paragraph.
- Value for Money is a really broad topic and you can pretty much argue anything that procurement does is helping to achieve value for money. There's a large table of stuff that's considered VFM on p.38 but that table isn't exhaustive. So feel free to come up with your own ideas for this type of essay.

Some additional tidbits of information on VFM:

- The 'academic' definition of Value for Money is 'the optimum combination of whole life cost and the quality necessary to meet the customer's requirement'
- Value for Money is an important strategic objective for most organisations but particularly in the public sector. This is because the public sector is financed by public money (taxes), so they must demonstrate that the organisation is using this money wisely. This might be an interesting fact to put into an essay on VFM.
- Value can often be hard to quantify, particularly in the service industry. E.g. in customer service it can be difficult to quantify the value of having knowledgeable and polite employees delivering the service.

## NEW QUESTION # 46

Describe the main stages of the CIPS Procurement and Supply Cycle (25 points)

#### Answer:

Explanation:

See the solution inExplanation partbelow.

Explanation:

How to respond to this question:

- Include as many of the stages as you can, but it's not vital to remember them all. You should aim to remember at least 8 of the 13 steps.
- The steps are; Define Business Need, Market Analysis + Make vs Buy, Develop Strategy and Plan, Pre-Procurement Market Testing, Develop Documents and Specification, Supplier Selection, Issue Tender, Bid Evaluation, Contract Award and Implementation, Warehouse Logistics, Contract performance and Improvement, Supplier Relationship Management and Asset Management Essay Plan:

Introduction - Explain what the CIPS Procurement and Supply Cycle is- a tool to be used by procurement professionals which tracks a procurement exercise from inception to close. It's helpful as it ensures procurement exercises are done correctly and steps are completed in the right order.

- Describe (briefly) what happens at each stage of the cycle, giving examples. You should put each stage into a separate paragraph. It's also a good idea to name the stages in chronological order. Some ideas of things you could mention include:

- 1) Define Business Need and Develop Specification - Identify what the need is, what type of purchase, put together a business case and outline the requirements

- 2) Market Analysis and Make vs Buy Decision - analyse the market using market segmentation (e.g. by buyer, product, geography etc) or use Porter's 5 Forces (buyer and supplier power, threat of new entrants, threat of substitutions, supplier rivalry). Looks at if what you want to procure is actually available.
- 3) Develop Strategy / Plan - you could use a STEEPLE and SWOT analysis. Consider if this is the right time to procure. Create timelines and budgets.
- 4) Pre-Procurement Market Testing - consider stakeholder engagement, supplier engagement, new / upcoming legislation, currency fluctuations, market, competitor actions. Is this the best time to procure? Will it be successful?
- 5) Develop Documentation / Creation of Contract terms- firm up the requirements and create the formal documents for the tender exercise. This may be a RFQ or ITT. Define the offer. Include KPIs.
- 6) Supplier Selection - May not be required for rebuys but an important step for new buys. May use a list of pre-approved suppliers or this may be going out to the open market. You can shortlist suppliers by sending out a pre-qualification questionnaire.
- 7) Issue Tender - Electronically, consider whether to use an open vs closed procurement exercise
- 8) Bid / Tender Evaluation - Very flexible for companies in the private sector but there are guiding principles for doing this for public procurement; transparency, equal treatment, proportionality. Often considers both price and quality.
- 9) Contract Award and Implementation- Organisations may have different processes for different values (e.g. large purchases may need senior management approval, but under £500 just needs a manager's signature). May require post-award negotiation. Contract is drafted and signed.
- 10) Warehouse Logistics and receipt - includes POs and Invoices. Battle of the Forms. Goods Inwards = receiving and inspecting goods- may use quality control.
- 11) Contract performance review - ensuring contract obligations are fulfilled includes P2P procedures, database management, budgeting / costs monitoring, reporting and dispute resolution.
- 12) Supplier Management - will depend on the relationship but includes; contact / meetings with the supplier, motivating / incentivising the supplier, working with them on performance issues, ensuring KPIs are met.
- 13) Asset Management / End of Life- considers TCO, ongoing maintenance and costs, insurance and warranties and disposal of the item once it has reached the end of its life.

Conclusion - The CIPS Procurement Cycle is cycle rather than process as it is a continuous loop and needs constantly emerge. It never ends. New buys are more likely to follow all the stages of the cycle, rebuys may skip steps Tutor Notes:

- Often steps 11 and 12 are confused or merged together but they are different. It's possible to have great contract management and a poor supplier relationship i.e. the contract is working effectively and the supplier is delivering in line with the contract BUT the relationship may be fraught with tension and the buyer and supplier don't like each other.
- To get a high score I would include examples of all of the stages, but remember you only have 45 minutes to answer the question, so balance detail with timing so you don't overwrite
- The procurement cycle is on p. 70 or you can download it here: Procurement Supply Cycle | CIPS

#### NEW QUESTION # 47

Explain each of the following FIVE electronic systems and how they can contribute to an effective procurement process. (25 marks)

- (i) e-requisitioning
- (ii) e-catalogues
- (iii) e.ordering
- (iv) e-sourcing
- (v) e-payment

#### Answer:

Explanation:

See the solution in Explanation part below.

Explanation:

Electronic procurement systems leverage technology to improve efficiency, transparency, and control in procurement processes.

Each system has distinct functionalities that contribute to effective procurement.

Below is an explanation of each system and its contribution:

##### (i) E-Requisitioning

\* Explanation: E-requisitioning is the electronic process of submitting purchase requests within an organization, replacing traditional paper-based requisition forms. Users can raise requisitions online, detailing the goods or services needed.

\* Contribution to Procurement Effectiveness: E-requisitioning accelerates the request process, reduces errors, and ensures standardization of data. It enables automatic routing for approvals, enforcing procurement policies and budget controls. This reduces processing time and improves transparency, allowing better tracking and auditability of requests.

\* Example: An employee submits an electronic requisition which is automatically routed to managers for approval, ensuring

compliance and faster processing.

(ii) E-Catalogues

\* Explanation:E-catalogues are digital product listings maintained by suppliers or procurement departments. They provide a searchable and standardized database of goods and services available for purchase, often with pricing and technical details.

\* Contribution to Procurement Effectiveness:E-catalogues simplify ordering by giving users easy access to approved products, reducing the need for manual sourcing. They help control spending by limiting choices to pre-approved items and negotiated prices, supporting compliance and reducing maverick spending. The electronic format improves accuracy in ordering and reduces processing time.

\* Example:Procurement users select products directly from a supplier's e-catalogue integrated into the procurement system, ensuring correct specifications and pricing.

(iii) E-Ordering

\* Explanation:E-ordering refers to the electronic placement of purchase orders via procurement software or online platforms. It replaces manual order creation and transmission methods.

\* Contribution to Procurement Effectiveness:E-ordering increases speed and accuracy of orders, reduces administrative costs, and provides real-time order status tracking. It minimizes errors caused by manual entry, improves communication with suppliers, and supports automatic matching of orders with invoices for smoother payment processes.

\* Example:Once a requisition is approved, the system generates an electronic purchase order sent directly to the supplier, reducing lead times.

(iv) E-Sourcing

\* Explanation:E-sourcing is the electronic process of identifying, evaluating, and selecting suppliers using online tools such as auctions, tendering portals, and supplier databases.

\* Contribution to Procurement Effectiveness:E-sourcing enhances transparency, widens supplier competition, and accelerates the tendering process. It reduces paperwork and streamlines supplier evaluation through standardized online submissions. Electronic auctions can drive competitive pricing and better contract terms. It also enables better documentation and audit trails.

\* Example:An organization uses an e-sourcing platform to conduct a reverse auction, encouraging suppliers to offer their best prices in real time.

(v) E-Payment

\* Explanation:E-payment systems facilitate electronic transfer of funds to suppliers, including methods such as electronic funds transfer (EFT), automated clearing house (ACH) payments, or procurement card payments.

\* Contribution to Procurement Effectiveness:E-payment increases the efficiency and security of supplier payments, reduces errors, and speeds up transaction processing. It strengthens supplier relationships through timely payments and reduces administrative overhead and costs associated with manual cheque processing. Automated payments also support better cash flow management and financial control.

\* Example:Invoices matched and approved in the procurement system are paid automatically through an integrated e-payment platform, ensuring prompt settlement.

Conclusion:

The integration of these five electronic procurement systems - e-requisitioning, e-catalogues, e-ordering, e- sourcing, and e-payment - delivers significant improvements in procurement efficiency, control, and transparency. Together, they streamline processes, reduce costs, enhance compliance, and improve supplier collaboration, making the procurement function more strategic and value-driven.

#### NEW QUESTION # 48

Describe the main characteristics of, and differences between, procuring goods, services and construction works (25 points)

**Answer:**

Explanation:

See the solution inExplanation partbelow.

Explanation:

- there are a lot of components to this question so I would take a good 5 minutes to write out some bullet points on the characteristics of each one, and on some differences. Then from your notes make this into an essay. The mark scheme isn't 100% clear on how many characteristics and differences you need to name, so try and keep an equal split between the two areas. You would probably need 2-3 characteristics of each, and 3 differences for a good score.

- Characteristics of goods: tangible, homogeneous, items tend not to perish quickly, can be stored
- Characteristics of services: intangible, heterogenous, inseparable (produced and consumed at the same time), no transfer of ownership, perish upon use (i.e. cannot be stored)
- Characteristics of construction work: project-based procurement, includes procuring both goods and services, complex procurement which has its own set of regulations (CDM2015).

- Differences between these

1) goods are not usually outsourced and services can be.

2) Complexity of the supply chain (goods and construction may have a complex supply chains, but service contracts usually only

involve 2 parties).

3) Timescales - construction work has a designated timescale but procurement of goods could be a one off or long-term contract, services is usually a long-term contract.

#### Example Essay

##### Introduction:

Procurement is a multifaceted field, and understanding the nuances between procuring goods, services, and construction works is pivotal for effective management. This essay explores the main characteristics that differentiate these categories.

##### Tangible / Intangible:

Goods are tangible items that can be physically seen and touched. For instance, raw materials like wheat and sugar in a manufacturing organization are tangible goods. On the other hand, services are intangible-though the results can be observed, the service itself cannot be touched. An example is a cleaning contract for a factory; while the effects of the cleaning are visible, the service itself remains intangible. Construction is usually a mixture of tangible and intangible procurement; the tangible is the construction materials such as bricks and windows, and the intangible aspect is the labour to complete the project.

##### Heterogeneous / Homogeneous:

Goods are generally homogeneous, meaning they are always the same. For example, steel purchased for manufacturing purposes will always be the same. In contrast, services are heterogeneous, varying each time they are rendered. Customer service, for instance, is inherently different each time due to the dynamic nature of customer interactions. Construction could be either heterogeneous or homogeneous depending on the project - is it a one off unique building, or is it a large housing estate of same-build properties?

##### Transfer of Ownership:

When goods are procured, there is a transfer of ownership. The product becomes the property of the buyer upon delivery and payment. In contrast, services do not involve a transfer of ownership as there is no physical entity to transfer. In construction the transfer of ownership is extremely complex and varies depending on the project. Usually the buyer will retain ownership of the land throughout the project, but on some occasions the construction company may take ownership for insurance purposes.

##### Storable (Separable/ Inseparable):

Goods are storable, allowing for purchase on one day and use on another. For example a factory can buy in plastic to be used to manufacture toys and this is stored in inventory until the time comes to make the toys.

However, services are consumed at the point of purchase, making them inseparable. The service is bought and utilized simultaneously. Services cannot be stored. This is the same for construction.

##### Ability to Outsource:

Goods are rarely outsourced, as they are typically purchased directly from suppliers. Services, on the other hand, can be easily outsourced-examples include outsourcing finance, cleaning, or security services.

Construction works are commonly outsourced, with external companies hired to execute projects.

##### Complexity of the Supply Chain:

Service contracts often involve a simple two-party relationship between the buyer and the supplier. Goods and construction, however, may have complex supply chains. For example, procuring a pen involves a supply chain with various steps, including the raw material supplier, manufacturer, and possibly a wholesaler.

Construction works often feature a tiered supply chain with subcontractors playing crucial roles.

##### Construction as a Hybrid:

Construction procurement represents a hybrid, incorporating elements of both goods and services. It involves hiring a service, such as a bricklayer for laying bricks, while also procuring the tangible goods-bricks.

Separating goods from services in construction is challenging, as they are often intertwined, and both aspects are paid for simultaneously.

##### Conclusion:

In conclusion, distinguishing between the procurement of goods, services, and construction works is essential for effective supply chain management. The tangible or intangible nature, heterogeneity, transfer of ownership, storability, outsourcing potential, and supply chain complexities offer a comprehensive framework for understanding the unique characteristics of each category.

Recognizing these distinctions empowers organizations to tailor their procurement strategies to the specific challenges and dynamics associated with goods, services, and construction works.

##### Tutor Notes

- What a characteristic is can also be a difference. So for example you can say tangible is a characteristic of goods but tangibility is also the main difference between goods and services. So don't worry too much about which order to write stuff in, or doing clear sections for this type of essay. It all comes out in the wash.

- Other differences in procuring these include:

- Costs: procuring goods such as stationary for an office will be low-cost so may not require approval, but a service contract may require management sign off. Procuring construction projects tend to be huge sums of money

- Where the budget comes from: goods and services may be operational expenditure and construction works capital expenditure.

- The level of risk involved in the procurement: goods tends to be quite low risk and construction high risk.

- Types of contract involved: procuring goods may be very simple and just require a PO, services is more complex so may require a formal contract or Deed of Appointment. Construction projects will require a contract due to the high value and high risk of the purchase

- Legislation - Goods = Sale of Goods Act, Construction - CDM Regulations 2015. Construction is much more heavily regulated

than services or goods. Note CDM regulations isn't part of CIPS. It's occasionally referenced in various modules but you don't have to really know what it is. Just know it's the main legislation governing the construction industry. Construction - Construction Design and Management Regulations 2015 (hse.gov.uk)

- Study guide LO 1.3.1 p. 40, but mainly p. 52 for services. NOTE the title of this learning outcome includes construction and it is hardly mentioned in the study guide. Most of the above information on construction comes from my own knowledge rather than the book.

#### NEW QUESTION # 49

Explain, with examples, the three different ways one can categorise procurement spend: direct vs indirect, capital expenditure vs operational expenditure and stock vs non-stock items. (25 points)

#### Answer:

Explanation:

See the solution in Explanation part below.

Explanation:

The knowledge to remember:

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Direct	Indirect
Incorporated into goods; raw materials, components and WIP	ancillary item; MRO supplies
effects customer satisfaction and reputation	no effect on customer satisfaction
relationship with supplier is collaborative and long-term	relationship is one off, transactional
objective = continuity of supply	objective = take advantage of promotions
carried out by procurement - high risk	may be carried out by end user- low risk
In Accounting included as 'cost of goods sold'	considered an overhead
Part of Porter's Value Chain	Support Activities of the business

Operational Expenditure	Capital Expenditure
day-to-day costs - consider 5 Rights	one off cost- consider TCO and buy vs lease
Spec more conformance	Spec more performance
regular purchasing	one off purchase
supplier relationships more important- bulk buying, collaborative	supplier relationships not important as one off - transactional
item could fall anywhere on Kraljic matrix	item is strategic- high value and high risk (Kraljic)
Supply chain risks are great	less supply chain risk
may have preferred supplier list	use full tender to procure
doesn't require justification to purchase as core requirement for business to function	may require justification for purchasing; feasibility study, business case, work out payback period etc

Stock	Non-Stock
Buy to put in inventory	Buy to use straight away
Retail	Lean Manufacturing / JIT
Stock to forecasting - order sunglasses in Feb to sell in Summer	Stock to order - ordered when required e.g., in Construction - items incorporated straight away
Has stock holding costs	Use economic Order Quantities to minimise stock holding costs
Risks if item becomes obsolete (perishable)	Risks if order quantity isn't correct or issues with supply chain

Essay Plan :

Remember to include examples for each of the six categories of spend. This is specifically asked for in the question so it's important to include as many examples as you can. To do this you could take an example organisation such as a cake manufacturer and explain which of their purchases would fall into each category and why.

Introduction - explain why procurement categorises spend

- Direct - these are items that are incorporated into the final goods (the cakes) so would include raw materials such as flour, eggs,

sugar etc

- Indirect - these are items that the company needs, but don't go into the end product. For example, cleaning products and MRO supplies for the machines
- Capital Expenditure- these are large one-off purchases, such as buying a new piece of equipment such as a giant oven to cook the cakes.
- Operational Expenditure - these are purchases that are required to ensure the business can function day-to- day. They may include PPE for the workers in the factory and cleaning equipment
- Stock items - these are items procured in advance and held in inventory until they are needed. In a cake manufacturing factory this could be PPE for staff such as hairnets and gloves. The organisation will buy these in bulk and keep them in a stock cupboard, using these as and when they are required
- Non- stock items - items that are not stored and used right away. An example would be eggs- these will need to be put directly into the cakes as they would go off if bought in advance.

Conclusion - the categories are not mutually exclusive - an item can be direct and operational, or indirect and stock. Different companies may use different systems to classify items of spend.

Example Introduction and Conclusion

Introduction

Procurement categorizes spend to efficiently manage resources and make strategic decisions. Three primary ways of categorizing procurement spend include distinguishing between direct and indirect spend, classifying expenditures as capital or operational, and categorizing items as stock or non-stock. These distinctions aid organizations in optimizing their procurement strategies for better resource allocation.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, categorizing procurement spend into direct vs. indirect, capital vs. operational, and stock vs. non-stock items is essential for strategic resource management. While these categories provide a structured framework, they are not mutually exclusive, as an item can fall into multiple categories. For example, an item may be both direct and operational or indirect and stock. The flexibility of these categories allows organizations to tailor their procurement strategies based on their specific needs, ensuring efficient resource allocation and effective supply chain management. Different companies may adopt varying categorization approaches depending on their industry, size, and operational requirements.

Tutor notes:

- Because you've got 6 categories of spend to talk about you're only going to need 3-4 sentences for each.
- Providing you've said the category, explained what it is and given one example, you'll absolutely fly through this type of question
- You could also mention that it is useful to use categories of spend as this helps with budgeting. Different categories may also have different processes to follow for procuring the item (this could form part of your introduction or conclusion).
- This subject is LO 1.3.2 it's quite spread out in the text book but the main info is on p.49
- Note- different companies/ industries classify items of spend differently. Particularly packaging and salaries.

Some say they're direct costs and some say they're indirect costs. Honestly, it's a hotly debated subject and I don't think there is a right or wrong. I'd just avoid those two examples if you can and stick to ones that aren't as contentious like eggs and PPE.

## NEW QUESTION # 50

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