

| <b>CISI Marking Commentary:</b>   |   |              |                  |
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| <b>In the era of high frequency trading, has the principle of limited liability outlived its usefulness?</b>                      |   |              |                  |
| <b>Overall grade awarded: C (Pass)</b>  |   |              |                  |
| <b>Learning Outcome</b>   | <b>Teacher-Assessor comments</b>  | <b>Marks</b> | <b>Mark Band</b> |
| <b>LO1 (6 marks)</b><br><br><i>Plan and manage an investigation</i>   | The candidate's evaluation explains that there had not been enough thought around planning the research. The activity log does however set out reasonably clear objectives and lists the main tasks to be completed. The candidate explains that time management, particularly in terms of the research could have been improved upon and this is also stated in the action plan as they tried to rectify this problem. Adjustments have been made to the plan accordingly  | <b>2</b>     | <b>1</b>         |
| <b>LO2 (14 marks)</b><br><br><i>Undertake research, collect evidence and select information using appropriate methodologies</i>   | The candidate has used a range of different of sources, although there is a focus on online articles and reports. It would have been useful to see some additional quantitative data to support some of the points discussed. Sources of information have been mostly accurately referenced with the relevant section included at the end of the report. Most of the research sources are directly relevant to the research question. The candidate has used the conclusion to bring together points highlighted from the research and to demonstrate their relevance. Quotes are well selected and add to the points being made by the candidate. The evaluation provides a brief insight into the reliability of the sources of information used in the research.       | <b>8</b>     | <b>2</b>         |
| <b>LO3 (25 marks)</b><br><br><i>Analyse and interpret evidence, draw conclusions and write up results in the form of a report</i> | The report is clear and well structured and there are often references between sections, linking them together effectively. There is some good use of diagrams (especially to highlight the process used to front-run traders) although these could have been more fully used throughout to break the report up further and to explain some of the technical content. The candidate demonstrates a good understanding of HFT and an attempt to answer the research question, although there could have been a more balanced argument constructed and additional research to more fully answer the question. The candidate does offer a conclusion, summarising the point of view made and does suggest further areas to focus upon in both the conclusion and evaluation. | <b>14</b>    | <b>2</b>         |
| <b>LO4 (9 marks)</b><br><br><i>Present an evaluation of the project</i>   | The evaluation is very good at reflecting on the areas where this report could have been improved. It discusses how the planning process and research methodology could have been altered and a justification of the points made.   | <b>8</b>     | <b>3</b>         |
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| <b>Total marks / final grade</b>  |   |              |                  |