

BEC HIGHER TEST

PART SIX

Questions 41 – 52

- Read the text below about outsourcing.
- In most of the lines 41-52 there is one extra word. It is either grammatically incorrect or does not fit in with the meaning of the text.
- If a line is correct, write CORRECT on your Answer Sheet.
- If there is an extra word in the line, write the extra word in CAPITAL LETTERS on your answer sheet.
- The exercise begins with two examples (0) and (00).

Example:
0 CORRECT
00 WHAT

INTELLIGENT OUTSOURCING

0 As happens with business fads, outsourcing and offshoring have reached a point where
00 firms may think what they are doing these for all the right reasons—usually to slice costs
41 yet lose the sight of what is best for their business. It then takes a dose of common
42 sense for many of them to realise this. A new book , “Multisourcing”, provides with
43 just such a dose. Although the book makes useful new points about what companies
44 should look for, and how they should do it. Otherwise the authors define multisourcing as
45 “the disciplined provisioning and blending of business and IT services from the optimal
46 set of internal and external providers in order the pursuit of business goals”. This
47 seems so obvious a course to follow that it is hard enough to believe any responsible
48 corporation would do anything else. While the authors remind companies that outsourcing
49 is not an end in itself, but rather than a means to an end that should complement the
50 firm’s strategy. Even if it saves no money for a time, there is little point in tying yourself
51 down with a deal that hobbles the firm and prevents it from developing into its business.
52 Agility, the authors say repeatedly, is everything in business today.