## ASSIGNMENT BRIEF

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| Module Title | The Professional Accountant | Level 6 |
| Title of Assignment | Coursework | |
| Programmes undertaking the assignment | BSc (Hons) Accounting & FinanceBSc (Hons) Accounting & Finance (with professional experience) | |
| Hand-out date | Week commencing 29/1/2018 | |
| Hand-in date | 9/3/2018 | |
| Weighting within the module | 25% | |
| Word limit/presentation criteria | 2000 words excluding list of references, appendices, figures and tables | |
| Learning Outcomes to be assessed (from module spec.) | 3 Evaluate the role of the accountant in organizational corporate governance  6 Formulate problems to be solved and define the information/data required to analyse them. | |
| Details of the task **Assessment Criteria** | **Part 1**  Different countries have adopted different approaches to  corporate governance. The UK has a principles-based approach  whilst other countries have moved more towards a rules-based system and others have a mixture of both.  Compare and contrast the UK approach to that that of one other country clearly demonstrating the rationale for each approach and giving examples of successes and failures of those systems. (40 marks)  **Part 2**  What lessons can the UK learn from other jurisdictions about ways to improve our own system? For this there are three areas that you should focus on;   1. Would a rules-based system better suit the UK 2. The role of NEDs in the system 3. The role of institutional investors   (60 marks)  Please note that there is no ‘correct’ answer and that you will be mar on the quality of the work presented.  Marks will be given for:   * Quality of language, grammar and presentation. * The final mark will be based on Salford Business School’s Grading Criteria for Level 6.   ***University rules on late submission apply.***   * ***All works must follow Academic Honesty Rules and Regulations. Harvard referencing is to be used when any reference is cited.*** * ***Excessive use of quotes will be regarded as a failure to absorb and understand the material – it will therefore be penalised.*** * ***Submission of final write-up must be made through eSubmission in the module’s Blackboard.*** * SBS Undergraduate marking criteria (see attached) * SBS Undergraduate grade descriptors (see attached)   Your attention is also drawn to the School policy on plagiarism and referencing and you should make reference to the University study guide web site <http://www.careers.salford.ac.uk/studyskills> | |