

# GCSE Business Studies

## A293 Production, Finance and the External Business Environment



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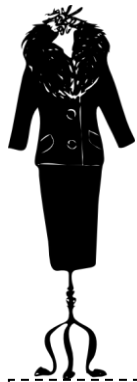
## Section A – Types of production methods

Briefly explain what is meant by 'Job Production':

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What are the benefits and drawbacks of Job Production?



**Extension:** Describe what types of businesses would benefit from using job production.

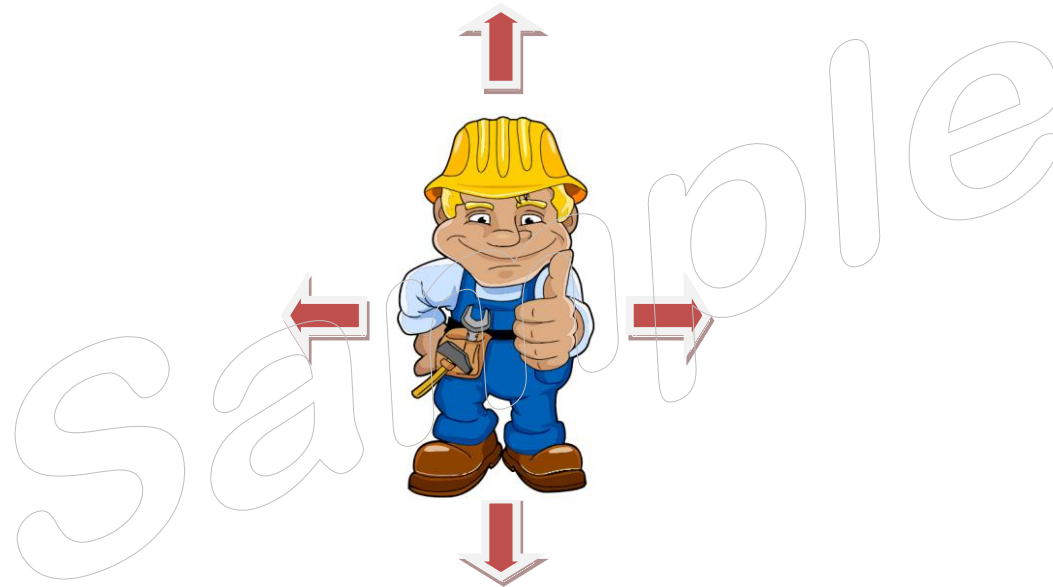
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## Section A – Types of production methods

Construction is an example of job production. What kind of things does a builder need to do to ensure they deliver a quality product?



**Extension:** Describe why you think the construction industry has suffered during the recession.

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Briefly explain what is meant by 'Batch Production':

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What are the benefits and drawbacks of Batch Production?

**Extension:** A bakery is an example of a business that benefits from using batch production. Explain how this method helps to add value to the business compared to job production.

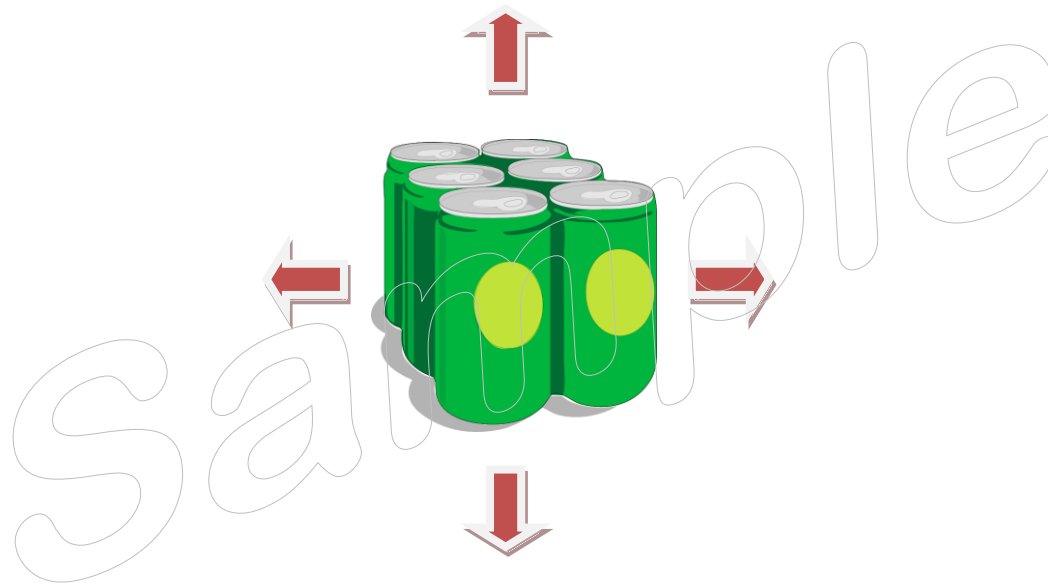
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A drinks manufacturer is likely to use batch production as specialist machinery can help to increase productivity. What kind of things does the factory need to do to ensure they deliver a quality product?



**Extension:** Describe why the use of robotics has become more important within drinks manufacturing.

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## Section A – Types of production methods

Try and match up the key term to the correct definition:

- Flow production
- Specialisation
- Division of labour

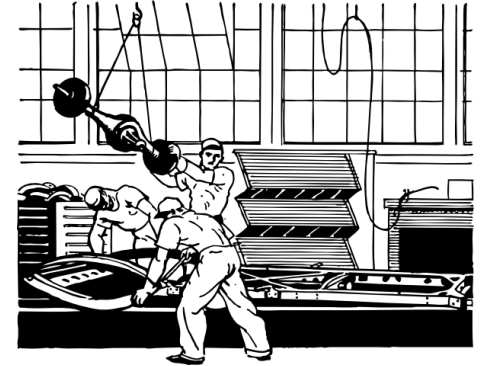
Work is divided into separate tasks or roles and employees are allocated to them.

Breaking a job into down into small, repetitive tasks that can be done quickly by workers or machines specialised in this one task.

Large scale production where each stage of production is carried out one after the other, continuously, on a production line.

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Using the space below, highlight some of the benefits and drawbacks of flow production, which may include the use of specialisation and division of labour.



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**Extension:** Describe what types of businesses are more likely to use flow production than others. Justify your answer.

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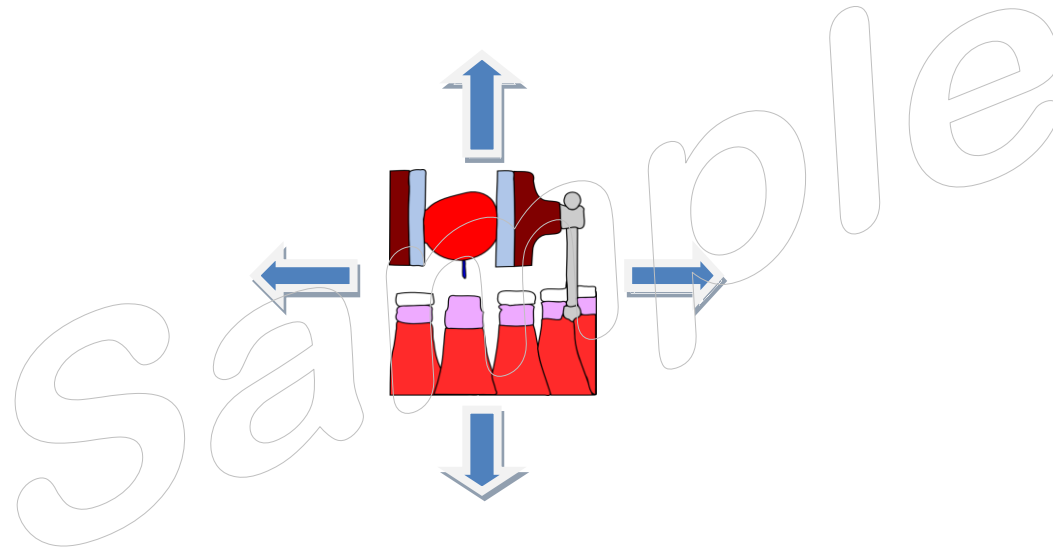
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Kaizen is a term used in business meaning 'continuous improvement'. This is where both the management and employees within the organisation will be encouraged to keep assessing how the manufacturing of a business can be improved. What types of things could the business analyse in trying to find improvements?



**Extension:** Describe what benefits there could be of a business undertaking a kaizen approach to production.

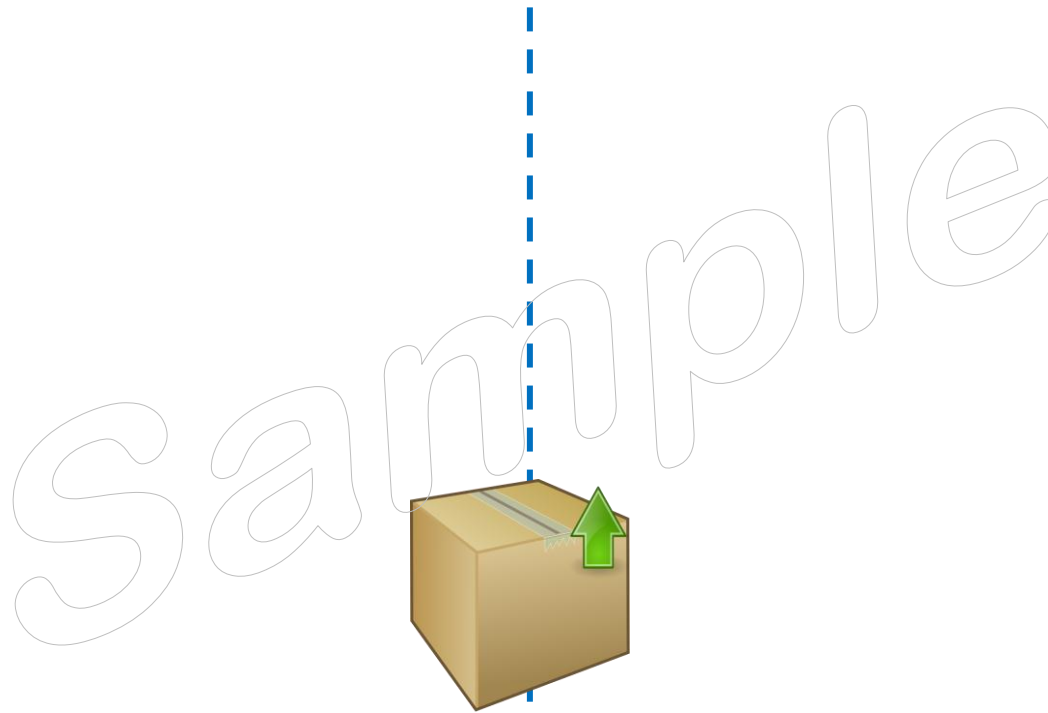
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The term JIT is used in manufacturing and stands for 'just in time', which is where a business will only order and receive their stock or raw materials when they intend to use them. Using the space below, highlight some of the benefits and drawbacks of this approach.



**Extension:** Why is it essential businesses have good relationships with their suppliers if they are using a just in time system?

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