Additional study question 1 (consolidation)

## Question

A small independent car manufacturer based in Yorkshire has traditionally hand-built all of its vehicles using a small team of local engineers.

As more orders come into the business, the company has invested in robotic equipment to carry out certain repetitive tasks, such as welding, that used to be carried out by hand.

Evaluate the impact of this transition to autonomous operation on the business and its employees.

Your evaluation should include:

* benefits and drawbacks of this transition on both the business and its employees;
* a supported conclusion on the overall impact of automation on the business.

[12 marks, plus 3 marks QWC]

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