Written Report Outline

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18. Management philosophy
19. Organizational structure
20. Organizational culture
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25. Analysis of sales, profits, and market share
26. Analysis of target market(s)
27. Analysis of marketing mix variables
28. Summary of marketing strategy’s strengths and weaknesses
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V. Problems Found in Situation Analysis

 A. Statement of primary problems

 1. Evidence of problem(s)

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VI. Strategic Alternatives for Solving Problems

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2. Benefits of alternative 1
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VII. Summary