

IGCSE Accounting Short Answer Questions

1 E	Explain the meaning of the following terms.
	Bad debts
	Bad debts recovered
	Provision for doubtful debts
Answer	Bad debts Amounts owing to a business which will not be paid by the credit customer.
	Bad debts recovered Amounts received from a credit customer after the amount was written off as a bad debt
	Provision for doubtful debts An estimate of the amount which a business will lose because of bad debts
2 Sug	gest two ways in which the risk of bad debts may be reduced.
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Answer: Reduce credit sales/sell on a cash basis
Obtain references from new credit customers
Fix a credit limit for each customer
Improve credit control
Issue invoices and monthly statements promptly
Refuse further supplies until outstanding balance is paid

3	Explain why maintaining a provision for doubtful debts is an application of the principle of prudence.
Answ	rer: A provision for doubtful debts ensures that the profit for the year is not overstated the trade receivables are not overstated.
4 (Complete the following sentences, using these phrases:
	assets and liabilities at a particular date for a period of time incomes and expenses
	An income statement shows and is
	prepared
	A statement of financial position shows and is
	prepared

Answer: An income statement shows <u>incomes and expenses</u> and is prepared <u>for a period of time</u>.

A statement of financial position shows <u>assets and liabilities</u> and is prepared <u>at a particular date</u>.

5 Complete the following table indicating with a tick (✓) whether each item is an asset, liability, income or expense.

	asset	liability	income	expense
bank loan				
insurance				
equipment				
depreciation charge				

Answer:

	asset	liability	income	expense
bank loan		l ®		
insurance				7.0
equipment	L ®			
depreciation charge				l®

6 On 1 March 2017, Arundhati paid rent, \$6000, for the four-month period ending 30 June 2017. She prepared her financial statements on 31 March 2017.

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State the amounts for rent which were included in the financial statements.

Income statement \$.....

Statement of financial position \$.....

Answer: Income statement \$1500

Statement of financial position \$4500

7	Arur	ndhati maintains a sales ledger, a purchases ledger and a nominal (general)
	ledg	er.
	REG	QUIRED
		State one reason why Arundhati maintains these three divisions of her ledger.
Answ	ver:	accounts of the same type can be kept together helps to locate errors allows tasks to be divided between different people deters fraud allows checking procedures to be introduced
8	(i) S	tate which type of accounts are maintained in the sales ledger and purchases ledger.
	` '	Sales ledger
		Purchases ledger
	(ii)	Give one example of an account which might be found in the nominal (general) ledger.
Ansv	ver:	(i) Sales ledger – accounts of individual credit customers Purchases ledger – accounts of individual credit suppliers
		(ii) any suitable example for e.g. sales, purchases, insurance
9	Nan	ne two books of prime (original) entry which Arundhati may keep.
	1	
	2	
Answ	ver:	cash book petty cash book sales journal sales returns journal purchases journal purchases returns journal general (nominal) journal (any two)

10 State whether the following sentence is true or false.

	true or false
The recording of financial transactions is called accounting.	

Answer: False

11 Pich sold goods, \$5000, on credit to Roger.

REQUIRED

- (a) State the double entry needed to record this transaction
 - (i) in the books of Pich

debit account	\$ credit account	\$

(ii) in the books of Roger.

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debit account	\$	credit account	\$
		750	
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(b) Name the document issued when this transaction took place and the person who issued it.

Document .	 <i>(</i>	.	 	 	 	 	

Answer: (a) (i)

in the books of Pich

debit account	\$	credit account	\$
Roaer	5000	sales	5000

(ii)

in the books of Roger

debit account	\$	credit account	\$
purchases	5000	Pich	5000

(b) Invoice Pich (1)

Roger paid by credit transfer, taking 21/2% cash discount, on 1 April 2017.

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(c) State the double entry needed to record the transaction on 1 April 2017 in Pich's books of account.

debit account(s)	\$ credit account(s)	\$

(d) (i) Name the account in which this discount was recorded in Roger's books.

(ii) Name the financial statement in which Roger would record this discount.

Answer: (c)

debit account	\$	credit account	\$
bank discount allowed	4875 1 125	Roger	5000

- (d) (i) discount received account
 - (ii) income statement
- 12 Complete the following sentences.

A is issued by the supplier when goods are returned.

A may be issued by the customer when goods are returned.

Answer: A <u>credit note</u> is issued by the supplier when goods are returned.

A <u>debit note</u> may be issued by the customer when goods are returned.

13 G Limited is a manufacturing business.

REQUIRED

Complete the following table, indicating with a tick (\checkmark) in which section of G Limited's financial statements each item is included. The first has been completed as an example.

	factory	distribution	administrative
	overheads	costs	expenses
factory rent	✓		
carriage outwards			
depreciation of office		•	
equipment		•. (
factory supervisor's			
salary			
repairs of delivery			
vehicles			

Answer:

	factory overheads	distribution costs	administrative expenses
factory rent	V@		
carriage outwards		l®	
depreciation of office equipment			V@
factory supervisor's salary	l®		
repairs of delivery vehicles		l®	

Shiromi is hoping to increase her working capital and is considering four courses of action.

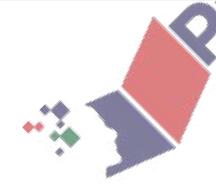
REQUIRED

Complete the table by placing a tick (\checkmark) in the correct column to show how each course of action would affect Shiromi's working capital.

	Increase	Decrease	No effect
Take out a short-term bank loan			
Repay a long-term bank loan			
Sell goods on credit terms instead of for cash			
Obtain a higher rate of cash discount		10	

Answer:

	increase	decrease	no effect
Take out a short-term bank loan			l ⊕
Repay a long-term bank loan		V⊕	
Sell goods on credit terms instead of for cash			₽
Obtain a higher rate of cash discount	V®		



15	Waheed's financial year ends on 31 March. He provided the following information.
	All goods are bought and sold on credit terms. A cash discount is received from credit suppliers if payment is made within 45 days. A cash discount is allowed to credit customers if payment is
	made within 30 days.

At 31 March 2016 At 31 March 2017

	Trac	de receivables collection period	33 days	29 days
	Trac	le payables payment period	44 days	46 days
	REG	QUIRED		
		State whether Waheed would be satisfied receivables. Give a reason for your answer	•	llection period for trade
		Satisfied?		
		Reason		

Answ	er:	Satisfied Credit customers are now paying earlier	r/within credit period allo	wed/other valid answer.
10	01-1-			- k d d
16	State	e one advantage to Waheed's suppliers of	the change in the paymer	nt perioa.
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;	State	e one disadvantage to Waheed's suppliers	of the change in the payr	ment period.
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		ment on how a collection period of 29 days	s and a payment period of	f 46 days may affect
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Answer: Advantage - Do not have to allow Waheed cash discount May charge interest on overdue account

Disadvantage - Have to wait longer for payment/Adversely affects liquidity position Increase risk of bad debt

Comment - Waheed has the use of the funds for other purposes for 17 days
Waheed does not need to use his existing liquid funds to pay suppliers
Improved liquidity position
Or other suitable comment

17 Amitav sells goods on credit to Barry. An invoice is issued.

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(a)	Name the person who issues the invoice and the person who receives it.	
	Person issuing	
	Person receiving	
Answer:	Person issuing - Amitav Person receiving - Barry	
(b)	State why a credit note may later be issued.	
Answer:	If goods are returned If goods are reported faulty If there has been an overcharge on an invoice	
(c)	Name the book of prime entry in which Barry would record a credit note from Amitav.	
Answer:	Purchases returns journal	
(d)	State one reason why both Amitav and Barry would keep books of account.	

	To be able to prepare financial statements To know balances of credit customers and		
(e)	State the meaning of the accounting principle	e of duality.	
Answer:	Every transaction has a two-fold aspect		
(f)	Complete the following sentences using the statement' and 'statement of financial position	•	
	An expense account usually has a	palance.	
	At the end of the financial year the	expense for the year is transferred to	
	the	This transfer is recorded with an entry on	
	the	side of the expense account. Any balance	
	remaining on the account is included in the		
Answer:	expense for the year is transferred to the II	balance. At the end of the financial year the NCOME STATEMENT. This transfer is recorded pense account. Any balance remaining on T OF FINANCIAL POSITION.	
(9	g) State what is meant by the accounting obje	ctive of understandability.	
Answer:	A financial report must be capable of being	g understood by the users of that report.	
(h) State how International Accounting Standa	irds help to achieve understandability.	

Answer: By narrowing areas of difference in financial statements

Answer: To record business transactions

(i)	Name two interested parties who might wish to look at the financial statements of a
	business. Give a reason in each case.

	Interested party	Reason
1		
2		

Answer:

Interested party	Reason
Owner	To see progress of business
Government department	To check on tax payable
Trade payables	To check on likelihood of receiving money
Bank manager	To decide on whether to give/continue overdraft
Customer	To check on viability of business for continued supply of goods
Potential partner	To see potential rewards for investment
Manager	To see progress of business

Reasonable alternatives may be rewarded

Vinita's accountant prepared a set of financial statements at the end of her first year of trading on 31 December 2016.

Vinita was not familiar with some of the terms used in these statements.

REQUIRED

(a)	State the meaning of each of the following terms.	
	(i) Income statement	

(ii) Statement of financial position

	(iii)	Non-current assets
	(iv)	Non-current liabilities
	(v)	Capital
(b)	Give	e one example of an intangible asset.

- Answer: (a) (i) A statement in which the profit or loss for the year is calculated
 - (ii) A statement showing the assets and liabilities of a business on a certain date
 - (iii) Assets which are purchased for use not for resale
 Assets whose values do not fluctuate frequently
 Assets which will be kept by the business for more than 12 months
 Assets which are acquired to aid the business earn revenue
 - (iv) Liabilities which are not due for repayment within 12 months
 - (v) Either The amount the business owes the owner of that business Or Any resources provided for a business by the owner of that business
 - (b) Goodwill/patents/trademarks/other suitable example

19 (a)	State the meaning of owner's equity.		
(b)	Name the accounting principle applied in each of the	e following situati	ions.
		Princ	ciple
	A trader withdraws goods for his own use and records this in the drawings account.		
	A book-keeper writes off debts which will not be paid to the business.		
	An accountant does not include staff morale as an asset in the statement of financial position.		
	A business uses the double entry system of book-keeping to record transactions.		100
(c)	Name the ledger in which the purchases account is	found.	9
(d)	Name the type of organisation which would prepare	a statement of cl	hanges in equity.
(e)	Complete the following sentence.		
	Items which a business owns or which are owed to the	ne business are l	known as
Answer:	(a) The amount owed by the business to the or The funds put into the business/contributed		plus profits net of drawings).
	(b)		
			Principle
I A trade	er withdraws goods for his own use and records this in the o	drawings -	Rusiness entity

(c) Nominal (general) ledger

A book-keeper writes off debts which will not be paid to the business.

An accountant does not include staff morale as an asset in the statement of

A business uses the double entry system of book-keeping to record transactions.

(d) (Limited) company

account.

financial position.

(e) Items which a business owns or which are owed to the business are known as ASSETS.

Prudence/accruals (matching)

Money measurement

Duality

20 Jake manufactures CD players. He has a credit customer, Rashida. They have exchanged an invoice, a debit note, a credit note and a statement of account.

REQUIRED

Complete the following table for the documents exchanged between Jake and Rashida. The first item has been completed as an example.

document	reason for issue	name of person issuing document
invoice	to record goods sold on credit	Jake
debit note		
credit note		
statement of account		300

Answer:

document	reason for issue	name of person issuing document
invoice	to record goods sold on credit	Jake
debit note	to ask for reduction in invoice	Rashida
credit note	to accept request for reduction in invoice	Jake
statement of account	to summarise transactions for the month	Jake

21 Complete the following table by writing True or False against **each** statement.

	True or False
Work in progress may appear in Jake's manufacturing account.	
Prime cost appears in Jake's income statement.	
Jake's business is a service business.	

Answer:

	True or False
Work in progress may appear in Jake's manufacturing account.	True
Prime cost appears in Jake's income statement.	False
Jake's business is a service business.	False

		r True or False	True	r False
	Carriage inwards appears on the debit side	of a trial baland		n i disc
	Inventory is included in current assets.			
	A suspense account represents the differen	ce between the)	
	cash book balance and the balance on the			
	A sole trader has limited liability.			
	The sales account appears in the nominal (general) ledger		
c)	Complete the following sentence using the w	ords 'increases	s' and 'reduce	s'
	An adjustment for a prepaid cost	expenses a	nd	profi
			KO.	
d)	State one purpose of accounting.			
e)	Complete the following table. State one type			:h of the a
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(g)	State one difference between an income statement and a statement of financial position.	
(h)	Name one user who might be interested in the financial statements of a club or society.	
(i)	Name one factor which might limit the usefulness of the financial statements.	
Answer:	a) duality	
	b)	

	True or False
Carriage inwards appears on the debit side of a trial balance.	True
Inventory is included in current assets.	True
A suspense account represents the difference between the	False
cash book balance and the balance on the bank statement.	
A sole trader enjoys limited liability.	False
The sales account appears in the nominal/general ledger.	True

- (c) An adjustment for a prepayment <u>reduces</u> expenses and <u>increases</u> profit.
- (d) To monitor progress
 To prepare financial statements
 For decision making

(e)

term	organisation
prime cost	manufacturing business
accumulated fund	club/society
dividend	limited company
interest on capital	partnership
work in progress	manufacturing business
drawings	sole trader OR partnership

- (f) In the income statement as an addition to gross profit / as an item of income/credit.
- (g) An income statement deals with revenues and costs, whilst a statement of financial position deals with assets and liabilities.

OR

An income statement covers a period of time, whilst a statement of financial position is for a specified date.

- (h) Trade payableClub memberCommittee memberBankAccept other valid answers
- (i) Historic cost Difficulties of definition Non-financial aspects

23	(a)	State one reason why a trader maintains books of prime entry.
	(b)	Name the book of prime entry which also functions as a ledger account.

- Answer: (a) To reduce the number of entries in the ledger
 To allow book-keeping duties to be shared
 As an aid for posting to the ledger
 To summarise accounting information
 To help in the preparation of control accounts
 To group together similar types of transactions
 To make it easier to check for errors
 Accept other valid answers.
 - (b) Cash book

Ма	hendra prepares control accounts at the end	of each m	onth.		
RE	QUIRED				
(a)	Complete the following table. Use a tick would appear in Mahendra's sales ledger a tick in the "no entry" column.	. ,			-
		debit	credit	no entry	
	opening balance owed by credit customers				
	credit sales				
	cash sales				
	provision for doubtful debts				
	bad debts written off			A CO	
	cash discount allowed to credit customers				
	trade discount allowed to credit customers				
	contra between sales and purchases ledgers				
	cash received from credit customers		M		
(b)	Name the book of prime (original) entry which information when preparing his purchases led	ger control	account.		llowing
		book of p	orime (origina	I) entry	
	returns to credit suppliers				
	discount received				
	interest charged by credit supplier				
	contra entry to sales ledger control account				
(c)	(i) State the meaning of a contra entry in con	nection wit	h control acc	ounts.	

(ii) State why such an entry may be necessary.

(d)	Suggest two reasons why it is possible to have a debit balance on a purchases ledger control account.				
	1				
	2				

Answer: (a)

	debit	credit	no entry
opening balance owed by credit customers	2.®		
credit sales	2.®		
cash sales			l®
provision for doubtful debts			le 🏉
bad debts written off		୵ଵ	
cash discount allowed to credit customers		Ve	AW
trade discount allowed to credit customers			20
contra between sales and purchases ledger		26	
cash received from credit customers		20	

(b)

#	book of prime (original) entry
returns to credit suppliers	purchases returns journal
discount received	cash book
interest charged by credit supplier	journal
contra entry to sales ledger control account	journal

- (c) (i) An entry which appears on the debit side of the purchases ledger control account and the credit of the sales ledger control account.
- (ii) It is made when a sales ledger account is set off against a purchases ledger account of the same person/business.
- (d) Overpayment of the amount owing Failure to deduct cash discount due Goods returned after account settled Payment made in advance

		supplies goods to Simran o August 2017.	on credit. Some documents were exchanged	between them		
R	REQU	IRED				
(6	-	omplete the table to name the mande the manner of the mann	ne person who issued each document. The	first item has been		
	C	document	name of person issuing the document			
	iı	nvoice	Kumar			
	c	lebit note				
	c	redit note				
	s	statement of account				
	c	cheque				
) State the purpose of a debit note.) State the book of prime (original) entry in which Kumar would record the credit note.				
((d) Na	Name the ledger in which Kumar maintains Simran's account.				
S	Simran	is a regular customer. Kuma	r allows Simran a discount for buying in bulk.			
R	REQUI	RED				
(e) Na	Name the type of discount offered by Kumar.				
(f) St	ate where Kumar would reco	rd this discount.			

The following are details of the credit notes issued by Kumar in December 2017.

Date	Customer	Credit note number	\$
2017 Dec 3	Sam	C1015	295
12	Saira	C1016	103
31	Total for December		398

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(g)	State where Kumar will post					
	(i)	the total of the credit notes for December				
	(ii)	the individual credit notes				
		has received positive feedback about his customer service. No entry has been ma ounting records to reflect this success.	de in			
RE	QUIF	RED				
(h)	Naı	ame and explain the accounting principle Kumar has applied.				
	Naı	ıme				
	Exp	planation				
(i)	Cor	mplete the following to show the accounting equation.				
		equals assets minus				

(j) Complete the table by placing a tick (3) to indicate how **each** item affects the owner's capital. The first one has been completed as an example.

item	increase	decrease
capital introduced	3	
drawings		
profit for the year		

Answer: (a)

document	name of person issuing document	
invoice	Kumar	
debit note	Simran	
credit note	Kumar	
Statement of account	Kumar	
cheque	Simran	

- (b) Issued by the customer to request a reduction in an invoice.
- (c) Sales returns journal
- (d) Sales ledger
- (e) Trade discount
- (f) Recorded on the invoice to the customer or in sales journal No entry made in ledger
- (g) (i) Sales returns account (ii) Individual debtor accounts
- (h) Money measurement
 An accounting transaction should only be recorded if it can be expressed in terms of money.
- (i) CAPITAL equals assets minus LIABILITIES

<i>(j)</i>	item	increase	decrease
	capital introduced	2 <u>0</u>	
	drawings		l®
	profit for the year	2 €	

26 Kamika is a clothing wholesaler who buys and sells on both cash and credit terms. She maintains a full set of accounting records and prepares monthly control accounts.

REQUIRED

State two advantages to Kamika of preparing a monthly sales leager control account.
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b)	State two reasons why it is possible for Kamika to have a credit balance on her sales ledger
	control account.
	1
	2

(c) Complete the following table. Place a tick (3) to show where **each** item would appear in Kamika's **purchases ledger control account**. If the item would not appear, place a tick (3) in the no entry column.

	debit	credit	no entry
opening balance owed to credit suppliers			
credit purchases			7
cash purchases		30	
cash discount received	*	0	
trade discount received			
cheques paid to credit suppliers			
interest charged by credit suppliers			
returns to credit suppliers			
contra between sales and purchases ledgers	100 100		

Kamika applies all the accounting principles when maintaining accounting records and preparing financial statements.

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(d) Name the accounting principle applied in each of the following situations.

	principle
Kamika uses the double entry system of book-keeping when	
recording transactions in her ledgers.	
Kamika adjusted the charge for insurance in the income	
statement for an amount prepaid at the year-end.	
Kamika adjusts her provision for doubtful debts at the end of each	
year so it is always 3% of her trade receivables.	
Kamika intends to trade for several years and values her	
premises at net book value, not expected sales value, in her	
statement of financial position.	
Kamika did not make any entry in her accounting records when a	
competitor reduced his prices even though it may affect her sales.	
Kamika did not make any entry in her accounting records when a	
customer asked for goods to be put aside for him to collect sometime in the future.	

Answer: (a) Assist in the location of errors Provide an instant total of trade receivables Prove the arithmetical accuracy of the sales ledger Enable a statement of financial position to be prepared quickly Provide a summary of transactions relating to trade receivables Help reduce fraud

(b) Overpayment by a credit customer of the amount owing Credit customer failing to deduct available cash discount Credit customer returning goods after settling account Credit customer making payment in advance

(c)

	debit	credit	no entry
opening balance owed to credit suppliers		L®	
credit purchases		<i>ি</i>	
cash purchases			re 🗪
cash discount received	Z®		
trade discount received			16
cheques paid to credit suppliers	Z®		
interest charged by credit suppliers		28	
returns to credit suppliers	20		
contra between sales and purchases ledgers	18		

(d)

	principle
Kamika uses the double entry system of book-	
keeping when recording transactions in her ledgers	Duality
Kamika adjusted the charge for insurance in the	
income statement for an amount prepaid at the	Accruals (matching)
year-end	
Kamika adjusts her provision for doubtful debts at	Prudence
the end of each year so it is always 3% of her trade receivables	Or Consistency
Kamika intends to trade for several years and	
values her premises at net book value not expected	Going concern
sales value in her statement of financial position	
Kamika did not make any entry in her accounting	
records when a competitor reduced his prices even	Money measurement
though it may affect her sales	
Kamika did not make any entry in her accounting	
records when a customer asked for goods to be put	Realisation
aside for him to collect sometime in the future	

J Smith is a wholesaler. He provided the following incomplete document on 28 February 2018.

J Smith Wholesale Supplier 112 Long Road Westown

W Jones High Street Eastford

28 February 2018

Date	Reference	Debit	Credit	Balance
		\$	\$	\$
2018				
Feb 1	Balance due			700
11	Goods	450		?
19	Returns		115	?
28	Payment		686	?
	Discount		14	? 🧷

REQUIRED

(a) (i	i) Sta	te the name of the document.
(ii	i) Ca	alculate the balance on the document at the end of February 2018.
		Cy"
(iii	i) Ca	alculate the percentage of the discount on 28 February.
		00
(iv	v) Na	ame the type of discount on 28 February.
Answer: ((a)(i) \	Statement of account
	(ii) \$	\$335
	(iii)	14
		$\overline{(686 + 14)} \times 100 = 2\%$

(iv) Cash discount

(b) Complete the following table by placing a tick (3) in the correct column to indicate how J Smith would record the issue of this document in his accounting records.

debit entry in ledger account of W Jones	credit entry in ledger account of W Jones	no entry would be made

(c) Complete the following table relating to the transaction of 11 February.

document issued	name of person	entries made	by W Jones
document issued	issuing document	account debited	account credited

(d) Name the book of prime (original) entry in which each trader would record the transaction of 19 February.

book of prime (original) entry used by J Smith		
book of prime (original) entry used by W Jones		

Answer: (b)

debit entry in ledger	credit entry in ledger	no entry would be
account of W Jones	account of W Jones	made
	0	✓

(c)

document issued		entries made by W Jones	
	issuing document	account debited	account credited
Invoice	J Smith	Purchases	J Smith

(d)

book of prime (original) entry used by J Smith	sales returns journal
book of prime (original) entry used by W Jones	purchases returns journal