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**Equip Ltd**

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**Interpretation of  
Accounts (Ratios)**

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**2005**

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**Shareholders**

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**Part B - Comments**

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<b>SHAREHOLDER COMMENTS</b>
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Remember to use the following headings and ratios when commenting on part B. These will be used from a **share-holders point of view**

Performance		State of Affairs			Prospectus	
Profitability	Dividend Policy	Liquidity	Gearing	Investment policy	Sector	Share performance
1. ROCE	1. Dividend Cover	1. Acid Test	1. Gearing	1. Investment Policy	1. Sector	1. EPS
2. EPS	2. DPS		2. Interest Cover			2. P/E Ratio
	3. Dividend Yield					3. Market Price
	4. Dividend Pay out					

Try to use the following sentence to help you remember the headings for shareholder comments

**Paul Does Landscaping Gardening In Spring & Summer**

**NOTE**

You might have to calculate some ratios still for part B - calculate them quickly using your calculator and make a record of the figure

**NOTE - This is a project question and is different to previous past exam questions**

**PERFORMANCE****Profitability****ROCE****Questions to answer**

1. Say what you see - compare to previous years
2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend
3. Say if the company is profitable - compare to risk free investments
4. Compare to debenture & preference rates
5. Would shareholders be satisfied/dissatisfied?

**Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ the ROCE is \_\_\_\_ %. In \_\_\_\_\_ the ROCE was \_\_\_\_%
2. This is an improvement / dis-improvement of \_\_\_\_ % and is a positive / negative trend
3. The company is profitable / not profitable as the return is higher /lower than risk free investment of 0-1%
4. It is also above /below the debenture rate interest of \_\_\_\_% and above /below Preference share capital rate of \_\_\_\_%
5. Shareholders would be satisfied / not satisfied - as the company is making efficient / inefficient use of its resources available to them

**Suggest Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

1. In 2004 the ROCE is 10.68%. In 2003 the ROCE is 9.5%
2. This is an improvement of 1.18% and is a positive trend
3. In 2004 the ROSF is 12.12%. In 2003 the ROSF was 12%
4. This is an improvement and is a positive trend
5. The company is profitable as the return is higher than risk free investment of 0-1%
6. It is just above the debenture rate interest of 10% and above Preference share capital rate of 8%
7. Shareholders would be satisfied - as the company is making efficient use of its resources available to the

EPS**Questions to answer**

1. Say what you see - compare to previous years
2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend
3. Would shareholders be satisfied/dissatisfied?

**Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ the EPS is \_\_\_\_\_c. In \_\_\_\_\_ the EPS was \_\_\_\_\_c
2. This is an improvement / dis-improvement of \_\_\_\_\_ c and is a positive / negative trend
3. Shareholders would be satisfied / dis-satisfied with this as it indicates the profit in cents coming from shares and how well / badly shareholders' investment is used

**Suggested solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

1. In 2004 the EPS is 14c. In 2003 the EPS is 8c
2. This is a improvement of 6c and is a positive trend
3. Shareholders would be satisfied with this as it indicates the profit in cents coming from shares and how well shareholder investments are used over the years

**DIVIDEND POLICY**Dividend Cover**Questions to answer**

1. Say what you see - compare to previous years
2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend
3. Would shareholders be satisfied/dissatisfied?

**Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ the Dividend cover is \_\_\_\_\_ times, In \_\_\_\_\_ the Dividend cover was \_\_\_\_\_ times
2. This is an improvement / dis - improvement and is a positive / Negative trend. It means more / less profit is being retained for expansion purpose and repayment of loans
3. Shareholders would be satisfied / dis - satisfied with this as it increases share value, knowing payments are more / less likely to continue into the future

**Suggested solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

There was no dividend cover given in this question

**Dividend per Share (DPS)****Questions to answer**

1. Say what you see - compare to previous years
2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend
3. Would shareholders be satisfied/Dissatisfied?

**Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ the DPS is \_\_\_\_c. In \_\_\_\_\_ the DPS was \_\_\_\_c
2. This is an improvement / dis-improvement of \_\_\_\_c. This is a positive / negative trend
3. Shareholders would happy / not happy with this in the short terms as it indicates how much dividend they will receive

**Suggested Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

4. In 2004 the DPS is 9c. In 2003 the DPS was 7.5c
5. This is an improvement of 1.5c. This is a positive trend
6. Shareholders would be happy with this in the short terms as it indicates how much dividend they will receive

**Dividend Yield****Questions to answer**

1. Say what you see - compare to previous years
2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend
3. compare to risk free investments
4. Compare to debenture & preference rates
5. Would shareholders be satisfied/Dissatisfied?

**Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ the Dividend yield is \_\_\_\_%. In \_\_\_\_\_ the Dividend yield was \_\_\_\_%
2. This is an Improvement / dis-improvement of \_\_\_\_% and is a positive / negative trend
3. It is higher / lower than risk free investment of between \_\_\_\_%

4. This is also higher / lower than debentures of \_\_\_\_% and the preference share of \_\_\_\_%
5. Shareholders would be satisfied / dissatisfied with this as the company will find it easy / difficult to pay out dividends

**Suggested Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

There was no dividend yield given in this question

**Dividend Pay-out****Questions to answer**

1. Say what you see - compare to previous years
2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend
3. Would shareholders be satisfied/Dissatisfied?

**Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_ the Dividend pay-out is \_\_\_\_%. In \_\_\_\_ the Dividend pay-out was \_\_\_\_%
2. This is an improvement / dis-improvement and a positive / negative trend
3. Shareholder would like to see this closer to 50% and would be satisfied / dissatisfied with this.

**Suggested Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

1. In 2004 the Dividend pay-out is 64.28%. In 2003 the projected Dividend pay-out is 57.69%
2. This is a dis-improvement and a negative trend
3. Shareholder would like to see this closer to 50% and would be dissatisfied with this as it is not good for the long-term stability of the company

Note - This can also be included under Profitability

**NOTE On Dividend Pay-Out**

1. Dividend pay-out should be in and around 50% for shareholders to be happy (Debenture holder would accept less)
2. If above 50% - they are paying out too much dividend - this means that debenture holders will not be happy as the company is not retaining enough money for expansion

and paying interest. Shareholder will not be happy either as it is not good for the long-term stability of the company (even though they are receiving a higher dividend)

3. If below 50% - shareholders will not be happy, are they would expect a higher return. Debenture holders would be happy as the company should have enough retained for expansion and paying interest.
4. Formula to calculate Dividend payout is =  $DPS/EPS \times 100/1 = \%$

**STATE OF AFFAIRS****LIQUIDITY****Current Ratio****Questions to answer**

1. Say what you see - compare to previous years
2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend (compare to recommended ratio 2:1)
3. Does it have a liquidity problem - can they pay debts in the short term
4. Would Shareholder be satisfied/dis-satisfied

**Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ the current ratio was \_\_\_\_\_. In 2019 the current ratio was \_\_\_\_\_
2. This is an improvement / Dis-improvement of \_\_\_\_\_c and is above the recommended ratio of 2:1
3. \_\_\_\_\_ PLC does / does not have a liquidity problem and are able / not able to pay their debts as they fall due in the short term. This is because they have €\_\_\_\_\_ in liquid assets for every €2 it owes in the short term
4. Shareholders will be happy / not happy as \_\_\_\_\_ PLC will / will not have problems paying out dividends or other short terms debts as they fall due

**Suggested Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

1. In 2004 the current ratio is 1.95:1. In 2003 the current ratio is 1.80:1
2. This is an improvement of .05c and is just below the recommended ratio of 2:1
3. Equip Ltd does have a liquidity problem and are not able to pay their debts as they fall due in the short term. This is because they have €1.95 in liquid assets for every €2 it owes in the short term
4. Shareholders will not be happy as Equip Ltd PLC will have problems paying out dividends or other short terms debts as they fall due



**Acid Test Ratio****Questions to answer**

1. Say what you see - compare to previous years
2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend (compare to recommended ratio 1:1)
3. Does it have a liquidity problem - can they pay debts in the short term
4. Would Shareholder be satisfied/dis-satisfied

**Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ the acid test ratio was \_\_\_\_\_. In 2019 the acid test ratio was \_\_\_\_\_
2. This is an improvement / Dis-improvement of \_\_\_\_\_c and is above the recommended ratio of 1:1
3. \_\_\_\_\_ PLC does / does not have a liquidity problem and are able / not able to pay their debts as they fall due in the short term. This is because they have €\_\_\_\_\_ in liquid assets for every euro it owes in the short term
4. Shareholders will be happy / not happy as \_\_\_\_\_ PLC will / will not have problems paying out dividends or other short terms debts as they fall due

**Suggested Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

1. In 2004 the acid test ratio was 1.34:1. In 2003 the acid test ratio is 1.20:1
2. This is an improvement of .14c and is above the recommended ratio of 1:1
3. Equip Ltd does have a liquidity problems and are able to pay their debts as they fall due in the short term. This is because they have €1.34 in liquid assets for every euro it owes in the short term
4. Shareholders will not be happy as Equip Ltd will not have problems paying out dividends or other short terms debts as they fall due

**GEARING****Gearing****Questions to answer**

1. Say what you see - compare to previous years

2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend and is the company a lowly/highly geared company.
3. Does it depend on outside borrowing
4. Would Shareholders be satisfied/dis-satisfied

**Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_ the gearing ratio is \_\_\_\_%. In \_\_\_\_ the gearing ratio was \_\_\_\_%
2. This is an improvement / dis - improvement and is a positive / negative trend. But the company is a Lowly / highly geared company
3. This means the company is dependent / less dependent on outside borrowing and would appear to be less / more of a risk from outside investors. Shareholder would be satisfied / dis-satisfied as the business is now less / more dependent on outside borrowing  
However, if using the Debt to equity ratio it is a negative / positive trend as it has improved / dis-improved from \_\_\_\_% to \_\_\_\_% this is a positive / negative trend
4. Shareholders would be satisfied / dis-satisfied as the company is now more dependent on outside borrowing than before and there is significant risk to the firm from outside investors. The business is highly geared and is financed more by debt than by equity.

**Suggested Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

There was no gearing given in this question

**Interest Cover****Questions to answer**

1. Say what you see - compare to previous years
2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend.
3. What does it mean - is there enough money for expansion, paying dividends and interest
4. Would Shareholder be satisfied/dis-satisfied
5. Make reference to when the debenture will be paid off
6. Will investment help with paying debenture

**Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_ the Interest Cover is \_\_\_\_ times. In \_\_\_\_ the interest cover was \_\_\_\_ times
2. This is an improvement / dis-improvement and is a positive / negative trend

3. This means the firm has more / less money available for expansion, paying dividends and paying interest/loans
4. Share holder would be satisfied / dis-satisfied with this
5. The Debentures are not listed for repayment until \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ plc has enough time to put aside resources to be able to repay these when the time comes. The bank account is / is not overdrawn and Debtors owe € \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ PLC should / should not follow up on this

### **Suggested Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

There was no interest cover given in this question

## INVESTMENT POLICY

### Investment Policy

#### **Questions to answer**

1. What is the investment policy last year what is it now
2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend.
3. Does this mean good / poor management of resource available to management
4. Would Shareholder be satisfied/dis-satisfied

#### **Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ the investment is \_\_\_\_\_. In \_\_\_\_\_ the investments was \_\_\_\_\_
2. This is an improvement / dis-improvement and is a positive / negative trend
3. This means good / poor management of resource available to management
4. Share holder would be satisfied / dis-satisfied with this

### **Suggested Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

1. In 2004 the investment is 90,000 . In 2003 the investments was 100.000
2. This is a dis-improvement and is a negative trend
3. This means poor management of resource available to management
4. Share holder would be -satisfied with this

**PROSPECTS****SECTOR****Sector****Questions to answer**

1. Say what sector the business is
2. Say what the short-term goals are
3. Say what the long-term goals are

**Template**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ plc is in the \_\_\_\_\_ industry.
2. In the short term this industry is growing / not growing as more \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. In the long term, the economic recovery is certain / uncertain and the firm is likely / unlikely to face competition and takeover from large multinational competitors.

**Suggested Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

1. Equip Ltd is a manufacturer of sport equipment
2. In the short term this industry is growing as people have an interest in sports
3. In the long term, prospects are good due to avoid obesity it should also be a growing sector.  
There is also an increase in disposable income.

**SHARE PERFORMANCE****The price earnings ratio****Questions to answer**

1. Say what you see - compare to previous years
2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend
3. Would shareholders be satisfied/Dissatisfied?

**Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ the P/E Ratio is \_\_\_\_\_ years. In \_\_\_\_\_ the P/E ratio was \_\_\_\_\_ years
2. This is an improvement / dis-improvement of \_\_\_\_\_ years, meaning it will take \_\_\_\_\_ years to make back the market price of the share at current performance levels.
3. Shareholders will be satisfied / dis - satisfied with this as they will recover their investment in a shorter / longer time frame

**Suggested Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

1. There was no P/E ratio given in the question

**Market Price Per Share****Questions to answer**

1. Say what you see - compare to previous years
2. Is this an improvement/dis-improvement, positive or negative trend
3. Would shareholders be satisfied/Dissatisfied?

**Template**

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ the MPS is \_\_\_\_\_ c. in \_\_\_\_\_ the MPS was \_\_\_\_\_ c
2. This is an improvement / dis-improvement of \_\_\_\_\_ c and is a positive / Negative trend
3. Shareholder would satisfied / dis-satisfied with this as it indicates confidence / lack of confidence in the firm by the stock market

**Suggested Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

1. In 2004 the MPS is 2.08. in 2007 the MPS is 2c
2. This is a improvement of 8c and is a Positive trend
3. Shareholders would satisfied with this as it indicates confidence in the firm by the stock market.

**Overall****Question to answer**

1. Say yes or no if the shareholder would be satisfied with the performance, state of affairs and prospects of the company.

**Template**

1. Yes / No the shareholder would be satisfied / dis-satisfied with the performance, state of affairs and prospects of the company.

**Suggested Solution (2005 - Equip Ltd)**

Yes, The Shareholders would be dis-satisfied with the performance, state of affairs and prospects of the company.