SECTION 2 (200 marks) Answer any TWO questions

5. Interpretation of Accounts

The following figures have been extracted from the final accounts of Robinson plc, a company involved in the home renovation and insulation industry for the year ended 31/12/2019. The company has an authorised capital of €750,000 made up of 500,000 ordinary shares at €1 each and 250,000 6% preference shares at €1 each.

Trading and Profit and Loss Account for year ended 31/12/2019		
	€	
Sales	890,000	
Cost of goods sold	(536,000)	
Operating expenses for the year	(234,000)	
Interest for year	(16,000)	
Net profit for year	104,000	
Dividends paid	(48,000)	
Retained profit	56,000	
Profit & loss balance 01/01/2019	66,000	
Profit & loss balance 31/12/2019	<u>122,000</u>	

Ratios and information for year ended 31/12/2018		
Earnings per ordinary share	18.5c	
Dividend per ordinary share	8.33c	
Interest cover	7 times	
Acid test ratio	1.1:1	
Market value of one ord. share	€1.24	
Return on capital employed	9.8%	
Gearing	55.76%	
Dividend cover	2.22 times	
Dividend yield	6.72%	

Balance Sheet as at 31/12/2019				
	€	€	€	
Fixed Assets			900,000	
Investments (market value 31/12/2019, €130,000)			200,000	
			1,100,000	
Current Assets				
Stock 31/12/2019	75,000			
Debtors	93,000	168,000		
Less Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 y	ear			
Trade creditors	(61,000)			
Other creditors	(25,000)	(86,000)	82,000	
			<u>1,182,000</u>	
Financed by				
4% Debentures (2023/2024 secured)			400,000	
Capital and Reserves				
Ordinary shares @ €1 each		460,000		
6% Preference shares @ €1 each		200,000		
Profit and loss balance		122,000	782,000	
			1,182,000	

- (a) You are required to calculate the following for 2019: (where appropriate, calculations should be made to two decimal places).
 - (i) The opening stock if the rate of stock turnover is 8 based on average stock.
 - (ii) Interest cover.
 - (iii) Return on ordinary shareholders' funds.
 - (iv) The market price if the price earnings ratio is 6.
 - (v) Dividend yield.

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(b) Indicate if the ordinary shareholders would be satisfied with the performance, state of affairs and prospects of Robinson plc. Use relevant ratios and other information to support your answer.

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(c) Explain how a faster stock turnover can increase the profitability of a business.

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(100 marks)