RATIO	FORMULA	UNIT	COMMENT
Return on Capital Employed (Profitability)	<u>Net Profit (Before Interest) x 100</u> Capital Employed	Percentage (%)	 Should be compare to risk free investments, debentures and preference shares A company is profitable if their ROCE is higher than the return from risk free investments
Return on Shareholders' Equity (Profitability)	<u>Net Profit (After Pref Dividend) × 100</u> Ordinary Share Capital + Reserves	Percentage (%)	This shows the return to stakeholder after the following have been paid a. Interest b. Taxes and c. Preference Dividends
Current Ratio (Liquidity)	Current Assets : Current Liabilities OR <u>Current Assets</u> Current Liabilities	Ratio 2:1	 This shows if the working capital (CA - CL) is enough to meet the day-to-day cost of the business Recommended ratio is 2:1 This means that for every €1 owed by the business in the short term the business has €2 to pay
Acid Test (Liquidity)	Current Assets - Closing stock : Current Liabilities OR <u>Current Assets - Closing stock</u> Current Liabilities	Ratio 1:1	 The acid test ratio doesn't use closing stock as it is hard to convert it to cash quickly A recommended ration is 1:1 Any it is a good indicator how liquid a company is

Stock Turnover (Usually asked in Part A (i))	<u>Cost of Sales</u> Average Stock	Times	 This shows the number of times in a year that average stock is sold If this figure is lower, it could be an indicator that the business is slowing down If this figure is high the business could run the risk of running out of stock due to a tight policy
Average Stock (Usually asked in Part A (i))	Opening + Closing Stock 2	Euro	
Debtors Collection Period (Usually asked in Part A (i))	<u>Debtors x 12/52/365</u> Credit Sales	Months/W eeks/Days	 This shows that amount of time it takes the business to collect form their debtors The business should collect debt quickly this can be done by given a discount to invoice are paid before the due date
Creditors Collection Period (Usually asked in Part A (i))	<u>Creditors x 12/52/365</u> Credit Purchases	Months/W eeks/Days	 This shows that amount of time it takes the business to pay their creditors (Debts) Having a long credit period can help the business but they will lose out on discount

Gearing Ratio		Percentage	 Lowly geared company = fixed interest is less than 50% Highly geared company = fixed interest
(Total Capital)	<u>Loan + debenture + Preference Shares x 100</u>		if higher than 50%
(Gearing)	Capital Employed	(%)	3. It's important that is business is not too dependent on outside finance (Borrowings) 4. Additional of the business is not too dependent on outside finance (Borrowings)
			4. As interest and dividend (Pref) must be paid even if a profit is not made
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Gearing Ratio		Percentage	2. Highly geared company = fixed interest
(Equity Capital	Loan + debenture + Preference Shares x 100		if higher than 50%
	Ordinary Shares issued + Reserves	(%)	3. It's important that is business is not too
(Gearing)			dependent on outside finance
			(Borrowings
			4. As interest and dividend (Pref) must be paid even if a profit is not made
Interest Cover	Net Profit Before Interest and Tax	Times	This means the firms has money available for expansion, paying dividends and paying interest/loans
(Gearing)	Interest for the year		
Dividend Cover	Net Profit (After Tax & Preference Dividend) Ordinary Dividends	Times	 This indicates the amount of earning/profit are being retained by the business Retained earnings help to increase share value - shareholder like to see a high
(Dividend Policy)			dividend cover because of this. It show the risk to dividend if profits decrease

Dividend Yield (Dividend Policy)	<u>DPS x 100</u> Market Value per Share	Percentage (%)	 This shows the return to shareholders form their investment It should be compared to risk free investments, debentures, and preference share
Dividend Per Share (DPS) (Dividend Policy)	Ordinary Dividends Ordinary Shares issued	Cent	This is the amount of dividend ordinary shareholders will receive per share owned
Dividend Pay-out (Dividend Policy)	<u>DPS × 100</u> EPS	Percentage	 The is the percentage of profit that is paid out to shareholders Is should be as close to 50% as possible
Earnings Per Share (EPS) (Share performance)	<u>Net Profit (After Preference Dividend Paid)</u> Number of Ordinary Shares	Cent	 This shows the profit coming from each ordinary share It is expressed as a percentage It shows investors how well their investment is being used

P/E Ratio	<u>Market Price Per Share</u> Earnings Per Share	Years	 This shows how long it will take a shareholder to get their investment back It is expressed in years
(Share Performance)			