(a) Good accounting information must have the following characteristics:

1. Relevance

Accounting information is relevant if it has the ability to influence the economic decisions of users and is provided in time to influence those decisions. Information that is relevant has both predictive value and confirmatory value. Relevance implies the following:

- Timeliness
- Completeness
- Appropriateness and suitability to user objective.
- 2. Reliability

Accounting information is reliable if it is free from material errors, it is complete and faithfully represents what it purports to represent. Reliability implies reasonable accuracy.

3. Comparability

Accounting information should permit meaningful comparison between one period and as well as between one enterprise and another. The principle of comparability requires that consistent methods are applied over time and among different. It also requires full disclosure of material information.

4. Understandability

Users of accounting information need to be able to perceive the significance and implication of information. Information must be understandable before it can be useful.

- (b) There are various stakeholder groups that need financial information. Below is a list of some users of financial statements and their needs.
 - i. Equity investors- existing and potential.

These categories of users are the owners of the business enterprises and they require information on:

- Returns on investments such as earnings yield, dividends yield etc.
- Stewardship of management; that is management conduct in the use of resources.
- The long term stability and solvency of the enterprise.
- ii. Lenders- existing and potential.

These are stakeholders who have lent resources to an enterprise, e.g. lending financial institutions, etc. lenders generally will require information on the following areas of performance;

- The generality of the enterprise and its ability to repay debts when due.
- Nature of assets to be used as securing for debt.
- Profitability of projects for lending that is tied to specific projects and the repayments of which depends on the projects outcome.
- The level of financial gearing.
- iii. Employees- past, existing and potential;

These categories of users are those who have been employed by the enterprise. Such stakeholders may require information that reflects the following:

- Job security (financial stability and level of gearing)
- Viability of pension plans and schemes.
- Conditions of service and remuneration.
- The performance of employees (variable reports).
- iv. Government- government is an interested party through various agencies such as:
 - a. Tax authorities- assessment of taxable income and liabilities.
 - b. Local authorities- rate assessment and determination.
 - c. Regulatory bodies- bodies concerned with the regulation o commerce and industry need information reflecting whether or not business enterprises have complied with policy directives. E.g. here include, Ghana Stock Exchange, Securities and Exchange Commission, Mining and Mineral Commission.
- v. Business Contact group- This category includes customers and clients, suppliers of materials, competitors and those interested in mergers and amalgamations. Stakeholders in this group may need information reflecting on:

Customers/clients	-	customer service
	-	cost levels and profit margins
Suppliers	-	liquidity and solvency
Competitors	-	competitive strategy
	-	Market share
Entities interested in mergers and taken	overs-	value of net assets
	-	market share
	-	performance trends

- vi. The general public and opinion leaders- This category of users will be interested in the extent to which the enterprise has fulfilled its social responsibility through community services.
- vii. Management of the enterprise-This is an important user of the financial statements. This category of users is the only that have unrestricted access to all of its informational needs. Different levels of management have different information needs.
 - d. Board of Directors. They require information that indicates the following:
 - Overall profitability.
 - Efficiency of managers and employees.
 - Liquidity of the enterprise.
 - Solvency and the financial stability.
 - e. Middle level management. They require information on matters relating to their areas of responsibility.
 - f. General workforce. They require information on their performance levels and productivity. This can often be obtained through variance reports.

viii. Analyst/advisor.

Members of this group comprise of financial analysts, journalists, credit rating agencies etc. Basically members of this group of users of financial information will require information relating to an issue for which a client needs advice. This information needs of this group thus depends on the needs of the client being advised.

TROKY LIMITEDi.STATEMENT OF ADJUSTED PROFIT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2009

Draft Profit per account	GHS	GHS 7,250
Less :		
Bad debts	700	
Bonuses	625	
Depreciation	<u>3,500</u>	4,825
Adjusted Profit		<u>2,425</u>
Workings:		
Income surplus		11,500
Add: Adjusted Profit		2,425
Balance c/d		<u>13,925</u>

ii. **TROKY LIMITED**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2009

	COST/ VALUATION	ACCUM. DEPR.	NET BOOK
NON- CURRENT ASSETS	GHS	GHS	VALUE GHS
Land and Buildings	22,500	500	22,000
Plant and Equipment	<u>15,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>	4,000
	<u>37,500</u>	<u>11,500</u>	26,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventory		11,750	
Trade Receivables		8,300	
Cash at Bank		_3,000	
		23,050	

CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade Payables	6,250		
Accrued Expenses	<u>1,875</u>	<u>8,125</u>	<u>14,925</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			40,925
Less: 8% Debentures			_2,500
NET ASSETS			38,425
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>			
Stated Capital			12,500
Capital Surplus			12,000
Income Surplus			<u>13,925</u>
			<u>38,425</u>

SUSUBRIBRI LIMITED STATEMENT OF CASHFLOW FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2009

	GHS	GHS
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating Profit	17,215	
Add: Interest	900	
Depreciation	2,363	
Profit on sale of assets	(419)	
Increase of Inventory	(3,718)	
Increase of Receivable	(3,231)	
Increase in Creditors	6,795	
Interest paid	(900)	
Tax Paid	<u>(5,200)</u>	
Net Cash flow from Operating Activities		13,085
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of Tangible Assets	(10,911)	
Sale of Tangible Assets	_1,614	
Nets Cash outflow from Investing Activities		(9,297)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Dividend	(8,400)	
Redemption of Debentures	(10,000)	
Issue of Shares	_12,000	
Net Cash flow from Financing	_12,000	6,400
Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(1,892)
2 concess in cash and cash Bran arous		(1,0/2)

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Workings:

Fixed Assets Account			
Balance b/d	40,406	Disposals	1,195
Bank	10,911	Depreciation	2,363
		Balance c/d	<u>47,759</u>
	<u>51,317</u>		<u>51,317</u>
Balance b/d	47,759		

Fixed Assets 1	Disposal Account		
Fixed Assets	1,195	Bank	1,614
Profit on disposal	_419		
	<u>1,614</u>		<u>1,614</u>
	Taxation		
Cash	5,200	Balance c./d	5,200
Balance c/d	<u>6,000</u>	P& L	<u>6,000</u>
	<u>11,200</u>		<u>11,200</u>
		Balance b/d	6,000

QUESTION 4

(a) (i)

DEBTORS CONTROL ACCOUNT

	GHS		GHS
Balance b/d	60,000	Cash	1,250,000
		Discount allowed	2,000
Sales	1,252,900	Bad debts	900
		Balance c/d	<u>60,000</u>
	<u>1,312,900</u>		<u>1,312,900</u>
Bal. b/d	1,312,900		

ii.	CREDITORS CON	NTROL ACCOUNT	
	GHS		GHS
Cash	763,000	Balance b/d	180,000
Discount Received	3,500	Purchases	676,500
Balance c/d	<u>90,000</u>		
	<u>856,500</u>		856,500
		Balance b/d	90,000

(b) STATEMENT OF INSURANCE CLAIM

Opening Stock Add: Purchases (131,500 +676,500)	GHS	GHS 400,000 <u>808,000</u> 1,208,000
Less Cost of Sales:		
Sales	1,252,900	
Less Margin	<u>(250,580)</u>	<u>1,002,320</u>
Stock Before Fire		205,680
Less: Undamaged	90,000	
Salvaged	<u>50,000</u>	140,000
Amount claimable		_65,680

с.	BANK A	CCOUNT	
	GHS		GHS
Balance b/d	110,000	Creditors	763,000
Debtors	1,250,000	Wages	45,000
		Petty Cash Expense	18,000
		Rent	18,000
		Balance c/d	<u>516,000</u>
	<u>1,360,000</u>		<u>1,360,000</u>
Balance b/d	516,000		

(d) INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 25TH AUGUST, 2010

	GHS	GHS	GHS
Sales			1,252,900
Less: Cost of Sales			
Opening Stock		400,000	
Add Purchases (131,500+676,500)		_808,000	
		1,208,000	
Less Closing Stock			
Undamaged	90,000		
Salvaged	50,000		
Insurance claim	<u>65,680</u>	205,680	1,002,320
Gross Profit			250,580
Add Discount received			3,500
			254,080

Less Expenses
Discount allowed

Wages Petty cash expenses Rent Bad debts	45,000 18,000 18,000 900	83,900
Net Profit	900	<u> </u>

(a) i.

NKWAKV	WA BRAN	CH STOCK ACCOUNT	
	GHS		GHS
Balance b/d	60,500	Goods Returned to H/O	2,500
Goods sent to Branch	120,500	Cash Sales-Bank	45,000
Goods returned by credit customers	500	Branch Debtors- Sales	150,000
Branch P& L Account	<u>56,500</u>	Balance c/d	40,500
	238,000		238,000
Balance b/d	40,500		
ii. GOODS SENT T	O NKWAI	KWA BRANCH ACCOUNT	
	GHS		GHS
Goods Returned to H/O	2,500	Branch Stock	120,500
H/O Income Statement	118,000		,
	120,500		<u>120,500</u>
iii. NKWA		ANCH DEBTORS ACCOUNT	
	GHS		GHS
Balance b/d	15,250	Goods returned	500
Branch Stock	150,000	Discount Allowed	1,000
		Bank	125,000
		Bad debts	600
		Balance c/d	<u>38,150</u>
	<u>165,250</u>		<u>165,250</u>
Balance b/d	38,150		
iv. NK		BRANCH ACCOUNT	
	GHS		GHS
Balance b/d	20,000	Transfer to H/O Bank	105,000
Branch Stock Sales	45,000	Rent and rates	2,000
Branch Debtors	125,000	Wages	1,200
		General expenses	1,000
		Balance c/d	<u>80,800</u>
	190,000		<u>190,000</u>
Balance b/d	80,800		

(b)

- i. Ordinary shareholders have voting rights whiles Preference shareholders do not have voting rights.
- ii. Ordinary shareholders do not have a fixed rate of dividends while Preference shareholders have a fixed rate of dividend.
- iii. Ordinary shareholders take major decisions for the company while Preference shareholders do not take major decisions for the company.
- iv. Ordinary shareholders are the real owners of the company whiles Preference shareholders are not the real owners of the company.
- v. In case of liquidation Preference shareholders receive their money before the ordinary shareholders.