

Unit

Forms of Business organisations

TRADE

The term 'trade' is used to denote buying and selling. Therefore, one who buys and sells is a trader. A trader is a middleman between the producer and the consumer. Trade may be wholesale trade or retail trade. A wholesale trader purchases in large quantities from the producers, and sells in small quantities to the retail traders. A retail trader is one who purchases from the wholesale trader or sometimes directly from the producer, and sells in smaller quantities to the ultimate consumers.

AIDS TO TRADE (AUXILIARIES TO TRADE)

All activities that facilitate smooth flow of goods from manufacturing centres to the consumption centres are called aids or auxiliaries to trade. Aids to trade may be classified into five categories: (i) transportation, (ii) warehousing, (iii) insurance, (iv) advertising, and (v) banking.

Commerce

Commerce is the process of distribution of goods and services produced by industrial sector. It represents only the demand side of goods and services. Commerce creates place and time utility by moving goods from one place to another. It has wider scope than trade. It includes Trade and aids to trade

Commerce = Trade + Aids to trade

MEANING OF BUSINESS

Business refers to any human activity undertaken on a regular basis with the object to earn profit through production, distribution, sale or purchase of goods and services. Business may be defined as "an activity involving regular production or purchase of goods and services for sale, transfer and exchange with an object of earning profit".

CHARACTERISTICS OF BUSINESS

The essential characteristics of business are as follows:

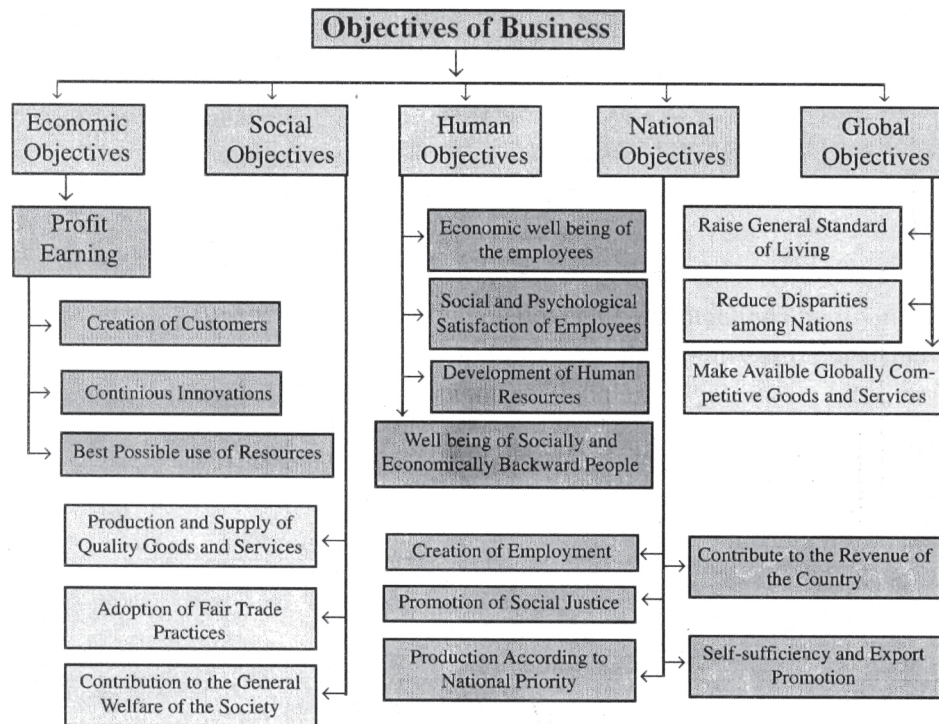
- (i) **Deals in goods and services:** People in business are engaged in production and distribution of goods and services. The goods may be consumer goods like bread, butter, milk, tea, etc. or capital goods like plant, machinery, equipments, etc. The services may be in the form of transportation, banking, insurance, warehousing, advertising and so on.

- (ii) **Sale or exchange of goods and services:** If a person produces or buys a product for self-consumption or for gifting it to another, he is not engaged in business. But when he produces or buys goods to sell it to somebody, he is engaged in business. Thus, in business the goods and services produced or purchased must be exchanged for money or for goods (under barter system) between the buyers and sellers. Without sale or exchange of goods the activities cannot be treated as business.
- (iii) **Regular exchange of goods and services:** The production or buying and selling activities must be called out on a regular basis.
- (iv) **Requires investment:** Every business activity requires some amount of investment in terms of land, labour or capital. These resources are utilised to produce a variety of goods and services for distribution and consumption. .
- (v) **Aims at earning profit:** Business activities are performed with the primary objective of earning income by way of profit. Without profit it is not possible to survive for a long period. Earning of profit is also required to grow and expand the business.
- (vi) **Involves risk and uncertainty of income:** Sometimes he/she enjoys profits and also times may come when he suffers heavy losses. This happens because the future is unpredictable and businessperson has practically no control over certain factors that affects his/her earnings.

Objectives of Business:

1.6 CLASSIFICATION OF OBJECTIVES OF BUSINESS

All the business activities are performed with some objectives. The objectives of business may be classified as -



1.6.1 ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES

Economic objectives of business refer to the objective of earning profit and also other objectives that are necessary to be pursued to achieve the profit objective. which includes creation of customers, regular innovations and best possible use of available resources.

Profit Earning

Profit is the lifeblood of business, without which no business can survive in a competitive market. Thus, profit making is the primary objective for which a business unit is brought into existence. Profits help businessmen not only to earn their living but also to expand their business activities by reinvesting a part of the profits.

In order to achieve this primary objective, certain other objectives are also necessary to be pursued by business, which are as follows:

i) Creation of customers

A business unit cannot survive unless there are customers to buy the products and services. Again a businessman can earn profits only when he/she provides quality goods and services at a reasonable price. For this it needs to attract more customers for its existing as well as new products. This is achieved with the help of various marketing activities.

ii) Continuous innovations

Business is highly dynamic and an enterprise can continue to be successful only by adopting itself to change in its environment. Innovation means changes, which bring about improvement in products, process of production and distribution of goods. Reduction in cost and increase in sales gives more profit to the businessman. Use of power-looms in place of handlooms, use of tractors in place of hand implements in farms etc. are the results of innovation.

iii) Best possible use of resources

As you know, to run any business you must have sufficient capital or funds. The amount of capital may be used to buy machinery and raw materials, to employ men and have cash to meet day-to-day expenses. Thus, business activities require various resources like men, materials, money and machines. This objective can be achieved by employing efficient workers, making full use of machines and minimizing wastage of raw materials.

1.6.2 SOCIAL OBJECTIVES

Social objectives are those objectives of business, which are desired to be achieved for the benefit of the society. No activity of the business should be aimed at giving any kind of trouble to the society. Social objectives of business include production and supply of quality goods and services, adoption of fair trade practices and contribution to the general welfare of society and provision of welfare amenities.

(i) Production and supply of quality goods and services

Since the business utilizes the various resources of the society, the society expects to get quality goods and services from the business. The objective of business should be to produce better quality goods and supply them at the right time and at a right price. They should charge the price according to the quality of the goods and services provided to the society.

(ii) Adoption of fair trade practices

In every society, activities such as hoarding, black-marketing and over-charging are considered undesirable. Besides, misleading advertisements often give a false impression about the quality of products. The business unit must not create artificial scarcity of essential goods or raise prices for the sake of earning more profits. All these activities earn a bad name and sometimes make the businessmen liable for penalty and even imprisonment under the law. Therefore, the objective of business should be to adopt fair trade practices for the welfare of the consumers as well as the society.

(iii) Contribution to the general welfare of the society

Business units should work for the general welfare and upliftment of the society. This is possible through running of schools and colleges for better education, opening of vocational training centres to train the people to earn their livelihood, establishing hospitals for medical facilities and providing recreational facilities for the general public like parks, sports complexes etc.

1.6.3 HUMAN OBJECTIVES

Human objectives refer to the objectives aimed at the well-being as well as fulfillment of expectations of employees as also of people who are disabled, handicapped and deprived of proper education and training. The human objectives of business may thus include economic well-being of the employees, social and psychological satisfaction of employees and development of human resources.

(i) Economic well being of the employees

In business employees must be provided with fair remuneration and incentives for performance, benefits of provident fund, pension and other amenities like medical facilities, housing facilities etc. By this they feel more satisfied at work and contribute more for the business.

(ii) Social and psychological satisfaction of employees

It is the duty of business units to provide social and psychological satisfaction to their employees. This is possible by making the job interesting and challenging, putting the right person in the right job and reducing the monotony of work. Further, grievances of employees should be given prompt attention and their suggestions should be considered seriously when decisions are made. If employees are happy and satisfied they can put their best efforts in work.

(iii) Development of human resources

Employees as human beings always want to grow professionally. Their growth requires proper training as well as development. Business can prosper if the people employed can improve their

skills and develop their abilities and competencies in course of time. Thus, it is important that business should arrange training and development programmes for its employees.

(iv) Well being of socially and economically backward people

Business units being inseparable parts of society should help backward classes and also people those are physically and mentally challenged. This can be done in many ways. For instance, vocational training programme may be arranged to improve the earning capacity of backward people in the community. Business units can also help and encourage meritorious students by awarding scholarships for higher studies.

1.6.4 NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Being an important part of the national economy, every business must have the objective of fulfilling national goals and aspirations. The following are the national objectives of business.

(i) Creation of employment

One of the important national objectives of business is to create opportunities for gainful employment of people. This can be achieved by establishing new business units, expanding markets, widening distribution channels, etc.

(ii) Promotion of social justice

As a responsible citizen, a businessman is expected to provide equal opportunities to all persons with whom he/she deals. She/he is also expected to provide equal opportunities to all the employees to work and progress. Towards this objective special attention must be paid to weaker and backward sections of the society.

(iii) Production according to national priority

Business units should produce and supply goods in accordance with the priorities laid down in the plans and policies of the Government. One of the national objectives of business in our country should be to increase the production and supply of essential goods at reasonable prices.

(iv) Contribute to the revenue of the country

The business owners should pay their taxes and dues honestly and regularly. This will increase the revenue of the government, which can be used for the development of the nation.

(v) Self-sufficiency and Export Promotion

To help the country to become self-reliant, business units have the added responsibility of restricting import of goods. Besides, every business unit should aim at increasing exports and adding to the foreign exchange reserves of the country.

1.6.5 GLOBAL OBJECTIVES

Earlier India had a very restricted business relationship with other nations. There was a very rigid policy for import and export of goods and services. But, now-a-days due to liberal economic and

export-import policy, restrictions on foreign investments have been largely abolished and duties on imported goods have been substantially reduced. This change has brought about increased competition in the market. Today because of globalisation the entire world has become a big market. Goods produced in one country are readily available in other countries. So, to face the competition in the global market every business has certain objectives in mind, which may be called the global objective. Let us learn about them.

(i) Raise general standard of living

Growth of business activities across national borders makes available quality goods at reasonable prices all over the world. The people of one country get to use similar types of goods that people in other countries are using. This improves the standard of living of people.

(ii) Reduce disparities among nations

Business should help to reduce disparities among the rich and poor nations of the world by expanding its operation. By way of capital investment in developing as well as underdeveloped countries. It can foster their industrial and economic growth.

(iii) Make available globally competitive goods and services

Business should produce goods and services which are globally competitive and have huge demand in foreign markets. This will improve the image of the exporting country and also earn more foreign exchange for the country.

MEANING OF SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP

‘Sole’ means single and ‘proprietorship’ means ownership. It means only one person or an individual is the owner of the business. Thus, the business organization in which a single person owns, manages and controls all the activities of the business is known as sole proprietorship form of business organisation. The individual who owns and runs the sole proprietorship business is called a ‘sole proprietor’ or ‘sole trader’. A sole proprietor pools and organises the resources in a systematic way and controls the activities with the sole objective of earning profit.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP

Sole proprietorship has the following characteristics:

- i. Ease of formation:** An ideal form of ownership should be easy to form. Ease of formation implies minimum of legal and other formalities. Sole proprietorship is easy to form.
- ii. Single Ownership:** A single individual always owns sole proprietorship form of business organization. That individual owns all assets and properties of the business. Hence, he alone bears all the risk of the business. Thus, the business of the sole proprietor comes to an end at the will of the owner or upon his death.

- iii. **No sharing of Profit and Loss:** The entire profit arising out of sole proprietorship business goes to the sole proprietor. If there is any loss it is also to be borne by the sole proprietor alone. Nobody else shares the profit and loss of the business with the sole proprietor.
- iv. **One man's Capital:** The capital required by a sole proprietorship form of business organisation is totally arranged by the sole proprietor. He provides it either from his personal resources or by borrowing from friends, relatives, banks or other financial institutions.
- v. **One-man Control:** The controlling power in a sole proprietorship business always remains with the owner. The owner or proprietor alone takes all the decisions to run the business.
- vi. **Unlimited Liability:** The liability of the sole proprietor is unlimited. This implies that, in case of loss the business assets along with the personal properties of the proprietor shall be used to pay the business liabilities.

3.3 ADVANTAGES OF SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP

The sole proprietorship form of business is the most simple and common in our country. It has the following advantages:

- i. **Easy to Form and Wind up**
- ii. **Direct Motivation:**
- iii. **Quick Decision and Prompt Action:**
- iv. **Better Control :**
- v. **Maintenancce of Business Secrets:**
- vi. **Close Personal Relation:**
- vii. **Provides Self-employment:**

LIMITATIONS OF SOLE PROPRIETORSIDP

One-man business is the best form of business organisation because of the above-discussed advantages. However, all types of ownership have some limitations and the sole proprietorship is no exception. Let us learn those limitations.

- i. **Limited Capital:**
- ii. **Lack of Continuity :**
- iii. **Limited Size:**
- iv. **Lack of Managerial Expertise:**

MEANING OF PARTNERSHIP

In order to overcome drawbacks of sole proprietorship partnership form of business has come into existence .. It is basically a relation between two or more persons who join hands to form a business organisation with the objective of earning profit. The persons who join hands are individually known as 'Partner' and collectively a 'Firm'. A partnership firm is governed by the provisions of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932,. Section 4 of the Indian Partnership Act. 1932, defines partnership as “a relation between persons who have agreed to share the profits of a business carried on by all or any of them acting for all”.

CHARACTERISTICS OF PARTNERSHIP FORM OF BUSINESS ORGANISATION

After having a brief idea about partnership, let us identify the various features of this form of business organisation.

- i. **Two or more Members :** At least two members are required to start a partnership business. But the number of members should not exceed 10 in case of banking business and 20 in case of other business.
- ii. **Agreement :** Whenever you think of joining hands with others to start a partnership business, first of all, there must be an agreement between all of you. This agreement contains-
 - ☐ the amount of capital contributed by each partner,
 - ☐ profit or loss sharing ratio;
 - ☐ salary or commission payable to the partners. if any;
 - ☐ duration of business, if any;
 - ☐ name and address of the partners and the firm;
 - ☐ duties and powers of each partner;
 - ☐ nature and place of business; and
 - ☐ any other terms and conditions to run the business:
- iii. **Lawful Business :** The partners should always join hands to carry on any kind of lawful business. To indulge in smuggling, black marketing etc, can not be called partnership business in the eye of the law.
- iv. **Sharing of Profit :** The main objective of every partnership firm is sharing of profits of the business amongst the partners in the agreed proportion. In the absence of any agreement for the profit sharing, it should be shared equally among the partners.
- v. **Unlimited Liability :** Just like the sole proprietor the liability of partners is also unlimited. That means, if the assets of the firm are insufficient to meet the liabilities, the personal properties of the partners, if any. can also be utilised to meet the firm's liabilities.

- vi. **Voluntary Registration :** It is not compulsory that you register your partnership firm. However, if you don't get your firm registered, you will be deprived of certain benefits. therefore, it is desirable. The effects of non-registration are:
 - ❑ Your firm cannot take any action in a court of law against any other party for settlement of claims.
 - ❑ In case there is any dispute among partners, it is not possible to settle the settlement of claims, through a court of law.
 - ❑ Your firm cannot claim adjustments for amount payable to or receivable from any other party through a Court of law.
- vii. **Principal Agent Relationship :** All the partners of a firm are the joint owners of the business. They all have an equal right to actively participate in its management. Every partner has a right to act on behalf of the firm. When a partner deals with other parties in business transactions, he/she acts as an agent of the others and at the same time the others become the principal. So there always exists a principal agent relationship in every partnership firm.
- viii. **Continuity of Business :** A partnership firm comes to an end in the event of death, lunacy or bankruptcy of any partner. Even otherwise, it can discontinue its business at the will of the partners. At any time, they may take a decision to end their relationship.

ADVANTAGES OF PARTNERSHIP FORM OF BUSINESS ORGANISATION

Partnership form of business organisation has certain advantages, which are as follows:

- i. **Easy to form -** Like sole proprietorship, the partnership business can be formed easily without any legal formalities. It is not necessary to get the firm registered. A simple agreement, either oral or in writing, is sufficient to create a partnership firm.
- ii. **Availability of large resources -** Since two or more partners join hands to start partnership business it may be possible to pool more resources as compared to sole proprietorship. The partners can contribute more resources as compared to sole proprietorship. The partners can contribute more capital, more efforts and also more time for the business.
- iii. **Balanced decisions -** The partners are the owners of the business. Each of them has equal right to participate in the management of the business. In case of any conflict they can sit together to solve the problems. since all partners participate in decision-making, there is less scope for reckless and hasty decisions.
- iv. **Sharing of losses -** In a partnership firm all the partners share the business risks. For example, if there are three partners and the firm suffers a loss of Rs. 12,000 during a particular period, then all partners may share it and the individual burden will be Rs. 4,000 only.

LIMITATIONS OF PARTNERSHIP FORM OF BUSINESS ORGANISATION

In spite of all these advantages as discussed above, a partnership firm also suffers from certain limitations, some of them are as follows:

- i. **Unlimited Liability :** All the partners are jointly as well as individually liable for the debts of the firm to an unlimited extent. Thus, they can share the liability among themselves or anyone can be asked to pay all the debts even from his personal properties.
- ii. **Uncertain Life :** The partnership firm has no legal entity separate from its partners. It comes to an end with the death, insolvency, incapacity or the retirement of any partner. Further, any dissenting member can also give notice at any time for dissolution of partnership.
- iii. **Limited Capital :** Since the total number of partners cannot exceed 20, the capital to be raised is always limited. It may not be possible to start a very large business in partnership form.
- iv. **Non transferability of share:** If you are a partner in a firm you cannot transfer your share of interest to outsiders without the consent of other. This creates inconvenience for the partner who wants to leave the firm or sell part of his share to others.

1.8 Types of Partners :

According to the Indian Partnership-Act, all the partners are expected to contribute capital, share profits and losses of business, participate in the management, etc. But, in actual practice, it may not be so. In practice, partners are classified according to their contribution to the business. Some of the partners are discussed below:

- (a) **Active or Working Partner:** The partner who takes an active interest in the day-to-day work and management of the business is known as a 'working partner'. He has a voice in the management of the firm. He also carries out the work on behalf of non-working partners. Generally, the active partner gets an additional salary or remuneration or commission for the managerial work. The active partner contributes capital, shares profits and losses of the business, and has an unlimited liability.
- (b) **Dormant or Sleeping Partner:** A dormant partner is one, who does not take an active part in the day-to-day business and management of the firm. The working partner carries on the business of a partnership firm on behalf of the dormant partners. A sleeping partner contributes capital, shares the profits and losses of the business and has an unlimited liability. He voluntarily surrenders his rights of management. A sleeping partner is fully liable for the debts of the company.
- (c) **Secret Partner:** A secret partner is a person who does not want to be known as a partner to the outsiders, although in reality, he is a partner of the firm. He contributes capital, shares the profits and losses of the firm and has an unlimited liability. The only difference between a dormant partner and a secret partner is that, in the former case, outsiders are aware of his being a partner, only he does not take an active part in the business, while in the latter case, outsiders are not aware of his being a partner.
- (d) **Nominal Partner:** A nominal partner is one who lends his name and credit to the firm. Such a person is admitted as a partner in order to fetch more business, since he may be a reputed or well

known person in the market. His name can bring or build goodwill for the firm. A nominal partner does not contribute any capital, nor does he take an active part in the business. He does not bear the losses of the business, but he is held responsible for all the debts of the firm, i.e., his liability is unlimited.

- (e) **Quasi Partner:** Quasi partner is a person who has actually retired from the firm, but has been permitted to use his name in connection with the firm. He does not take an active part in the management of the firm. He may have even withdrawn his capital from the business. He may not be even sharing the profits and losses of the firm. But the liability of a quasi partner is unlimited. If he does not want to keep his name attached to the firm, then he has to issue a public notice declaring that he is no more a partner of the firm.
- (f) **Minor Partner:** According to the Indian Contract Act, a minor is not competent to enter into any contract. Therefore, a minor cannot become a partner of the firm. But, with the consent of all the partners, the minor may be admitted to the benefits of a partnership firm. A minor has a limited liability up to his capital contribution and is entitled to get a share already agreed upon, in the profits and property of the firm. A minor also has right to inspect the books of accounts.
- (g) **Partner by Estoppel:** Partner by estoppel is not a partner of the firm as per agreement of the firm. He is a person who behaves or positively expresses himself as a partner. He does not contribute capital to the firm and does not participate in the management of the firm. A partner by estoppel does not share the profits and losses of the firm and is not liable for the debts of the firm. However, he is fully responsible for the liabilities or the loss arising due to his behaviour.
- (h) **Partner by Holding Out:** A partner by holding out is a person who is declared by others as a partner of the firm or is mistaken to be a partner of a particular firm and he does not contradict it even after having a knowledge of the truth. He becomes liable to those third parties who have entered into a contract with the firm in the belief that he is a partner. Such a person is known as a 'partner by holding-out'. He neither contributes capital nor does share the profits or losses of the firm.
- (i) **Partner in Profits Only:** A person can become a partner of the firm with the understanding that he will only share the profits of the firm but will not share any losses sustained by it. Generally, such a partner contributes a large amount of capital or the entire amount of capital of the partnership firm. In other words, he contributes an extra capital in the organisation. Therefore, he can dictate his terms and conditions on the firm. However, his liability for the firm's debts continues to remain unlimited.
- (j) **Sub-partner:** A sub-partner can be defined as "*the transferee of a share of a partner's interest in the firm*". In other words, if a partner transfers a part of the share of his profit in a partnership firm to the outsider, then such an outsider is known as a 'sub-partner'. The rights and liabilities of the sub-partner are limited. He does not contribute an capital. In short, he is a co-partner, who shares a part of the profits of the main partner. He is not liable for any debts of the firm. He is only liable to the main partner.

8.5 DUTIES AND LIABILITIES OF PARTNERS

As per Section 11 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, the mutual rights and duties of partners of a firm may be determined by a contract between the partners, and such a contract may be expressed or may be implied by a course of dealing.

The Indian Partnership Act, 1932, prescribes the following duties and liabilities of partners in a firm:

- (a) **General Duties of Partners:** The three fundamental duties of partners are:
- To carry on the business of the firm to the greatest common advantage;
 - To be just and faithful to each other; and
 - To render true accounts and full information of all things affecting the firm to any partner or his legal representative.
- (b) **A duty to indemnify the firm for any loss, caused by fraud:** It is the duty of every partner to indemnify the firm for any loss, caused to it by a fraudulent act in the conduct of the business of the firm.
- (c) **A duty of a partner to attend his duties diligently:** Every partner is bound to attend diligently to his duties in the conduct of business. He must use his knowledge and skill and take care of the common advantage of all partners of the firm.
- (d) **A duty of a partner to account for private profits:** It is the duty of a partner to surrender to the firm any profit derived by him from any transaction of the firm, from the use of the property of the firm or business connection of the firm or the firm's name.
- (e) **A duty of a partner to indemnify the firm for any loss, caused by his wilful neglect:** A partner must attend to his duties and responsibilities diligently. It is the duty of a partner to indemnify the firm for any loss caused to it by his wilful neglect.
- (f) **A duty of a partner to account for profits in competing business:** If a partner carries on any business of the same nature and competing with that of the firm, shall account for and pay the firm all the profits made by him in that business.
- (g) **No remuneration to partners:** It is the duty of every partner to take active part in all affairs of the business. Thus, a partner is not entitled to receive any remuneration for taking a part in the conduct of the business.

However, all of the above duties and liabilities are subject to the agreement between the partners.

Rights, Duties and liabilities of Partners

8.6 RIGHTS OF PARTNERS

Subject to the contract between the partners, the Indian Partnership Act confers the following rights upon the partners:

- (a) **Right to take part in the business of the firm:** Every partner has the right to participate in the day-to-day management of the firm.
- (b) **Right to be consulted in all matters of the firm:** No major decision of the firm can be taken without the consent of all partners of the firm.
- (c) **Right to access books of the firm:** Every partner has an access to and the right to inspect and copy any books of the firm.
- (d) **Right to share equally in the profits, earned by the firm:** In the absence of any contract, all partners are entitled to share equally in the profits of the firm.
- (e) **Right to claim interest on capital, subscribed by partners:** A partner is entitled to receive interest on his share of capital only if the firm makes profit.
- (f) **Right to claim interest on advances made by the partners:** A partner is entitled to receive interest at 6% p.a., on additional capital contributed by him in the joint business.
- (g) **Right of a partner to be indemnified:** The firm indemnifies the partner in case of an emergency, if he incurs any expense or liability in the course of business.

MEANING OF JOINT HINDU FAMILY BUSINESS

The Joint Hindu family business refers to a business which is owned by the members of a joint Hindu family. It is also known as Hindu Undivided Family Business. This form of organisation exists under Hindu law and is governed by the law of succession. The joint Hindu family form is a form of business organisation in which the family possesses some inherited property. The inheritance of the property is among the male members. The share of ancestral property is inherited by a member from his father, grandfather and great grandfather. Thus, three successive generations can simultaneously inherit the ancestral property. For purposes of running a joint Hindu family business, only male members are entitled who are referred to as co-parceners. The oldest member is known as the *Karta*.

MEANING OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

Co-operation means working together. It means those who want to work together with some common economic objective can form a society which is termed as “co-operative society”. It is a voluntary association of persons who work together to promote their economic interest. It works on the principle of self-help as well as mutual help. Nobody joins a cooperative society to earn profit.

People come forward as a group, pool their individual resources, utilize them in the best possible manner, and derive some common benefit out of it. “Cooperation is a form of organization wherein persons voluntarily associate together as human beings, on a basis of equality, for the promotion of economic interests of themselves”.

CHARACTERISTICS OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

A co-operative society is a special type of business organization different from other forms of business organization you have learnt earlier. Let us discuss its characteristics.

1. **Voluntary Association:** A Cooperative Society is a voluntary association of persons. A member can join the society as and when he likes, continue for as long as he likes, and leave the society at will.
2. **Open Membership:** The membership of a Co-operative Society is open to all those who have a common interest. Membership is not restricted on the basis of caste, sex, colour or religion, but may be limited to the employees of a particular organisation.
3. **Separate Legal Entity :** A cooperative undertaking must seek registration under the Cooperative Societies Act, 1912, or under the relevant Cooperative Societies Act of the State Government. A cooperative society, has a separate legal existence, distinct from its members.
4. **Source of Finance:** The capital of a cooperative society is raised from among its members in the form of share capital. However, it can easily raise loans and secure grants from government after its registration.
5. **Service Motive:** The primary aim of a cooperative society is service to its members, though it may also in the process happen to earn reasonable profits for itself
6. **Voting Power:** Each member has only one vote, irrespective of the number of shares held by him or her.

4.3 TYPES OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

Co-operatives societies may be classified on the basis of the nature of services rendered by them. The following are the main types of cooperatives societies.

1. Consumer's Co-operative Societies
2. Producers Co-operath'e Societies
3. Marketing Cooperative Societies
4. Thrift and Credit Cooperative Societies
5. Cooperative Group Housing Societies

4.4 ADVANTAGES OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

A Co-operative form of business organization has the following advantages:

- I. Voluntary Organization
2. Democratic Control
3. Open Membership
4. Elimination of Middlemen's Profit
5. Limited Liability
6. Stable Life

JOINT STOCK COMPANY

Definition and Meaning:

Section 3(1) of Indian Companies Act, 1956

“Company means a company formed and registered under this Act or an existing company” & Existing company means a company formed and registered under any of the previous company laws”.

Meaning:

Thus a company is a voluntary association, an incorporated association, an artificial person created by law, having a common seal and perpetual succession Shareholder's are the owners of the company but management lies in the hands of Board of Directors. The company conducts its business under the provision of the Indian Companies act, 1956.

Characteristics / Features of a Joint Stock Company:

The characteristics / features of a Joint Stock Company are:

1. **Compulsory Incorporation:** A company is a voluntary association of persons formed and incorporated under the existing Corinne law. Only when it gets certificate of incorporation it comes into existence as a body corporate.
2. **Artificial person:** A company is an artificial person created by law. It is created by legal process and not by natural birth. Even though it has no natural personality, it has legal personality. Therefore it can enter into contracts, sue and can be sued, own property, appoint employees and borrow money like any other natural person.
3. **Common Seal:** Since a company is an artificial person having no physical features like a natural person, it cannot sign. Hence every company by law must have a common seal on which its name

is engraved. The common seal can serve as its signature. The common seal is affixed on all important documents and contracts which is witnessed by signature of two directors and countersigned by secretary where ever required. The common seal is kept under the custody of directors.

4. **Perpetual succession:** Since the company has a separate existence from its members, directors and employees, their death, insolvency or insanity will not affect its life and existence men may come and men may go but a company remains forever. It can be wound up only under the provisions of the act.
5. **Limited liability:** Usually the liability of members of a company is limited to the extent of uncalled or unpaid value of shares held by them. Their personal property cannot be seized to meet the company's liability beyond the above mentioned liability.
6. **Share capital:** The capital required by the company is raised by issues shares. A share is a share in the share capital of the company. The member who holds the shares of a company can transfer its ownership any other person, without the company's permission.
7. **Separation of ownership and management:** In company organisation the ownership and management are separated. The shareholders who are the owners do not take active part in the everyday affairs of the company. Instead, they elect their representatives known as Directors, who with the help of managers and employees manage the company. Thus, there is division of labour and specialisation.
8. **Legal Entity:** Since the company is created by law it has separate legal existence compared to its members. Therefore the members cannot be personally held responsible for the acts of the company.
9. **Large membership:** The company is owned by a larger number of members - maximum of 50 in the case of private limited company and unlimited number of members in the case of a public limited company.

Advantages / Merits of a Joint Stock Company:

The advantages / Merits of a Joint Stock Company are:

1. **Large Capital:** A company can collect huge capital for the business through shares and debentures, public deposits, loans etc. due to huge capital the company can conduct business on a large scale.
2. **Limited liability:** Shareholder's liability is limited to the face value of the shares held by them. The members are liable only to the extent of unpaid value of share. If the shares are fully paid up then the member is not liable for any debts of the company.

3. **Continuity and Stability:** A company has a long and stable life. its existence is not affected by death, insolvency or insanity of its members.
4. **Professional Management:** The company appoints experienced, competent and experts to manage the business. Their services lead to managerial and administrative efficiency and accuracy.
5. **Economies of scale:** As the company operates on a large scale it enjoys economies in production, distribution, management and financing.
6. **Bargaining Power:** Compared to other forms of commercial organization a joint stock company has strong bargaining power in buying as well as in selling of goods because of its large scale production.
7. **Legal Status:** The company enjoys a distinct legal entity separate from its members. Being a legal creation it enjoys permanent existence.
8. **Large Membership:** A joint stock company (especially a public company) has large number of members. Large membership brings in large amount of funds which can be invested in companies expansion and diversification.
9. **Transferability of shares:** Shares of a Joint Stock Company (especially public companies) are freely transferable A member who wants to sell his shares can easily do so in the stock market. This encourages the public and other to invest in shares.
10. **Employment:** Joint stock company provides employment to a large number of people directly and indirectly. This leads to higher national income for the country and higher standard of living for the people.
11. **Government Revenue:** Joint Stock Companies provides revenue to the government in the form of taxes charged directly and indirectly.
12. **Research and Development:** Joint Stock Companies undertake R & D continuously thus bringing about new and improved products which benefits people.
13. **Economic Development:** Because of Joint Stock Companies there is all round development of trade, commerce and industry. The society in general gains the benefit of the industrial development. Large capital, government revenue, economic development etc. are the advantages of a Joint Stock Company.

Disadvantages / Demerits of a Joint Stock Company:

The disadvantages / demerits of a Joint Stock Company are:

1. Difficult Formation

2. Lacks Flexibility
3. No Business secrecy
4. Excessive government regulation
5. Delay in Decision Making
6. Lack of contact with customers
7. Lack of contact with employees
8. Conflicts of Interest
9. Not suitable for all types of business
10. Exploitation of shareholders

Types of Companies:

The companies can be classified on the basis of the following: (A) On the basis of Incorporation:

1. **Chartered Companies:** Such companies are incorporated under a Royal Character (order) issued by the King or Queen or Head of the State.

Example: East India Company, Bank of England.

2. **Statutory Companies:** Such companies are formed under the special act passed by the Parliament or State Legislature.

Example: Reserve Bank of India, State Bank of India, Life Insurance Corporation.

3. **Registered Companies:** A company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 is called Registered Company.

Example: registered company can be a Private Ltd. Company or a Public Ltd. Company.

(B) On the basis of liability of its members:

1. **Companies Limited by Shares:**

Members liability limited: In such companies the liability of the members is limited to the extent of the unpaid value on shares. In the event of winding up of the company the members need to pay the unpaid value of the shares.

Such companies may be a Public limited company or a Private limited company.

2. **Companies Limited by Guarantee:**

Every member promises or guarantees to pay a fixed sum of money (specified in the memorandum) at the time of liquidation of the company for payment of companies liabilities.

Such companies are formed without a share capital for non - trading (non - profit) purpose to promote culture, art, science, religion, charity, sports etc.

Such companies depend upon their existence on entrance and subscription fees as they do not have share capital.

3. Unlimited Companies:

In such companies the liability of the members is unlimited. In the event of winding up of the company the private property of the member can be used to pay the debts of the firm.

(C) On the basis of Membership:

1. Private Limited Company: A private limited company is the one which by its articles

(a) **Minimum, Maximum:** Limits the maximum number of its members to 50, minimum being

(b) **Transfer of shares:** Places some restriction on the transfer of its shares.

(c) **Prohibits any invitation:** Prohibits any invitation by prospectus or otherwise to the general public to subscribe to any of its shares or debentures.

(d) **Word ‘Private Limited’:** A private company must use the word ‘Private Limited’ after its name

2. Public Limited Company:

(a) **Not a private company:** According to Companies Act, a public limited company is a company which is not a private company.

(D) On the basis of Ownership:

1. Government Company: A government company means any company in which not less than 51 % of the paid -up share capital is held by the Central Government and / or by any State Government(s) or partly by the Central Government and partly by one or more State Government.

Such companies have to follow all provisions of the Indian Companies Act, 1956. It has to be registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956.

Examples: Hindustan Machine Tools, Oil and Natural Gas Commission etc.

2. Foreign Companies: It is a company which is registered in one country but carries out its operations in India.

(E) On the basis of Shareholding:

1. Holding Companies: It is a company which controls another company by holding a minimum 51 % of shares and thereby controlling the composition of the board of the company.

2. **Subsidiary Companies:** A company which another company holds a minimum of 51 % of share capital i.e. holding company is known as subsidiary company. Thus the above given are the various types of companies.

Public and private company differences:

6. Private Limited Company and Public Limited Company .

Private Limited Company	Public limited Company
<p>1. Membership: Minimum membership 2, Maximum membership 50</p> <p>2. Formation Comparatively simple, certificate of incorporation is adequate</p> <p>3. Number of Directors: It must have at least two directors</p> <p>4. Transfer of Shares: The shares are not freely transferable</p> <p>5. Issue of Prospectus: It is allowed to issue prospectus</p> <p>6. Commencement of Business: It can start the business after the receipt of certificate of incorporation.</p> <p>7. Suitability: Suitable for business on a small scale</p> <p>8. Invitation: It cannot invite public to subscribe for securities of the company</p> <p>9. Allotment: It can allot shares immediately after incorporation</p> <p>10. Qualification shares: The directors need not hold qualification shares</p> <p>11. Directorship: There is no restriction on the number</p>	<p>Minimum membership 7, Maximum membership unlimited</p> <p>Comparatively, difficult as the procedure is lengthy.</p> <p>It must have at least three directors</p> <p>Shares are freely transferable.</p> <p>It can issue prospectus</p> <p>It requires trading certificate for starting business</p> <p>Suitable for large - scale business.</p> <p>It invites public to purchase securities of the company.</p> <p>Shares cannot be allotted unless minimum subscription is collected.</p> <p>The directors have to purchase some qualification shares to become the director.</p> <p>A director cannot be a of director of more than 20</p>

Promotion & Meaning

Formation of a Public Company:

Formation of a public company can be divided into 4 stages

1. Promotion stage
2. Incorporation stage / Registration stage
3. Capital Subscription Stage
4. Trading Certificate Stage / Commencement of Business Stage

1. Discovery of an idea: The work of a promoter starts when an idea strikes him regarding some business which can be profitably undertaken. When a person understands that there is a possibility of starting or expanding some business the idea is said to have been discovered.

2. Detailed Investigation: Commercial feasibility of the idea is checked with reference to:

- (a) Sources of supply of raw material.
- (b) Availability of funds and manpower
- (c) Extent of demand

The investigation can be undertaken by the promoter themselves or by experts

3. Verification of the idea: In this stage the findings are verified so that there is a double guarantee regarding the validity of the report.

4 Assembling: In this stage activities like:

- (a) Selection of a site for the project
- (b) Purchase of land and building
- (c) Entering into technical, managerial contracts etc. is undertaken.

5. Financial Plan: In this stage the amount of funds required, sources of funds etc. is determined.

6. Presenting the Proposition: The promoter may ask some more persons to join venture. He presents the plan to them and they take the proposition. This is the promotion stage with its stages.

(b) Incorporation Stage:

The incorporation stage is also called as registration stage. The incorporation of a company gives birth to a new company. The promoters must obtain the registration or incorporation certificate from the Registrar of Companies. The following steps are to be followed:

1. Name of the Company: The promoters may give any name for the company but it should not resemble with the name of another existing company. The promoters should get the name allotted

or sanctioned. The application for the allotment of name must be forwarded to the Department of Company Law Administration, Government of India through the Registrar of Companies. The application form must consist of several alternate names, so that if one or the other name is rejected then the promoters can get at least one name allotted to their company.

2. Preparation and Arrangement of Documents:

For getting a company incorporated, the following documents have to be prepared:

- (a) Memorandum of Association:** It defines or states objectives and activities of the company.
- (b) Articles of Association:** It is a set of rules and regulations regarding the internal affairs of the company.
- (c) List of Directors:** It contains name, address, occupation and age of the directors.
- (d) Written Consent of Directors:** Every director must give in his own handwriting - name, address, occupation, age and nationality and should put his signature declaring that he has given consent to act as director of the company. It is required in case of public companies only.
- (e) Statutory Declaration:** That all the requirements or provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 with regard to registration have been complied with.
- (f) Notice of Address:** At which the registered office of the company will be located.
- (g) Declaration of Qualification Shares:** If the Articles provide for qualification shares, then the directors have to give a declaration stating that they have agreed to purchase and pay for qualification shares. Such declaration is required in case of public limited companies only.

3. Filing of Documents: All the required documents (as mentioned above) must be filed with the Registrar of Companies in order to get the company incorporated.

4. Examination of Documents: The Registrar of Companies will examine the documents. The Registrar will check:

- (a) Whether all documents are in order
- (b) Whether details in the documents are properly filled in

5. Issue of Certificate of Incorporation: If the Registrar is satisfied with the documents, he issues a Certificate of Incorporation. The issue of certificate is the conclusive evidence of the fact that the company is incorporated and that the requirements of the Companies Act have been complied with. The certificate of Incorporation is numbered, dated and signed by the Registrar of Companies.

Memorandum of Association:

Meaning:

Memorandum of Association is the most important document of a company. It is like the constitution of the company. Memorandum speaks about the aims and objects of the company. It defines the relationship of the company with the outsiders. Memorandum is treated as an unalterable charter or document of a company. Changes in the memorandum are possible but the procedure of bringing such changes in time - consuming, lengthy and requires the sanction from the government or, from the court. Memorandum is, therefore, treated as practically unalterable charter of the company. The purpose of this document is to inform the outsiders regarding the permitted range of activities of the company. The company must work within the limits of Memorandum of Association. Any act of company beyond the limits should be called ultra - virus and it will not be binding on the company. This document is prepared by promoters and filed with the registrar for incorporation certificate. It is divided into different paragraphs called Clauses. Each such clause deals with one aspect of company management.

Following are the contents of Memorandum of Association:

- 1. The Name Clauses:** This clause mentions the name of the company followed by the words 'Limited' in case of a public company or 'Private Limited', in the case of a private company. The word 'Company' need not be included in the name of the company. The name should not be similar to that of any other existing company. It should not contain any word which may denote the government's support or the patronage of the ruling power.
- 2. The Domicile Clause:** This clause mentions the name of the State in which the registered office of the company is to be situated. This helps to determine domicile and nationality of the company and the jurisdiction of the court under which it comes. All communications and notices are to be addressed to the registered office. The company has to maintain all its statutory books at the registered office of the company.
- 3. The Objects Clause:** This clause states the objects of the company. It contains the list of business activities which the company can undertake. The objects are classified as: (1) the main objects and (2) other objects. The list is usually exhaustive so as to include all those business activities which the company may undertake in future. While selecting the objects, the company has to see that they are not illegal or opposed to public policy or contradictory to the Companies Act or any other law. Any alteration in this clause requires the sanction of the Company Law Board.
- 4. The Capital Clause:** This clause mentions the total share capital which the company is authorized to raise and its division into different types of shares of fixed denomination. The total capital mentioned in the Memorandum is called 'Authorised Capital' or 'Nominal Capital' or 'Registered Capital'. It also mentions whether the company is limited by shares or by guarantee. Any alteration

in this clause requires the sanction of the court. The MOA of a company must be printed and suitably divided into paragraphs which should be numbered serially. The Memorandum must be duly dated and stamped as required under the Indian Stamp Act.

5. **The Liability Clause:** This clause states that the liability of the members of the company is limited to the face value of shares purchased by them. In the case of a company limited by guarantee, this clause states the amount which members undertake to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its winding up. An unlimited company does not have this clause in the MOA.
6. **The Association or Subscription Clause:** This clause states that the persons who sign the Memorandum are desirous of forming themselves into a company to achieve the objects mentioned in the Memorandum and that they agree to subscribe for the number of shares of the company, mentioned against their names in the Memorandum. It is necessary to mention the name, description, occupation and address of each subscriber. The name, address, description and occupation of the witness are also required to be mentioned in this clause.

Prospectus and Lieu of Prospectus:

1. **Prospectus Lieu Prospectus :** Prospectus is a document inviting the public to subscribe to the share capital of a company. Statement in Lieu of Prospectus is a document prepared for filing with the Registrar. It is an alternative to the prospectus.
2. **Purpose:** It gives wide publicity to the company and also provides share capital to the company. It is prepared only for completing the legal formality and not for capital collection. Statement in lieu of prospectus:

It is not compulsory for a public company to issue a prospectus. If the promoters are confident of raising the required capital privately from their friends and relatives then they need not issue a prospectus. However, in such a case a statement in lieu of prospectus must be filed with the Registrar of Companies at least three days prior to allotment of shares.

1. **Meaning:** It is a document prepared as an alternative to prospectus when public subscription is not required.
2. **Purpose:** It is required to be filed with the Registrar within 3 days prior to allotment.
3. **Suitability:** This document is suitable for private limited companies where the directors can collect money from private sources such as friends and relatives.
4. **Use:** It helps the Registrar to know whether the capital issue is as per the provisions of the companies act. This document is mainly used for fulfilling the statutory requirements.
5. **Contents of statements in lieu of prospectus:** The statement in lieu of prospectus are more or less similar to the prospectus. It should clearly indicate:

- The date on which it was delivered to the Registrar for registration.
- Number and type of shares.
- Rights of the shareholders.
- Particulars regarding directors, managing directors etc.
- Details about preliminary expenses paid or payable.
- Details of contracts relating to purchase of property.
- Treatment of Reserves
- Names and addresses of auditors, bankers, legal advisers etc.
- Full name and address of the registered office
- Main object of the company and other details
- Date and signature of the directors.

Commencement Certificate 1. Meaning:

It is a certificate issued to a joint stock company by the Registrar of companies signifying the birth of the company. It is a certificate issued to a public company by the Registrar, giving a signal to commence the business.

Share - Meaning

Types of shares

The owned capital of a company is divided or split into a large number of equal parts or units. Each such part or unit having the same face value or nominal value is known as a 'share'. A person who purchases a share or shares of a company is called a shareholder.

Shares are classified into two types (a) Equity shares (b) Preference shares.

- (a) **Equity Shares :** Equity shares are those shares which do not have a preferential right or priority claim in respect of the payment of dividend and repayment of capital at the time of the winding up of the company. The rate of dividend is not fixed on Equity shares. It depends upon the profits of the company during the year. The equity shareholders enjoy voting rights in the shareholders meeting.
- (b) **Preference shares :** Preference shares are those shares, which enjoy certain preferences over the equity shares, in respect of the payment of dividend and repayment at the time of the winding up of the company. The rate of dividend is fixed on the preference shares. The preference shares have a limited voting rights pertaining to their financial issues.

Types of preference shares

1. Cumulative and Non-cumulative preference shares.
2. Convertible and Non-convertible preference shares.
3. Participating and Non-participating preference shares.
4. Redeemable and Irredeemable preference shares.

Debenture - Meaning

A debenture is a document issued by a company as an evidence of a debt due from the company with or without a charge on the assets of the company. The debentureholders are the creditors of the company. Thus amount collected through the issue of debentures is called 'borrowed capital'.

"A debenture is a document given by a company in acknowledgement of a debt, undertaking to repay the stated sum on or before a certain date and in the mean time to pay interest at a fixed rate

- J. Lenois Brown and L.K. Howard

Types of Debentures

1. Registered Debentures
2. Bearer Debentures
3. Secured Debentures
4. Unsecured Debentures
5. Fully convertible Debenture
6. Partly Convertible Debentures

Introduction

I. INTRODUCTION:

The main objective of any business is 'earning profit'. For this purpose, a businessman conducts various economic activities. In business, there are various transactions like cash and credit, sale and purchase, expenditure and revenue transactions and exchange of money. It is difficult to remember all these transactions and it is also not easy to find out the profit or loss and financial status of a business at the end of the year by recollecting all those transactions of that year. Hence, these should be recorded in the books of accounts systematically. Then, it is possible to present the 'Accounting Information' to the management, partners in the business, creditors, government, workers and others.

1. BOOK-KEEPING:

Meaning: In business, transactions are so numerous that it is not possible to remember all. Therefore, the trader records these transactions in a set of books. The recording of transactions in a set of books is called Book keeping. It teaches us to maintain the books of accounts in a systematic manner.

Objects:

- To have permanent accurate and complete record of all business transactions
- To find out the net profit or net loss of a business for a given period.
- To know the position of assets and liabilities on a particular date.
- To know the names of debtors and creditors
- To keep, records up-to-date.
- To detect and minimize errors and frauds.
- To keep control on expenses with a view to minimize the same.
- To have important information for legal and tax purposes

Advantages:

1. A firm can know the exact profit or loss made by it in a particular period.
2. The reasons leading to profit or loss can also be ascertained.
3. At the end of the year Balance sheet can be prepared, which discloses the financial position of the business.
4. The firm can know the amount due by debtors and amount due to creditors.
5. Errors can be revealed by the preparation of trial balance.
6. The tax liability of the firm can be easily calculated.
7. It helps the traders and firms in planning, reviewing, controlling and decision-making.

2. ACCOUNTANCY:**Definition:**

Accounting is the 'method of identifying, arranging and passing on the required financial information to the decision makers in business'.

As per the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Accountancy is the art of classifying, analyzing, recording and summarizing the available financial information for the purpose of passing on the results of these exercises to the business managers and to the management.

It tells us why and how to maintain books of account and how to summarize and communicate accounting information. It is the actual process of doing it i.e. actually maintaining the books of account, preparing and presenting the accounts.

Advantages of Accounting:

1. The net profit / net loss of the business in a financial year can be known.
2. The efficiency / performance of the department/ section can be ascertained
3. The approximate cost of production of goods manufactured can be known
4. Based on the financial results, it can decide which products are to be manufactured, which activities should be continued and which should be dropped.
5. The financial position of the business concern can be assessed.
6. Accounting is useful in submitting the statutory returns like Income Tax, Sales Tax, Commercial Tax etc., to the government in time.

DISTINCTION BETWEEN BOOK-KEEPING AND ACCOUNTING

Book-keeping differs from accounting in the following respects:

Basis of Distinction	Book-keeping	Accounting
1. Scope	Book-keeping involves- (a) identifying the transactions, (b) measuring the identified classified transactions, (c) recording the measured transactions and (d) classifying the recorded transactions	Accounting in addition to Book-keeping involves-summarizing the transactions, analysing the summarized results, interpreting the analysed results and communicating the interpreted information to the interested parties.
2. Stage	Book-keeping is primary stage.	Accounting is the secondary stage. It starts where book-keeping ends.
3. Basic Objective	The basic objective of book-keeping is to maintain systematic records of financial transactions.	The basic objective of accounting is to ascertain net results of operations and financial position and to communicate information to the interested parties.
4. Who Performs	Book-keeping work is performed by junior staff.	Accounting work is performed by senior staff.
5. Knowledge Level	The book-keeper is not required to have higher level of knowledge than that of an accountant.	The accountant is required to have higher level of knowledge than that of an accountant.
6. Analytical Skill	The book-keeper may or may not possess analytical skill.	An accountant is required to possess analytical skill.
7. Nature of Job	The job of a book-keeper is often routine and clerical in nature.	The job of an accountant is analytical in nature.
8. Designing of Accounting System	It does not cover designing of accounts system.	It covers designing of accounting system.
9. Supervision & Checking	The book-keeper does not supervise and check the work of an accountant.	An accountant supervises and checks the work of a book-keeper.

Concepts:

Accounting is a commercial language; to make this language more meaningful and useful and to make it uniform in practice certain concepts are adopted:

1. **Business Entity Concept:** While recording the business transactions in the books, it should be noted that the business and owners are separate entities. The activities of the concern and personal transactions of the owners should not be mixed. The final accounts are prepared to reflect the profit/loss of the business concern only.
2. **Money Measurement Concept:** accounting records only transactions that are expressed in terms of money. The transactions, which cannot be expressed in money, fall beyond the scope of accounting.
3. **Cost Concept:** Business activity is an exchange of money. The price paid at the time of purchase is called 'cost'. All fixed assets are recorded in the books at their original purchase price.
4. **Going Concern Concept:** accounts are recorded assuming that the business will continue for a long time. In absence of this view, there is no need to maintain books of account. This is useful to determine the value of fixed assets and intangible assets like 'goodwill'.
5. **Realisation Concept:** As per this concept 'imaginary profits should not be recorded at all. All transactions should be recorded only after it actually takes place. Similarly profits should not be recorded unless it is actually realised.
6. **Dual Aspect concept:** As per this, every transaction should have two aspects. One is 'receiving aspect' and other is 'giving aspect'. The receiving aspect is called 'debit' and giving aspect is called 'credit'. Therefore, for every debit there is an equal corresponding credit.

Conventions: Accountancy is based on usages or customs. These are termed as 'conventions' in accounting. The following are some of the important conventions:

1. **Consistency:** It means that business concern should follow uniform accounting methods for all years. This is useful as and when the businessman wants to compare the present year performance with that of last year or with different firms.
2. **Disclosure:** The results of the business have to be disclosed from time to time to the shareholders and creditors, government, employees etc.; Care should be taken to disclose all material information.
3. **Relevance:** The firm should give relevant accounting information as and when required with documentary proof like invoices, vouchers and cash and credit memos.
4. **Feasibility:** The practice of comparing expenses incurred for the business transactions with that of the income received during the year by the firm is called feasibility. As per this convention the expenditure should be less than the income.
5. **Conservation:** As per this the accountant has to record the actual financial position, he should not give a different picture of the business either by inflating or deflating the value of transaction.

TERMINOLOGY:

1. **Business transactions:** Every business operation deals with exchange of cash, goods and services. This results in change in the financial position of the business.
2. **Goods:** Goods are those with which the business concern does business.
3. **Debtor:** a person owing money to the business firm is called 'Debtor'
4. **Creditor:** Creditor is a person who lent money or sell goods on credit to the firm.
5. **Account:** Account is a summarized statement of Debit and credit. There are two parts for every account. The left hand side is called 'Debit' and the right hand side is called 'Credit'
6. **Assets:** Assets are those, which are essential and beneficial for running the business operations. Like Furniture, Machinery, land building etc.,
7. **Liabilities:** The debts owned by the firm to outsiders and also to the investors. For example, creditors/ Bank overdraft, bills payable and loans and capital.
8. **Capital:** the amount invested by the owner for running the business. It can be in the form of goods or cash. **It** the excess of liabilities over assets.
9. **Invoice:** Invoice is a statement sent by the seller to the purchaser, which contains the details of the quantity of goods sold, and price of the goods/ products, terms and conditions of payment particulars.
10. **Cheque:** A Cheque is an instrument, by means of which a depositor can order the bank to pay a certain sum of money only top the order of a person or to the bearer of the instrument.

II. DOUBLE ENTRY SYSTEM:

A businessman records the business transactions in two ways. They are 1) Single Entry system and 2) Double Entry system.

1. **Single Entry System:** This method is incomplete and unscientific. It records only one aspect of the transaction (either debit or credit). So complete information is not available for the preparation of final accounts. It will not be possible to arrive at the accurate profit. The trader cannot obtain the total information as they maintain only cash and personal accounts leaving the nominal accounts aside. A businessman cannot take accurate and timely decisions due to this unscientific method.
2. **Double Entry System:** This system was invented by a trader called "Luci Paciolo" in Italy in the year 1434. According to him every transaction takes place between either two persons or two firms. When such a transaction takes places one person receives benefit and the other person gives benefit. These two are inseparable.

In accountancy, the Receiving benefit is called 'Debit' aspect and Giving Benefit is called 'Credit' aspect. Thus, the procedure of recording both the receiving and giving aspects related to business transactions is called "Double Entry Book-keeping".

The proforma of an Account:

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Date	Particulars	Ledger Folio No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	Ledger Folio No	Amount Rs.
	To (Debit side)				By (Credit side)		

CLASSIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS:

ACCOUNTS:

Accounts can be broadly classified in to Personal Accounts and Impersonal Accounts.

Impersonal Accounts can be subdivided into two:

1. Real Accounts 2. Nominal accounts.

1. Personal Accounts: accounts opened in the names of individuals and institutions are called 'Personal accounts'. For example: Raju's Account, M/s. Ramesh & Co account.

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Date	Particulars	Journal Folio No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	Journal Folio No	Amount Rs.
	To (Debit side)				By (Credit side)		

Real Accounts: All the accounts, which record transactions related to Assets is known as Real Account. A separate account will be opened for every asset in the business concern.

Ex. Machinery, furniture, stock, cash etc.,

Nominal Account: Account that gives information related to expenditure and income is known as Nominal account. Separate accounts will be opened to record expenditure, losses, income and profit of a business. These are also known as 'Fictitious Accounts'.

Ex. Salaries, Rent, Depreciation etc.,

PRINCIPLES OF DOUBLE ENTRY SYSTEM:

Personal Accounts: *"Debit the receiver and Credit the Giver"*

Real Accounts: *"Debit what comes in and Credit what goes out"*

Nominal Account: *"Debit all Losses and expenses and Credit all Gains and Incomes"*

Important factors to be considered while recording the transactions while implementing the principles of Double entry system:

1. It should be noted that the business firm is different from the person who owns it. The firm has got its own entity and account; its transactions should be recorded in its own name but not in the name of the owner.
2. Identify those accounts which are being involved in the business transaction and classify them according to their nature Le., Personal Accounts, Real Accounts and Nominal Accounts.
3. After identifying /classifying the accounts, we should apply the principles of Debit and Credit and debit all the accounts which are to be debited and credit all the accounts which are to be credited.
4. The name of the proprietor should not be recorded in the books of the firm. Since he is the part of all the transactions, he should be treated as the representative of the business concern only.

Advantages of Double Entry System:

Almost all the business concerns are practicing only the double Entry system, which is proven to be scientific method of recording the transactions. If this system is followed the business firm gets the following advantages:

1. It gets accurate, comprehensive and reliable record of all its business transactions.
2. Comprehensive information relating to assets, liabilities, and profit and loss of the business will be made available.
3. It facilitates to know the actual profit or loss of the business firm for a given period.
4. By preparing the Balance Sheet the financial position of the business and other related information can be known.
5. Errors and frauds can be easily identified and can be prevented.
6. Information regarding the total debtors and creditors can be ascertained easily.
7. It will help in comparing the financial position with that of previous years and also with the similar line business competitors.
8. It is helpful in preparing the trial balance from the closing balances of the ledger accounts and in turn can prepare the Balance Sheet to know the fixed and current assets as well as liabilities and capital of the business concern.
9. This scientific method of accountancy enables the management to take appropriate decision in business
10. By preparing the Trial Balance and Trading Account and Profit and Loss account, we dm arrive at exact profit or loss.

III. JOURNAL

Meaning: The book in which the business transactions are recorded in a chronological order, after analyzing them and classifying the benefits according to the principles of debit and credit is called 'Journal'. It is also called as Daily record or Day book.

All the transactions like, purchases, returns, sales, cash receipts and payments, loans and advances, advances given, assets acquired and disposed etc., are first recorded in the 'Journal'. Hence, this book is also called as "Book of Prime Entry or Original entry".

When the size of the business is large, the number of transactions increases. If all the transactions are recorded in a single journal, there will be complication. Hence modern firms are preparing different journals, which are called 'Subsidiary Journals'.

Proforma of Journal

Date	Particulars	Ledger Folio	Debit Rs.	Credit Rs.

Journal entry: The process of recording the business transactions in a chronological order in the journal after analyzing, classifying and identifying them as 'Debit' and 'Credit' is called 'Entry'. All these transactions are in the form of entries; hence, these are called "Journal Entries". For easy identification, a brief description is given under each entry within brackets, which is called as 'narration'.

Advantages of Journal entries:

1. A trader can find out the required information quickly and easily as the transactions are recorded in a chronological order (date-wise)
2. It helps in the preparation of the final accounts at the end of the year.

POSTING OF JOURNAL ENTRIES:

Journalise the following transactions in the books of Raju:

2002.

April	1	- Raju commenced business with a cash of	Rs. 40,000
"	3	- Cash purchases	Rs. 20,000
"	5	- Paid salaries	Rs. 10,000
"	13	- Sold goods to Ravi	Rs. 35,000
"	15	- Sold Furniture	Rs. 25,000
"	20	- Commission Received	Rs. 1,000
"	22	- Discount allowed	Rs. 2,000
"	28	- Bought goods from Venkat	Rs. 50,000
"	29	- Sold goods for cash	Rs. 15,000

Illustration: Analyse the following transactions.

- (a) Ramesh started his business with cash
- (b) Borrowed from Nikhil
- (c) Purchased furniture
- (d) Purchased furniture from Mohan on credit
- (e) Purchased goods for cash
- (f) Purchased goods from Ram on credit
- (g) Sold goods for cash
- (h) Sold goods to Hari on credit
- (i) Received cash from Hari
- (j) Paid cash to Ram
- (k) Deposited into bank
- (l) Withdrew cash for personal use
- (m) Withdrew from bank for office use
- (n) Withdrew from bank for personal use
- (o) Received cash from a customer, Shyam
- (p) Paid salary by cheque
- (q) Received donation in cash
- (r) Paid to Ram by cheque
- (s) Paid salary
- (t) Paid rent by cheque
- (u) Goods withdrawn for personal use
- (v) Paid an advance to suppliers of goods
- (w) Received an advance from customers
- (x) Paid interest on loan
- (y) Paid instalment of loan
- (z) Interest allowed by bank.

Solution

ANALYSIS OF TRANSACTIONS

Transaction	Accounts involved	Nature of accounts	How affected	Whether to be debited or credited
(a)	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is coming in	Debit
	Capital A/c	Personal	Ramesh is the giver	Credit
(b)	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is coming in	Debit
	Loan from Nikhil A/c	Personal	Nikhil is the giver	Credit
(c)	Furniture A/c	Real	Furniture is coming in	Debit
	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is going out	Credit
(d)	Furniture A/c	Real	Furniture is coming in	Debit
	Mohan's A/c	Personal	Mohan is the giver	Credit
(e)	Purchases A/c	Real	Goods are coming in	Debit
	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is going out	Credit
(f)	Purchases A/c	Real	Goods are coming in	Debit
	Ram's A/c	Personal	Ram is the giver	Credit
(g)	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is coming in	Debit
	Sales A/c	Real	Goods are going out	Credit
(h)	Hari's A/c	Personal	Hari is the receiver	Debit
	Sales A/c	Real	Goods are going out	Credit
(i)	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is coming in	Debit
	Hari's A/c	Personal	Hari is the giver	Credit
OJ	Ram's A/c	Personal	Ram is the receiver	Debit
	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is going out	Credit
(k)	Bank A/c	Personal	Bank is the receiver	Debit
	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is going out	Credit
(l)	Drawings A/c	Personal	Ramesh is the receiver	Debit
	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is going out	Credit

Transaction	Accounts involved	Nature of accounts	How affected	Whether to be debited or credited
(m)	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is coming in	Debit
	Bank A/c	Personal	Bank is the giver	Credit
(n)	Drawings A/c	Personal	Ramesh is the receiver	Debit
	Bank A/c	Personal	Bank is the giver	Credit
(o)	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is coming in	Debit
	Shyam's A/c	Personal	Shyam is the giver	Credit
(p)	Salary A/c	Nominal	Salary is an expense	Debit
	Bank A/c	Personal	Bank is the receiver	Credit
(q)	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is coming in	Debit
	Donation A/c	Nominal	Donation is a gain	Credit
(r)	Ram's A/c	Personal	Ram is the receiver	Debit
	Bank A/c	Personal	Bank is the giver	Credit
(s)	Salary A/c	Nominal	Salary is an expense	Debit
	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is going out	Credit
(t)	Rent A/c	Nominal	Rent is an expense	Debit
	Bank A/c	Personal	Bank is the giver	Credit
(u)	Drawing's A/c	Personal	Ramesh is the receiver	Debit
	Purchases A/c	Real	Goods are going out	Credit
(v)	Advance to Suppliers A/c	Personal	Suppliers are the receivers	Debit
	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is going out	Credit
(w)	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is coming in	Debit
	Adv. from Customers A/c	Personal	Customers are the givers	Credit
(x)	Interest on Loan A/c	Nominal	Interest on loan is an expense	Debit
	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is going out	Credit
(y)	Loan A/c	Personal	Lender is the receiver	Debit
	Cash A/c	Real	Cash is going out	Credit
(z)	Bank A/c	Personal	Bank is the receiver	Debit
	Bank Interest A/c	Nominal	Bank Interest is a gain	Credit

JOURNAL ENTRIES

Date	Particulars	Ledger Folio	Debit Rs.	Credit Rs.
2002 April 1	Cash A/c Dr. To Capital A/c (Being the business commenced with investment)		40,000	40,000
2002 April 3	Purchases A/c Dr To Cash A/c (Being the goods purchased for cash)		20,000	20,000
2002 April 5	Salaries A/c Dr To Cash A/c (Being the salaries paid)		10,000	10,000
2002 April 13	Ravi A/c Dr To Sales A/c (Being the salaries paid)		35,000	35,000
2002 April 15	Cash A/c Dr To Furniture A/c (Being the Furniture sold for Cash)		35,000	35,000
2002 April 20	Cash A/c Dr To commission A/c (Being the commission received)		1,000	1,000
2002 April 22	Discount A/c Dr To Cash A/c (Being the discount allowed)		2,000	2,000
2002 April 28	Purchases A/c Dr To Venkat A/c (Being goods purchased from Venkat on credit)		50,000	50,000
2002 April 29	Cash A/c Dr To Sales A/c (Being goods sold for cash)		15,000	15,000

Illustration: Prepare Journal in the books of K.K. Co. from the following transactions:

1999		Rs.	1999		Rs.
Dec. 1	Started business with a capital of	50,000	Dec. 15	Purchased goods from Ram	4,000
Dec. 6	Paid into bank	20,000	Dec. 18	Paid wages to workers	300
Dec. 8	Purchased goods for cash	4,000	Dec. 20	Recd. from Pankaj Allowed him discount Rs. 50	1,000
Dec. 9	Paid to Ram	1,980	Dec. 22	Withdrawn from bank	3,000
Dec. 9	Discount allowed by him	20	Dec. 25	Paid Ram by cheque	500
Dec. 10	Cash sales	3,000	Dec. 31	Withdrawn for personal use	200
Dec. 12	Sold to Hari for cash	2,000			

Solution

IN THE BOOKS OF K.K. CO.

Journal

Date	Particulars	L.F.	Dr.	Cr.
			Rs.	Rs.
1999 Dec. 1.	Cash A/c Dr. To Capital A/c (Being business started with capital)		50,000	50,000
6.	Bank A/c Dr. To Cash A/c (Being cash paid into bank)		20,000	20,000
8.	Purchase A/c Dr. To Cash A/c (Being goods purchased for cash)		4,000	4,000
9.	Ram A/c Dr. To Cash A/c To Discount Received A/c (Being cash paid to Ram and discount received Rs. 20)		2,000	1,980 20

			Dr.	Cr.
Date	Particulars	L.F.	Rs.	Rs.
10.	Cash A/c Dr. To Sales A/c (Being goods sold for cash)		3,000	3,000
12.	Cash A/c Dr. To Sales A/c (Being goods sold for cash)		2,000	2,000
15	Purchases A/c Dr. To Ram A/c (Being goods purchased from Ram)		4,000	4,000
18.	Wages A/c Dr. To Cash A/c (Being wages paid)		300	300
20.	Cash A/c Dr. Discount Allowed A/c Dr. To Pankaj A/c (Being cash received from Pankaj and allowed him discount Rs. 50)		1,000 50	1,050
22.	Cash A/c Dr. To Bank A/c (Being cash withdrawn from bank)		3,000	3,000
25.	Ram A/c Dr. To Bank A/c (Being paid by cheque)		500	500
31.	Drawings A/c Dr. To Cash A/c (Being withdrawn for personal use)		200	200
	Grand Total		90,050	90,050

IV. LEDGER

Introduction: Journal records all business transactions separately and date-wise. The transactions relating to a particular person, asset, expense or income are recorded at different places in the journal as they occur on different dates. Hence, it fails to bring the similar transactions together at one place. Thus, to have a consolidated view of the similar transactions different accounts are prepared in the Ledger.

A Ledger account may be defined as a summary statement of all the transactions relating to a person, asset, expense or income, which have taken place during a given period of time and show their net effect. So every entry recorded in the journal must be posted into the Ledger. It is a register having a number of pages, which are serially numbered. One account is usually assigned one page in the Ledger. It is the principal book of accounts.

Proforma of an Account

Dr		Account				Cr	
Date	Particulars	Journal Folio	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	Journal Folio	Amount Rs.

- Debit on the left hand side and Credit on the right hand side.
- The left side of the account describes the benefit received by the firm and the right side describes the information about the benefit given by the firm.
- The debit aspect of business transaction should be recorded on the debit side, this is known as debiting the account
- The credit aspect of the transaction is recorded on the credit side of the account, which is known as crediting the account.

CLASSIFICATION OF LEDGER:

The number of transactions depends on the size of the business firm. When the firm is small in size, its transactions are usually limited, hence, only one Ledger account may be enough but with the expansion of business, the number of transactions will also increase, so there is a possibility of having more number of Ledger Accounts that is why large scale business organizations maintain different Ledger accounts like:

Debtors Ledger: When the customer purchases goods on credit basis, they become the Debtors of the firm and all their transactions are recorded in one book known as 'Debtors Ledger', which show only debit balances, the total of these accounts indicate the amount to be received from debtors.

Creditors Ledger: When the firm purchases goods on credit basis the suppliers become ‘creditors’ and these transactions are recorded in one book known as ‘Creditors Ledger’ on the credit side. The total balances of these accounts indicate the total amount to be paid by the company to the supplier.

General Ledger: When the company record all the accounts related to assets, income and expenditure in one book, which is known as ‘ General Ledger’. In this accounts related to real account and the balances of all types of accounts related to nominal accounts always show only debit balance. On the other hand all the accounts related to incomes show only credit balances.

Self Ledger: When accounts relating to the proprietor of the business are recorded in one book . which is known as ‘ Self Ledger’. Which is very confidential.

BALANCING THE ACCOUNT:

Generally, the balances of various accounts in the Ledger are tallied either at the end of the accounting year or whenever the business needs information.

The following is the procedure to balance the account:

- Take the totals of both sides and find out the difference between debit and credit.
- The total of lesser side should deducted from the total amount of the higher side, the difference is called as balance carried down (Balance *C/d*) that difference should be put in total column of lesser side, to get the same amount on both sides.
- Date of balancing should be written in the date column.
- The balance cld should be shown as balance bid on the next day, on the opposite side. Some times the totals of both the sides of an account are equal. In such case balance cld or balance bid does not occur.

LEDGER POSTINGS: ILLUSTRATION

Journalise the following transactions, post them into the Ledger and the balance the accounts:.

2003 May 1	Ratan commenced business with a capital of	Rs. 50,000
“ 2	Purchased goods from Jagan	Rs. 5,000
“ 4	Sold goods to Gopal	Rs. 10,000
“ 5	Cash purchases	Rs. 10,000
“ 7	Paid salaries	Rs. 3,000
“ 8	Cash sales	Rs. 10,000
“ 9	Bought machinery and paid through bank	Rs. 2,000
“ 14	Cash paid to Jagan in full settlement	Rs. 4,800
“ 17	Cash received from Gopal and discount allowed	Rs. 9,500 Rs. 500
“ 18	Deposited with bank	Rs. 5,000
“ 24	Sold old machinery	Rs. 1,500
“ 26	Interest received through Cheque	Rs. 500
“ 31	Ratan’s personal use	Rs. 1,000

Solution:**JOURNAL ENTRIES**

Date	Particulars	Ledger Folio	Debit Rs.	Credit Rs.
2003 May 1	Cash Alc Dr. To Capital A/c (Being the business commenced with investment)		50,000	50,000
“ 2	Purchases A/c Dr To Iagan A/c (Being the goods purchased on credit)		5,000	5,000
“ 4	Gopal A/c Dr To Sales A/c (Being the goods sold on credit paid)		10,000	10,000
“ 5	Purchases A/c Dr To Cash A/c (Being the goods purchased for cash)		10,000	10,000
“ 7	Salaries A/c Dr To Cash A/c (Being the Salaries paid received)		3,000	3,000
“ 8	Cash A/c Dr To Sales A/c (Being the goods sold for cash)		10,000	10,000
“ 9	Machinery A/c Dr To Bank A/c (Being machinery bought and paid through cheque)		2,000	2,000
“ 14	Jagan A/c Dr To Cash A/c To Discount A/c (Being Iagan,s account settled)		5,000 4,800 200	
“ 17	Cash A/c Dr Discount allowed A/c Dr To Gopal's A/c (Being Cash received with discount)		9,500 500	10,000

“ 18	Bank A/c Dr To Cash A/c (Being the Being cash deposited with bank)		5,000	5,000
“ 24	Cash A/c Dr To Machinery A/c (Being the sale of old machinery)		1,500	1,500
“ 26	Bank A/c Dr To Interest A/c (Being the interest received through cheque)		500	500
“ 31	Drawings A/c Dr To Cash A/c (Being the owner used cash for personal use)		1,000	1,000

Dr				Cash Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars.	J. F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J.F No	Amount Rs.				
2003				2003							
May 1	To capital A/c		50,000	May 5	By Purchases A/c		10,000				
„ 8	To Sales A/c		10,000	7	By Salaries Alc		3,000				
„ 17	To Gopal A/c		9,500	14	By Jagan Alc		4,800				
„ 24	To Machinery A/c		1,500	18	By Bank Alc		5,000				
				31	By Drawings		1,000				
				31	By Balance cld		47,200				
			71,000							71,000	
2003	To Balance b/d		47,200								
June 1											

Dr				Capital Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.				
2003				2003							
May 1	To Balance c/d		50,000	May 1	By cash Alc		50,000				
			50,000							50,000	
2003	By Balance b/d		50,000								
Junel											

Dr				Purchases Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.				
2003 May 2 5	To Jagan A/c To Cash A/c		5,000 10,000 15,000	2003 May31	By Balance Cld		15,000 15,000				
2003 June 1	To Balance b/d		15,000								

Dr				Jagan Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J.F No	Amount Rs.				
2003 May 14 14	To Cash alc To Discount Received		4,800 200 5,000	2003 May 2	By Purchases Alc		5,000 5,000				

Dr				Sales Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars	J.F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J.F No	Amount Rs.				
2003 May31	To Balance c/d		20,000	2003 May 4 8	By Gopal A/c By Cash A/c		10,000 10,000				
			20,000				20,000				
2003 June1	By Balance b/d		20,000								

Dr				Gopal Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J.F No	Amount Rs.				
2003 May 4	To Sales a/c		10,000 10,000	2003 May 17 17	By cash A/c By discount allowed		9,500 500 10,000				

Dr				Salaries Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.				
2003 May7	To Cash alc		3,000	2003 May31	By Balance c/d		3,000				
			3,000				3,000				
June1	To Balance b/d		3,000								

Dr				Machinery Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J.F No	Amount Rs.				
2003 May9	To Bank a/c		7,000	2003 May 24	By cash A/c		1,500				
				31	By Balance c/d		500				
			2,000				2,000				
2003 June1	To Balance b/d		500								

Dr				Bank Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.				
2003 May18	To Cash a/c		5,000	2003 May9	By Machinery A/c		2,000				
26	To Interest a/c		500	31	By Bal c/d		3,500				
			5,500				5,500				
2003 June1	To Balance b/d		3,500								

Dr				Discount Received Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars	J.F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J.F No	Amount Rs.				
2003 May31	To Balance cld		200	2003 May 14	By Jagan Alc		200				
			200				200				
				2003 June 1	By Balance b/d		200				

Dr				Discount Allowed Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.
2003 May 17	To Gopal a/c		500	2003 May 31	By Balance c/d		500				
			500				500				
				2003 June 1	By Balance b/d		500				

Dr				Interest Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars	J. F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J.F No	Amount Rs .	Date	Particulars	J.F No	Amount Rs .
2003 May 31	To Balance c/d		500	2003 May 26	By Bank A/c		500				
			500				500				
				2003 June 1	By Balance b/d		500				

Dr				Drawings Account				Cr			
Date	Particulars	J.F No.	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J.F No	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	J.F No	Amount Rs.
2003 May 31	To Cash A/c		1,000	2003 May 31	By Balance cld		1,000				
			1,000				1,000				
				2003 June 1	By Balance b/d		1,000				

Advantages of Ledger:

The following are the advantages derived from ledger:

1. It is the ledger through which successful application of double entry system of bookkeeping is ensured. Each and every transaction is divided into two parts -receiver and giver - and recorded in the two concerned accounts in ledger.
2. Transactions relating to different persons or concerns are recorded in the account of each person or concern separately. As a result, complete and reliable information is available in respect of each and every account.

3. Different types of income and expenses are recorded in different accounts separately. So, it is possible to ascertain the amount of income and expenditure under each head and the overall result at the year end through trading and profit and loss account.
4. Separate account is opened for each item of assets and liabilities. It is, therefore, possible to ascertain the value of different assets and liabilities and the true financial position at the year end through balance sheet.
5. Transactions being recorded primarily in journal and thereafter finally in ledger, the possibility of errors and defalcations is remote.
6. Valuable information and statistics are collected from ledger and supplied to the management to enable them to run the concern efficiently.

Introduction

SUBSIDIARY BOOKS:

When the size and the number of transactions of the business increase, it would be difficult to record the transactions and post them in various Ledger accounts. To overcome, such problems, a separate book is maintained to record each transaction. As all the other similar kind of transactions is recorded in a separate book, it becomes easier to post all such transactions in Ledger at a time.

Thus, the different transactions are classified into various groups and relevant transactions are recorded in a separate journal. Such journal is called “Subsidiary journal” or ‘Books of original entry’.

KINDS OF SUBSIDIARY BOOKS:

PURCHASE BOOK: Only the credit purchases of goods are recorded in this book. Cash purchases and purchase of assets are not recorded in this book.

SALES BOOK: Only the credit sale of goods is recorded in the sales book. Cash sales and sale of assets are not recorded her in this book.

PURCHASE RETURNS BOOK: This book keeps a record of the returns outwards. When goods are purchased on credit basis and returned to the supplier for some reasons.

SALES RETURNS BOOK: This book keeps a record of all return inwards. When goods are sold on credit basis and returned by the customer due to some reasons.

CASH BOOK: This book is maintained to record all cash transactions. All cash receipts and payments are recorded in the book.

BILLS RECEIVABLE BOOK: The bills on which the amount is yet to be received and promissory notes drawn by the seller or creditor are recorded in this book.

BILLS PAYABLE BOOK: All bills and promissory notes accepted by the buyer or debtor are recorded in this book.

JOURNAL PROPER: This book is used for recording only those transactions, which cannot be recorded in any other subsidiary books.

PROFORMA OF PURCHASE BOOK

Date	Particulars	Invoice No.	Ledger Folio No	Amount Rs.

PROFORMA OF SALES BOOK

Date	Particulars	Outward Invoice No.	Ledger Folio No	Amount Rs.

PROFORMA OF PURCHASE RETURNS BOOK

Date	Particulars	Debit Note No.	Ledger Folio No	Amount Rs.

DEBIT NOTE: When the trader returns the material purchased for any reason, the net amount is calculated and the purchaser prepares a debit note. The amount is debited to supplier's account and the debit note should be sent to him.

PROFORMA OF SALES RETURNS BOOK

Date	Particulars	Credit Note No.	Ledger Folio No	Amount Rs.

CREDIT NOTE: When the goods are sold on credit, an account is opened under the customer's name and the total amount of goods sold is noted in the debit side of his account. When he returns the goods, his account should be credited with the exact amount of the goods returned. To inform the customer about this a credit note is prepared and sent to him.

PROFORMA OF CASH BOOK

Dr						Cash Account						Cr	
Date	Particulars	L.F No	Discount Allowed	Cash Rs.	Bank Rs	Date	Particulars	L.F No	Discount received	Cash Rs.	Bank Rs		

The proforma of a cash book resembles the Ledger alc and consists of debit and credit columns. All the amounts received directly or by Cheque, draft, money order is recorded on the debit side. All transactions in which cash is paid by the firm through Cheque, draft or money order are recorded on the credit side of the cash book.

PROFORMA OF BILLS RECEIVABLE BOOK

S.No	Date	From whom received	Acceptor	Date of Bill	Term	Maturity Date	Amount Rs.	L.F No	How disposed off	Remarks

PROFORMA OF BILLS PAYABLE BOOK

S.No	Date	Drawn by	Payee	Term	Maturity Date	Amount Rs.	L.F No	Payable at	How met	Remarks

PROFORMA OF JOURNAL PROPER

Date	Particulars	Ledger Folio No	Debit Amount Rs.	Credit Amount Rs.

ADVANTAGES OF SUBSIDIARY BOOKS:

No narration is required while writing in subsidiary books as done in journal entries. So, labour is reduced.

- The accounting staff can record the transactions quickly and easily, as there are eight different books.

- Efficiency and specialization can be attained as the work is classified and allocated to the accountants.
- The rectification of errors, if any, becomes easy.
- They will provide the information related to a particular transaction with In the stipulated time.

Illustration : Record the following transactions in Purchase book.

2010

- Jan1 Purchased from Sudhakar & Co on Credit
40 units @ Rs. 25
Trade discount 10%
- Jan 4 Purchased from R & Co on credit
40 units @ Rs. 10
20 units @ Rs. 25
- Jan 18 Purchased from TM & Co on credit
20 units @ 40
Trade discount 5%
- Jan 30 Purchased from MN & Co on credit
30 units @ Rs. 20
40 units @ Rs. 50

Solution :

Purchase Book

Date	Invoice No.	Particulars	L.F.	Details Amount	Amount
Jan 1		Sudhakar & Co 40 units @ Rs. 25 Less: 10% Trade Discount		1,000 100	900
Jan 4		R & Co 40 units @ Rs. 10 20 units @ Rs. 25		400 500	900
Jan 18		TM & Co 20 units @ Rs. 40 Less: Trade Discount 5%		800 40	760
Jan 30		MN & Co 30 units @ Rs. 20 40 units @ Rs. 50		600 2,000	2,600
Jan 31					5,160

Section 2(46) of the Indian Companies Act 1956 defines share as “a share in the share capital of a company and includes stock except when a distinction between stock and shares is expressed and implied”.

Owned capital of a company divided into a large number of equal parts or units. Each such part having the same face value is called share

Types of shares:

1. **Equity Shares:** Equity shares are those shares which do not have, preferential rights with regards to: (a) Payment of dividend (b) Repayment (return) of capital, in case of winding up of the company. Equity shares are also known as **Ordinary shares**. There are no types of equity shares.
2. **Preference Shares:** Preference shares are those shares which have preferential rights over the equity shares with regards to: (1) Repayment of capital in the event of liquidation / winding up of the company. (2) Payment of dividend.

VI. CASH BOOK:

The cash book or cash account is most important of all subsidiary books. Only cash transactions are recorded in this book. Cash transactions are two types:

1. Cash receipts and .2) Cash payments. Cash receipts should be shown on debit side and cash payments on the credit side. The difference between the debit total and credit total reveals the cash balance available within the firm. Under any circumstances payments should not exceed receipts as no business concern can pay more than what it receives. Sometimes balance of debit and credit will be equal. Then the cash balance of the firm is ‘nil’.

It can be used either as a book of original entry or a Ledger. It is also called as ‘Book of original entry’.

TYPES OF CASH BOOK:

The form of the cash book depends on the need, nature and scope of business activity of a business firm. The cash book is of the following types:

1. Simple Cash book
2. Double column cash book:
 - a) Containing Cash and Discount columns
 - b) Containing Bank and Discount columns
3. Triple column cash book
4. Petty cash book

Simple Cash book: It is maintained usually by newly started business firms, whose trade transactions are limited. Only cash transactions are recorded in this book.

Cash Book Containing Cash and Discount columns: The transactions pertaining to cash and cash discounts are also recorded. The transactions involving discounts are recorded here. There are 2 types of discounts: 1) Trade discount 2) Cash discount:

Trade discount: The discount offered by the seller to the buyer on the price or- the goods purchased. It is shown in invoice only and does appear either in the cash book or any other book.

Cash discount: If a debtor clears his debt before or on the date specified, he may receive some rebate in the form of cash from the creditor, which is treated as 'cash discount received'. In the same way rebate given by the creditor it is treated by him as 'discount allowed'. This always related to transactions involving cash, so it is recorded in cash book. The discount column on the debit side should be named 'discount allowed' and that on the credit side should be named 'discount received'. The balance of the discount columns should not be balanced.

Cash Book Containing Bank and Discount columns: The modern business concerns, do not usually carry on their transactions only in the form of cash, for safety reasons the transactions are usually carried out through banks. The receipts and payments are usually made through Cheques. The cash and Cheques deposited in the bank are recorded on the debit side and Cheques drawn are shown on the credit side. Usually the bank column shows a debit balance, but sometimes, it can show a credit balance also, if it shows a credit balance we call it overdraft.

Triple Column Cash Book: The modern organizations, in which the cash transactions are made in big amounts, deal with banks regularly to get the following advantages:

- Cheques received can be deposited in their bank accounts
- All payments can be made through Cheques
- Interest can be earned by depositing the cash balance in the bank.

As the business firms deal largely with banks they prepare a cash book containing cash, discount and bank columns. So this book is called 'Triple Column Cash Book'.

Important points to be noted while recording the transactions:

- When opening cash and bank balances are given, record on the debit side of cash and bank columns
- When opening bank balance is given as overdraft, it should be recorded on the credit side in the bank column
- When cash is received, it should be recorded on the debit side cash column, in the same way cash payments made by the firm shown in the cash column on credit side.

- When cash or Cheque is received from debtors through cash sales or any other sources, it is recorded in the cash column on debit side, if the Cheque is deposited into bank on the same day or assumed to be deposited on the same day, it is recorded in the bank column on the debit side.
- If any payment is made or debt is cleared in the form of Cheques, it is recorded in the bank column on the credit side.
- If the firm allows discount, it is recorded in the discount column on the debit side.
- If the discount is received, it is recorded on the discount column on the credit side.
- If the Cheques sent to bank for collection are dishonored, these should be recorded in the bank column on the credit side. Similarly, if we receive any information that the Cheques issued by us are dishonored, it should be promptly noted in the bank column on the debit side.
- If cash is withdrawn from the bank for the business use, it should be recorded in the cash column on debit side and bank column on the credit side.
- If we deposit cash into bank it should be recorded in the bank column on debit side and credit side in the cash column. This type of transaction is called as contra entry. Where both the sides are affected. To indicate that is a contra entry, the alphabet 'C' is mentioned in the Ledger folio column on the both sides.

Illustration 1 : Enter the following transactions in single -column cash book

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Jan 1	Cash in hand	1,700
Jan 5	Paid to Ramu	300
	Discount allowed by him	10
Jan 8	Purchased goods from Somu & Co from cash	400
Jan 10	Record from Ramesh	980
	Discount allowed	20
Jan 16	Sold goods to Suresh & Co for cash	400
Jan 21	Paid to Harish	295
	Discount received	5
Jan 22	Paid wages	50
Jan 25	Paid to Jagan	390
	Discount Received	10
Jan 30	Furniture purchased	200

Solution :**Cash Book**

Date	Particulars	Amount Rs.	Date	Particulars	Amount Rs.
Jan1	To Balance b/d	1,700	Jan 5	By Ramu	300
Jan10	To Ramesh	980	Jan 8	By Purchase	400
Jan17	To Sales	400	Jan 21	By Harish	295
			Jan 22	By Wages A/c	50
			Jan 25	By Jagan	390
			Jan 30	Furniture	200
			Jan 31	Balance C/d	1445
		3,080			3,080
Feb 1	To Balance b/d	1,445			

Illustration 2 : Record the following transactions in Two Column Cash book.

Jan1	Cash balance	15,000
Jan 15	Cash received from Sudhakar	3,900
	Discount allowed to him	100
Jan 20	Paid to Krishna	5,830
.	Discount received	170
Jan 31	Received cash from Naresh	2,900
	Discount allowed to him	100

Solution :**Cash Book**

Date	Particulars	Discount	Cash Rs.	Date	Particulars	Discount	Cash Rs.
Jan1	To Balance b/d		15,000	Jan 20	By Krishna	170	5,830
Jan18	To Sudheer	100	3,900	Jan 8	By Balaced c/d		15,970
Jan31	To Naresh	100	2,900				
		200	21,800			170	21,800

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Final Accounts

TRIAL BALANCE

It is a must for the businessman to prepare ‘final accounts’ with a specific object to find out the profitability of the transactions made and the true and fair financial position of the firm. These final accounts are prepared from the balances of Ledger accounts which are available in a common list called ‘Trial Balance’. It contains the Debit and Credit balances of all Ledger accounts and are very essential for preparation process of final accounts.

Trial Balance may be simply defined as a statement prepared by putting all debits on one side and all credits on the other side to check the arithmetical accuracy of the Ledger accounts. It is a link between the Ledger accounts and final accounts.

M.S. Gosav: defined the Trial balance as “it a statement containing the balances of all Ledger accounts, as at any given date, arranged in the form of debit and credit columns laced side by side and prepared with the object of checking the arithmetical accuracy of the Ledger postings.

- Characteristics of Trial Balance:
- It is a statement or a list
- It contains all the debit and credit balances
- The total of debit balances and credit balances must be equal.
- It is the only base for preparation of final accounts
- It can be prepared at any time.

Advantages:

- Preparation of final accounts will become easy
- One can rely on the results derived out of trial balance when the total of debit is equal to the total balance of credit.
- Some accounting flaws in respect of postings can easily be detected by preparing trial balance.
- The work of accountant will become easy for ascertaining the profitability and financial position with the preparation of trial balance.

PREPARATION OF TRIAL BALANCE:

A: The following accounts will always appear with debit balances in Trial Balance:

Asset Accounts: Land accounts, building accounts, machinery accounts, furniture accounts, Debtors account, stock account, Bills receivable etc.,

Accounts relating to expenses and losses: Salaries account, wages account, rent account, carriage account, discount account, bad debts account, depreciation account, and also purchases account, return inward account etc.,

B: The following accounts will always appear with credit balances in Trial Balance:

Liabilities accounts: Creditors account. Loan account, mortgage account, Bills Payable account, Bank overdraft account. All types of Reserves and Funds accounts.

Income and gain accounts: Interest realised account, rent collected account, discount received account, and sales account, return outward account etc.,

The Trial Balance is prepared at any given date but not for a particular period:

PROFORMA:

S.No.	Particulars (Name of the account)	LF No.	Debit Balance Rs.	Credit Balance Rs.

METHODS OF PREPARING TRIAL BALANCE:

There are two methods of preparing trial balance: 1) Total balances method 2) Net balances method.

Total balances method: In this, debit as well as credit sides of all the accounts will be summed up and with this totals the Trial Balance will be prepared. It is called as 'gross trial balance method'. This method is out of use now

Net balances method: This is most commonly used method in preparing the Trial Balance. In this the net balance of the accounts were ascertained on a particular date and arranged in the proforma of Trial balance. If these totals of debit and credit agree, we can say the Trial Balance has the arithmetical accuracy.

EXAMPLE : Prepare a Trial Balance from the following Ledger balance relate to *MI*s. Vandana and co. as on 31-3-2003.

Particulars	Amount Rs.	Particulars	Amount Rs.
Cash in bank	200	Debtors	34,000
Capital	78,000	Bills payable	1,140
Lease Property	46,000	Opening Stock	5,000
Furniture	10,500	Bank Loan	46,000
Sales	1,31,020	Plant and Machinery	48,000
Discount allowed	540	Purchases	81,900
Carriage Inward	350	Discount Received	70
Returns Inward	1,500	Carriage outward	240
Wages & Salaries	17,000	Returns outward	380
Advances paid	29,960	Sundry expenses	1,370
Bank charge	1,000	Taxes	500
Creditors	22,760	Commission received	1,690
		Drawings	3,000

Solution: Trial Balance of M/s. Vandana & Co. as on 31-3-2003

Particulars (Name of the account)	LF No.	Debit Balance Rs.	Credit Balance Rs.
Cash in bank		200	
Capital			78,000
Lease Property		46,000	
Furniture		10,500	
Sales			1,31,020
Discount allowed		540	
Carriage Inward		350	
Returns Inward		1,500	
Wages & Salaries		17,000	
Advances paid		29,960	
Bank charge		1,000	
Greditors			22,760
Debtors		34,000	
Bills payable			1,140
Opening Stock		5,000	
Bank Loan			46,000
Plant and Machinery		48,000	
Purchases		81,900	
Discount Received			70
Carriage outward		240	
Returns outward			380
Sundry expenses		1,370	
Taxes		500	
Commission received			1,690
Drawings		3,000	
		2,81,060	2,81,060

Model Questions:

1. Define 'Trial Balance' and its need.
2. List out the various accounts, which appear on Debit side and credit side.
3. Prepare a Trial Balance from the following Ledger balances :

Particulars	Rs	Particulars	Rs
Capital	1,00,000	Wages	8,000
Motor van	60,000	Rent	10,000
Purchases	50,000	General Expenses	5,000
Sales	90,000	Cash in Hand	13,000
Debtors	30,000	Bank Overdraft	1,000
Creditors	10,000	Furniture	16,000
Salaries	12,000	Investments	7,000
Depreciation Fund	10,000		

The package of accounts and statements that are used to ascertain the Gross Profit, Net Profit and Financial position are called "Final Accounts. The Trial Balance is the base from which the final accounts are prepared.

OBJECTIVES:

- To assess the profit earned or loss incurred by the business in a specific period.
- To find out the financial position of the firm and to know the total assets and liabilities and the net capital of the business on a particular date.

A trading concern will prepare final accounts in 3 stages:

1. Trading Account - To find out Gross profit / loss for the period
2. Profit & Loss account - To assess the net profit
3. Balance Sheet - To show total assets and liabilities

A Manufacturing concern will prepare final accounts in 4 stages:

1. Manufacturing Account - To know the total cost of production
2. Trading Account - To find out Gross profit
3. Profit & Loss account - To assess the net profit / Net loss for the period
4. Balance Sheet - To show total assets and liabilities

The total transactions of the business are divided into:

Transactions of Capital nature: i) Capital Expenditure ii) Capital income

Transactions of Revenue nature: i) Revenue Expenditure ii) Revenue income

The classification of transactions is a key factor in the Accountancy: From the expenditure point of view, we can classify the total items of expenditure into: a) Capital Expenditure b) Revenue Expenditure

Capital Expenditure: The transactions of capital expenditure give benefits for more than one accounting period, such as acquisition and improvement of assets, acquisition of special rights, increasing of earning capacity, restoration of operating efficiency. It is non-recurring in nature. Therefore, they are shown on the assets side of the Balance Sheet.

Revenue Expenditure: It is incurred for generating revenue in the current accounting period and its benefit expires with such period. It helps to maintain the normal working condition of a business. It is charged as expenses in Trading / Profit & Loss Account on debit side. Ex: Purchases, carriage expenses, wages, fuel, salaries, postage, telephone rent, rates, taxes salaries, advertisements, traveling charges, interest and depreciation.

The receipts of a business firm can be divided into a) Capital receipts and b) Revenue receipts.

Capital receipts: are defined as “non-recurring receipts’ from the owner of the business or lender of money creating a liability to either of them”. Which include proceeds out of sale of assets: capital, bank loan, issue of debentures, loan, sale of assets. They are to be shown on liabilities side of the balance sheet or deducted from the asset value on assets side of the balance sheet.

Revenue receipts: Revenue receipts are defined as “a recurring receipt against sale of goods in the normal course of business. It may be a non-trading income of regular or recurring nature. Ex. Interest, discount, dividend received etc., these items should be credited to Trading account, Profit and Loss account.

TRADING ACCOUNT:

Trading account is prepared at the end of each accounting period to assess the gross profit or Gross loss. Gross profit is nothing but the excess of the total of credit column over the total of the debit column. If the net sales amount is more than the ‘cost of production’ the difference is called ‘Gross profit’, it should be transferred to Profit and Loss Account and posted on credit side and if the sale proceeds are lower, the result is called ‘gross loss’. It should be transferred to Profit and Loss account on the debit side.

PROFORMA OF TRADING ACCOUNT

Trading Account of For the period ended

Dr

Cr

Particulars	Amount Rs	Amount Rs	Particulars	Amount Rs	Amount Rs
To Opening stock		Xx	By Sales	Xxx	
To Purchases	Xxx		Less Sales returns	xx	Xx
Less: Returns	xx	xx	By Closing stock		Xx
To Carriage inward		Xx	By goods destroyed by		Xx
To wages		Xx	fire		
To Freight / cartage		Xx	By Gross Loss		xxx
To Import / Export duty	Xx	Xx	(Transferred to P& L a/c)		
To Royalties/Octroi		Xx			
To coal, fuel & power		Xx			
To Factory expenses		Xx			
To Manufacturing Expenses		Xx			
To Gross Profit (Transfer to P & L a/c)		xxx			
		xxxx			xxxx

Importance of Trading Account:

Trading account is the first step in the preparation of the process of final accounts. We can ascertain Gross Profit / Gross Loss

We can observe the changes in direct expenses

We can establish the relation between the costs and revenues

We can analyse the trend in sales

We can decide the earning capacity of the firm.

Illustration:

1. From the following balances of Mr. Ram ascertain the Gross profit by preparing a Trading Account for year ended 31-3-2002.

Stock	Rs. 15,000
Sales	Rs. 28,000
Purchase returns	Rs. 400
Carriage inward	Rs. 500
Wages	Rs. 5,000
Sales Returns	Rs. 1,000
Manufacturing expenses	Rs. 200
Octroi	Rs. 600
Fuel	Rs. 800
Electricity	Rs. 600
Purchases	Rs. 10,000
Closing stock	Rs. 9,000

Trading Account of Mr. Ram For the period ended 31-3-2002

Dr

Cr

Particulars	Amount Rs	Amount Rs	Particulars	Amount Rs	Amount Rs
To Opening stock		15,000	By Sales	28,000	
To Purchases	10,000		Less Sales returns	<u>1,000</u>	27,000
Less: Returns	<u>400</u>	9,600			
To Carriage inward		500	By Closing stock		9,000
To Wages		5,000			
To Manufacturing Expenses		200			
To Octroi		600			
To Fuel	800				
To Electricity		600			
To Gross Profit (Transfer to P & L a/c)		3,700			
		36,000			36,000

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT:

Profit and loss account has to be prepared to ascertain the net profit or net loss of the firm for the accounting period. It can be arrived by deducting the 'Administrative expenses' from the Gross profit. It is a common practice to prepare the Profit and Loss account in continuation to the Trading Account. By nature Profit and Loss account is a nominal account and should not have any opening balance or closing balance. It is started either with Gross profit or Gross and the Trading and non-trading incomes are credited to this account. Similarly all the administrative, general and financial charges, writing down of assets values are to be debited to profit and loss account.

If the total of the credit column exceeds the total of debit column the difference is called 'Net profit' which is to be transferred to the Capital Account or added to the existing share capital while preparing the balance sheet. If the total of the debit column exceeds the total of the credit column the difference is 'net loss' which is to be deducted from the capital in the balance sheet. That is to say that the net profit will increase the capital where as the net loss will decrease the capital.

FORMAT OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT:

Profit and Loss Account of Sri..... For the period ended

Dr

Cr

Particulars	Amount Rs	Amount Rs	Particulars	Amount Rs	Amount Rs
To Gross Loss		Xx	By Gross profit		Xx
General Administrative Expenses:			By Discount Received		Xx
			By Interest received		Xx
To Salaries		Xx	By commission received		Xx
To Rent, Rates and Taxes		Xx	By Reserve for bad Debts (decrease)		Xx
To Postage, printing & Stationery		Xx	By Interest on Drawings		Xx
To Legal charges		Xx	By reserve for Discount On Creditors		Xx
To Audit Fee		Xx	By dividends Received		Xx
To Telephone		Xx	By Apprentice Premium		Xx
To Electricity		xx	By Profit on sale of Assets		Xx
To Insurance		xx			

Selling and Distribution Expenses					
To Salaries to staff		Xx			
To Travel Expenses		Xx			
To Advertisements		Xx			
To commission and Brokerage		Xx			
To Carriage outward		Xx			
To Commission on Sales		Xx			
To Packing charges		Xx			
To Godown expenses		Xx			
To Free Samples		Xx			
To Van expenses		Xx			
To Trade Expenses		Xx			
Maintenance and Financial charges					
To Interest on capital		Xx			
To interest		Xx			
To Discount allowed		Xx			
To Repairs		Xx			
To Loss on sale of assets		Xx			
To Depreciation on assets		Xx			
To Bad debts		Xx			
To Reserve for Bad Debts		Xx			
To Discount on Debtors		Xx			
To Net Profit		Xx			
		XXXX			XXXX

Items not be shown in the Profit and Loss Account:

1. Income tax: is a tax on the income of the proprietor, but not the firm. So, it should not be shown in the Profit and Loss account. But it should be deducted from the capital in the Liabilities side of the Balance sheet.

2. Domestic Expenses: Household expenses like, taking material to home, paying club membership subscription from business are drawings. They are also to be deducted from the capital in the liabilities of the balance sheet.
3. Capital Expenses: Expenses incurred to purchase an asset, installation expenses, wages paid for installation are some of the examples, which increase the value of the asset, hence they should not be debited to the Profit and Loss Account.

IMPORTANCE OF PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT:

1. The main purpose is to ascertain Net profit / Net Loss of a firm for a specific period.
 2. It is useful to establish a relationship between the sales and total indirect expenses through percentages.
 3. To analyse the trend in profit earning by preparing a net profit and operating ratios.
 4. To compare the actual expenses with the standards already set. Which is useful to analyse the positive and the negative variances.
 5. It will make it possible to allocate funds for reserves and other provisions for future contingencies.
- 1. Example:** From the following Ledger balance of M/s. Ram & Co. Prepare a Trading and a Profit and Loss Account for the period ended 31-12-2003.

Stock 1-1-2003	5,000
Purchases	50,000
Returns outward	5,000
Sales	1,00,000
Returns inward	5,000
Direct Wages	2,000
Indirect wages	1,000
Carriage	500
Carriage outward	1,000
Distribution expenses	500
Office Rent	2,000
Repairs	1,000
Import Duty	500
Coal & Gas	1,500
Office Lighting	1,000
Closing Stock	15,000

Solution:

Trading Account and Profit & Loss Account of Mr. Ram & Co
For the period ended 31-12-2003.

Dr

Cr

Particulars	Amount Rs	Amount Rs	Particulars	Amount Rs	Amount Rs
To Opening stock		5,000	By Sales	1,00,000	
To Purchases		50,000	Less Sales returns	<u>5,000</u>	95,000
Less: Returns	5,000	45,000			
To Carriage		500	By Closing stock		15,000
To Direct Wages		2,000			
To Import Duty		500			
To coal and Gas		1,500			
To Gross Profit					
(Transfer to P & L a/c)		55,500			
		<u>1,10,000</u>			<u>1,10,000</u>
To Indirect wages		1,000	By Gross Profit		55,500
To Carriage outwards		1,000			
To Distribution Expenses		500			
To Office Rent		2,000			
To Repairs		1,000			
To Office Lighting		1,000			
To Net Profit					
(Transfer to Capital A/c)		49,000			
		<u>55,500</u>			<u>55,500</u>

BALANCE SHEET:

The preparation of Balance Sheet is the third and final stage of final accounts. **Balance Sheet is a statement prepared on a particular date to show the financial position of the firm with all assets and liabilities of the firm.** The Trading A/c and Profit & Loss Account are prepared for a period of time where as the Balance Sheet is prepared on a particular date.

The excess of assets over the third party liabilities is called 'Capital'. The balances of the Real accounts and personal accounts appearing in Trial balance are grouped as assets or liabilities depending on their nature of balance. Which are arranged in a systematic manner i.e. all the assets on the right side and all the liabilities on the left side of the balance sheet after making all the adjustments like depreciation, provision for bad debts etc.,

Characteristics of Balance Sheet:

1. Balance sheet is prepared on a particular date. So, the financial information is restricted to the particular date.
2. It is a statement but not an account. Hence, the Dr and Cr should not be used
3. It is aimed at to reveal the true financial position of the firm on a particular date.

Classification of Assets and Liabilities:

Assets can be divided into three types:

1. Fixed Assets
 2. Current Assets
 3. Fictitious or Intangible Assets
1. **Fixed Assets:** Fixed assets are permanent assets. They are long lasting and useful to the production, re-use and increase the earning capacity of the business.
Ex: land, Buildings, plant, machinery, vehicles, furniture etc.,
 2. **Current Assets:** Cash and other short-term assets or circulating assets like debtors, stock, bills receivable which can easily be converted into cash are called current assets.
Ex: Prepaid expenses, accrued incomes
 3. **Fictitious Assets:** These are type of peculiar assets whose existence is invisible but whose benefit is enjoyed.
Ex. Good will, copyrights, patents.

Like wise Liabilities are classified into three types:

1. Fixed liabilities
 2. Current liabilities
 3. Contingent liabilities
1. **Fixed liabilities:** Fixed or long term liabilities are the loans payable after a reasonable long-term duration say 5 to 10 years. Ex. Debentures, long term loans, Mortgage loans.
 2. **Current liabilities:** Current liabilities are the repayment obligations payable from one year to three years. Sundry creditors, Bills payable, Bank loan etc., Liquid liabilities which are to be paid

at very short notice can be included in this category. Ex. Outstanding expenses, income received in advance, bank over draft etc.,

- 3. Contingent liabilities:** are the liabilities, which may arise in future depending on happening of an uncertain event. Ex. Damages payable but still under dispute, bills discounted but likely to be dishonoured.

Proforma of Balance Sheet of Sri As on
(Under Rigidity Preference Order)

Liabilities	Rs.	Rs.	Assets	Rs.	Rs.
Capital	Xx		Intangible Assets		
Add Addnl. Capital	Xx		Goodwill, Copy right,		xxx
Add Interest on capital			patents, trade marks		
Add Net Profit	<u>Xx</u>		Fixed Assets:		
Less drawings	<u>Xx</u>		Land and buildings		xxx
“ Interest on drawings	<u>xx</u>		Plant and Machinery		xxx
“ Net Loss	<u>xx</u>		Leasehold property		xxx
“ Income Tax	<u>xx</u>	xxx	Loose Tools		xxx
Long Term Debits		xxx	Furniture. & Fittings		xxx
Short Term Debits		xxx			
Current Liabilities:			Current Assets:		
Creditors		xxx	Investments		xxx
Bills Payable		xxx	Debtors		xxx
Bank Overdraft		xxx	Bills receivable		xxx
Outstanding Expenses		xxx	Closing stock		xxx
Income received in advance		xxx	Cash at Bank		xxx
			Cash in Hand		xxx
			Prepaid Expenses		xxx
			Accrued Incomes		xxx
		xxxx			xxxx

2. Proforma of Balance Sheet of Sri.. As on
(Under Liquidity Preference Order)

Liabilities	Rs.	Rs.	Assets	Rs.	Rs.
Current Liabilities:	.		Current Assets:		
Outstanding Expenses		Xxx	Prepaid Expenses		xxx
Income received in advance Bills Payable		Xxx	Accrued Incomes		xxx
Bank Overdraft		xxx	Cash at Bank		xxx
Creditors		xxx	Cash in Hand		xxx
			Bills receivable		xxx
			Closing stock		xxx
<u>Loans</u>			Investments		xxx
Long Term Debits		xxx	Debtors		xxx
Short Term Debits		xxx			
			Fixed Assets:		
Capital	xxx		Land and buildings		xxx
Add Addnl. Capital	xx		Plant and Machinery		xxx
“ Interest on capital	xx		Leasehold property		xxx
“ Net Profit	<u>xx</u>		Loose Tools		xxx
	<u>xxx</u>		Furniture & Fittings		xxx
Less drawings	xx		Intangible Assets		
“ Interest on drawings	xx		Patents		xxx
“ Net Loss	xx		Trade marks		xxx
“ Income Tax	<u>xx</u>	xxx	Copy right		xxx
			Goodwill		xxx
		<u>xxxx</u>			<u>xxxx</u>

FINAL ACCOUNTS - ADJUSTMENTS:

The final Accounts are prepared with a view to assess the Profit/ loss of the business transactions and to know the financial position. The results revealed by the final accounts are reliable and accurate only when all the transactions are brought into the purview of the final accounts. But sometimes, some transactions pertaining to certain *incomes* expenses may not enter into their respective accounts due to some reason or the other.

For example: Salaries of December 2001 will be paid on 1-1-2002. These, outstanding salaries are to be added to the existing balance of the salaries account. Otherwise the net profit will be shown at a

higher level, which is not a true profit. Similarly, if the 'salaries outstanding' for December was not considered while preparing the balance sheet, the financial position shown by the Balance Sheet is not true and real. Hence, all these transactions are to be considered in the preparation process of the final accounts.

The adjustments are those posted in an account to show the correct balance for the accounting year. The items that were not included in the respective accounts can be included with the adjustment entry. When the adjustments relating to incomes and expenses are taken up, the item will first appear in the Trading Account or Profit and Loss Account at one time and in the Balance sheet at the second time.

The common Adjustment items and their relevant entries to be shown in Trading A/c, Profit & Loss A/c and Balance sheet

Adjustment	Trading and Profit & Loss A/c	Balance Sheet
1. Outstanding Expenses on the Debit side	Add to the respective expenses	Show on the Liabilities side
2. Prepaid expenses or Unexpired Expenses	Deduct from respective expenses on the Debit side	Show on the Assets side
3. Accrued Income	Add to the respective income on the Credit side	Show on the Assets side
4. Income received in advance	Deduct from the respective	Show on the Liabilities side income on the credit side
5. Depreciation	Show on the Debit side of P/L A/c	Deduct from the respective item asset on the Assets side
6. Bad Debts	Add to the Bad debts given in Trial Balance and show on the Debit side of P/L A/c.	Deduct from the Debtors on the Assets side
7. Bad Debts Reserve		
a) When it is given in the adjustment	Show on the Debit side of P/L A/c	Deduct from the Debtors on the Assets side
b) When Bad debts Reserve is given both in Trial Balance and adjustment		
i) To increase the old Reserve	When the new reserve is more than old reserve the difference should be debited to P/L A/c	Deduct the new reserve from the Debtors on the Assets side
ii) To reduce the old Reserve	When the new reserve is less than old reserve the difference should be credited to P/L A/c	Deduct the new reserve from the Debtors on the Assets side

c) When Bad debts reserve is given only in Trial Balance	No need to show in any alc	Deduct the reserve from debtors on assets side
8. Discount on debtors	Show on the debit side of P/L a/c show on the assets side	Deduct from debtors and
9. Discount on creditors	Show on the credit side of P/L a/c show on the liabilities side	Deduct from creditors and
10. Interest on capital	Show on the debit side of P/L a/c on the liabilities side	Add to the capital and show
11. Interest on Drawings	Show on the credit side of P/L a/c show on the liabilities side	Deduct from the capital and
12. Interest on loan	Show on the debit side of P/L a/c	Show on the liabilities side
13. Interest on investments	Show on the credit side of P/L a/c	Show on the assets side
14. Closing Stock a/c	Show on the credit side of trading	Show on the assets side

Illustration: From the following trial balance prepare the Final accounts of Mrs. Laxmi as on 31-3-2003.

Trial Balance of Mrs. Laxmi as on 31-3-2003.

Particulars		Amount Rs.	Particulars		Amount Rs.
Cash in hand		800	Sales		69,400
Goodwill		40,000	10 % loan 1-1-2003		51,000
Purchases		68,000	reserve for Bad Debts		500
Cash at bank		1,200	Creditors		8,000
Direct wages		2,000	Capital		90,000
Opening stock		35,000	Bills payable		2,000
Interest on loan		2,500			
Insurance		900			
Carriage on sales		900			
Carriage on purchases		400			
Commission		500			
Fittings		5,000			
Bad debts		200			
Buildings		25,000			
Plant and Machinery		10,000			
Postage & Telegram		500			
Debtors		25,000			
Salaries		3,000			
		2,20,900			2,20,900

Adjustments:

1. Stock as on 31-3-2003 Rs. 75,000
2. Provide 5% for doubtful debts
3. Provide depreciation 10% on fittings, 10% on Plant and Machinery and 5% on buildings
4. Mrs. Laxmi has taken Rs. 500 worth of stock for her domestic use
5. Stock worth Rs. 10,000 was destroyed in a fire accident for which the insurance company agreed to reimburse Rs. 2,000

Solution:

Trading Account and Profit & Loss Account of Mrs. Laxmi For the period ended 31-03-2003.

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Particulars	Amount Rs	Amount Rs	Particulars	Amount Rs	Amount Rs
To Opening stock		35,000	By Sales		69,400
To Purchases	68,000		By Closing stock		75,000
Less: Stock taken for personal use	<u>500</u>	67,500	By loss of stock in Fire accident		10,000
To Carriage on purchases		400			
To Direct Wages		2,000			
To Gross Profit (Transfer to P & L a/c)		49,500			
	1,54,400			1,54,400	
To Salaries		3,000	By Gross Profit (Transferred from Trading a/c)		49,500
To Insurance		900			
To Postage & Telegrams		500			
To Carriage on sales		900			
To Commission		500			
To Interest on loan	2,500				
Add Outstanding Interest on loan	2,600	5,100			
To Loss of stock in fire accident (10,000 - 2,000)		8,000			
To Bad Debts		200			

To Reserve bad debts	1,250				
Less Old fund	500	750			
To Depreciation		500			
On Fittings					
(5000 x10/100)					
On Plant		1,000			
(10,000 x10/100)					
On Buildings		1,250			
(25,000 x5/1 00)					
To Net Profit		26,900			
(Transfer to Capital A/c)					
		49,500			49,500

Proforma of Balance Sheet of Smt Laxmi As on 31-03-2003

(Under Liquidity Preference Order)

Liabilities	Rs.	Rs.	Assets	Rs.	Rs.
Capital	90,000		Goodwill		40,000
Add Net Profit	26,900		Buildings	25,000	
	1,16,900		Less Depreciation	1,250	23,750
Less Drawings	500	1,16,400			
			Plant and Machinery	10,000	
10 % Loan	51,000		Less Depreciation	1,000	9,000
Add Outstanding interest	2,600		Fittings	5,000	
on loan		53,600	Less Depreciation	500	4,500
Creditors		8,000	Debtors	25,000	
Bills Payable		2,000	Less Provision for Bad	1,250	
			debts		23,750
			Closing stock		75,000
			Cash at Bank		1,200
			Cash in Hand		800
			Claim from insurance		2,000
			company		
		1,80,000			1,80,000

Note:

1. **10 % interest on loan:** the business has to pay interest on the loan taken on 1-1-2003 as per the trial balance. Total interest payable for the year 2003 is: $51,000 \times 10/100 = \text{Rs. } 5,100$

But, the trial balance shows that an amount of Rs. 2,500 was paid as interest on loan. The outstanding interest on loan is $\text{Rs. } 5,100 - 2,500 = \text{Rs. } 2,600$.

2. **Reserve for Bad debts:** Reserve for Bad Debts (New reserve) on debtors at 5% $25,000 \times 5/100 = 1,250$ reserve for bad debts given in Trial balance (old reserve) = Rs. 500. New Reserve Rs. 1,250 is more than Rs. 500 old reserve. Hence, excess of Rs. 750 should be debited to PIL ale. In the Balance Sheet, asset side. new reserve Rs. 1,250 has to be deducted from debtors.
3. **Loss of stock in the fire accident:** The impact of the stock lost in fire accident should not be on Trading ale, the Stock lost is fire accident Rs. 10,000 should be credited to Trading ale. However, as the insurance company accepted a claim of Rs. 2,000, the net loss to the business is $(\text{Rs. } 10,000 - 2,000) \text{ Rs. } 8,000$. So, Rs. 8,000 is to be debited on the PIL ale. The insurance company will pay Rs. 2,000, this is to shown as an asset in the Balance Sheet.
4. **Goods for personal use:** Purchases are to be reduced to the extent of goods used for personal, should be de4cuted from the Capital as drawings in the Balance Sheet on the liabilities side.

Illustration.2: Prepare Trading, Profit and Loss account and Balance Sheet as on 31-12-2002 from the following Trial Balance of Natasha.

Trial Balance as 31-12-2002

	Debit (Rs)		Credit (Rs)
Cash on hand	3,000	Capital	50,000
Purchases	40,000	Sales	72,000
Returns	500	Returns	300
Wages	5,000	Creditors	4,000
Salaries	3,200	Bills payable	3,700
Stock 1-1-2002	22,000		
Carriage inwards	800		
Carriage outwards	1,200		
Buildings	25,000		
Machinery	15,000		
Insurance	700		
Debtors	8,000		
Bills Receivable	5,600		
	1,30,000		1,30,000

Make the following adjustments:

1. Closing stock Rs. 26,000
2. Outstanding salaries Rs. 550
3. Write off bad debts Rs. 600 and provision @ 5% has to be made on debtors
4. Machinery and Buildings are to be depreciated by 700 and 1,200 respectively.
5. Prepaid insurance Rs. 200

Ans: **Trading Account for the year ending 31-12-2002**

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Particulars	Amount Rs	Amount Rs	Particulars	Amount Rs	Amount Rs
To Opening stock		22,000	By Sales	72,000	
To Purchases	40,000		Less Returns	<u>500</u>	71,500
Less: Returns	<u>300</u>	39,700	By Closing stock		26,000
To Carriage inwards		800			
To Wages		5,000			
To Gross Profit (Transfer to P & L a/c)		30,000			
		<u>97,500</u>			<u>97,500</u>

Profit & Loss Account for the year ending 31-12-2002

To Salaries	3,200		By Gross Profit (Transferred from Trading a/c)		30,000
Add Outstanding	<u>550</u>	3,750			
To Carriage outwards		1,200			
To Insurance	700				
Less Prepaid	<u>200</u>	500			
To Bad debts		600			
To Provision for Bad debts		370			
To Depreciation on Machinery		700			
To Depreciation on Building		1,200			
To Net Profit (Transfer to Capital A/c)		21,680			
		<u>30,000</u>			<u>30,000</u>

Balance Sheet of Natash a as on 31-12-2002

Liabilities	Rs.	Rs.	Assets	Rs.	Rs.
Capital	50,000		Buildings	25,000	
Add Net Profit	21,680	71,680	Less Depreciation	<u>1,200</u>	23,800
Creditors		4,000	Machinery	15,000	
Bills Payable		3,700	Less Depreciation	<u>700</u>	14,300
Outstanding Salaries		550	Debtors	8,000	
			Less Bad Debts	<u>600</u>	
				7,400	
			Less Provision for Bad debts	370	7,030
			Bills Receivable		5,600
			Prepaid Insurance		200
			Closing stock		26,000
			Cash in Hand		3,000
		<u>79,930</u>			<u>79,930</u>

Working Notes:

Provision for bad debts:

Debtors as per Trial Balance Rs. 8,000

Less Bad debts Rs. 600

Rs. 7,400

Reserve for Bad debts = $7400 \times 5 / 100 = 370$

Model Questions:

1. What is a Balance Sheet? How do you prepare a Balance sheet?
2. What is the importance of adjustments in the preparation of Final Accounts?

3. From the following information prepare Final accounts of Mr. Pavan Kumar for the year 31-12-2002.

Particulars	Debit Rs	Credit Rs.
Capital		80,000
Drawings	10,000	
Furniture	5,200	
Bank Overdraft		8,400
Taxes and Insurance	4,000	
Creditors		17,600
Buildings	40,000	
Stock	44,000	
Debtors	36,000	
Rent	2,000	
Purchases	2,20,000	
Sales		3,00,000
Returns inward	4,000	
General Expenses	8,000	
Salaries	18,000	
Commission	4,400	
Carriage on purchases	3,600	
Bad Debts	1,600	
Discount	3,200	4,000
Bills Receivable	10,000	
Bills Payable		4,000
	4,14,000	4,14,000

Adjustments:

1. Stock on 31-12-2002 Rs. 42,000
2. Provide depreciation of Rs. 2,000 on building and 5 % on furniture
3. Provide 4% for provision for doubtful debts
4. Charge interest on capital @ 5% per annum
5. Outstanding wages Rs. 300.
