20 A company's gross profit ratio (margin) for the year ended 31 December 2013 was 25%. This increases to 28% for the year ended 31 December 2014.

What could have been responsible for the increase?

- A an increase in the cost of purchases during 2014
- B an increase in the volume of sales during 2014
- **C** an over-valuation of inventory at 31 December 2014
- **D** an under-valuation of inventory at 31 December 2014
- **21** Which ratio will give the best indication of short term liquidity?
 - A current ratio
 - B liquid (acid test) ratio
 - C trade payables turnover (days)
 - **D** trade receivables turnover (days)
- 22 An investor is looking at the financial statements of a company in which he may decide to invest.

Which item helps him to rely on the financial statements?

- A consistency of accounting policies from one period to the next
- **B** estimation of accounting provisions relying on the opinion of managers
- **C** inflation in the currency in which the financial statements are prepared
- **D** lapse of time since the date of the statement of financial position