16 A company has the following:

12000 ordinary shares of \$1 each

10% debenture \$10000

It made a loss of \$15000 for the year ended 31 December 2016.

An interim ordinary dividend of \$0.20 per ordinary share was paid on 30 September 2016.

An ordinary dividend of \$0.40 per ordinary share was proposed at 31 December 2016.

The retained earnings balance in the statement of changes in equity at 31 December 2016 was \$20 000.

What was the retained earnings balance at 1 January 2016?

- **A** \$37400
- **B** \$38400
- **C** \$42200
- **D** \$43200

17 On 1 May, a trader lost all of his inventory in a fire. He has values for sales and purchases and wishes to calculate the value of the inventory lost.

Which ratio should he use?

- A gross margin
- **B** profit margin
- **C** trade payables turnover
- **D** trade receivables turnover
- **18** The following information was available for a business.

	\$
equity	90 625
non-current liabilities	36 250
profit from operations	24 375
profit for the year	18 125

What was the return on capital employed?

- **A** 14.3%
- **B** 19.2%
- **C** 20%
- **D** 26.9%