1 The final accounts of Jarvis, Cocker and Co Ltd for two years were as follows.

## Trading and Profit and Loss Accounts for years ended 31 December

		2002		2003
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Sales		2700		3600
less Cost of Sales				
Opening stock	110		120	
Purchases	1900		3140	
	2010		3260	
less Closing stock	120	1890	_530	2730
Gross Profit		810		870
less Operating expenses		426		468
Profit before interest		384		402
Interest payable		84		84
Net Profit		300		318
Dividends payable	126		138	
Transfer to General Reserve	_162	_288	_174	_312
Retained profit for year		12		6
Retained profit b/f		72		84
Retained profit c/f		84		90

## Balance Sheets as at 31 December

			2002		2003
	\$000		\$000	\$000	\$000
Fixed Assets at Net Book Value			2790		3216
Current Assets					
Stock	120			530	
Debtors	456			882	
Bank	192	768		1412	
Current Liabilities					
Creditors	192			730	
Dividends due	126			138	
Interest due	84			84	
Bank		402		340 1292	
Net Current Assets			366		120
			3156		3336
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Financed by					
Ordinary Share Capital (Fully Paid)			1800		1800
General Reserve	432			606	
Retained Profits	84		516	90	696
10% Debentures			_840		_840
			3156		3336
All sales and purchases were on credit.					

## REQUIRED

(a) each year calculate the following to **two** decimal places (show your working in the boxes):

		2002	2003
(i)	Acid test (liquid/quick) ratio		
(ii)	Stock turnover		
(iii)	Debtors collection period		
(iv)	Gross profit ratio		
(v)	Net profit ratio		
(vi)	Return on capital employed		

<u>[12]</u>

(b)	Comment on the changes in the Company from 2002 to 2003, stating for <b>each</b> ratio whether it is better or worse, and why.

(c)	Comment briefly on the advantages and disadvantages of using ratios.
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