

Summer Homework for September 2026

Year 12 A-level Accounting

You should conduct some research prior to your first Accounting lesson. This research could be online, conducted by speaking to people you know who work within businesses, or by using library resources and other published material.

Using your research, you are required to produce the following:

1. A description (approx 100 words) of the role of a book-keeper / ledger clerk.
2. A brief description (approx 100 words) of the role of a Financial Accountant;
3. A brief description (approx 100 words) of the role of a management accountant or cost accountant.
4. Distinguish between Management and Financial Accounts; write at least 3 sentences to compare the functions of management and financial accounting. You should use phrases such as 'whereas', 'In contrast', etc to compare ie Financial accounts are prepared.....whereas management accounts are prepared.....)
5. Which type of Accountant within a business do you think liaises with external auditors and why?
6. Which type of Accountant most likely deals with Project Managers within a Business?
7. Write down the definition of a stakeholder in a business context.
8. Identify two different groups of people who would be deeply interested in looking at a company's financial accounts. For each group you choose:
 - State who they are.
 - Explain the specific financial area of the business they care about the most (e.g., what exactly are they looking for in the numbers?).
 - Explain why they need that specific information.
9. Find 2 job adverts, 1 for a Financial Accountant and 1 for a Management Accountant, paying between £35,000 and £50,000 (they should require ACA/ACCA/CIMA qualifications). Provide a paragraph of no more than 150 words explaining which role you think you would most like to do in the future and why.
10. Write a paragraph to explain why you have chosen to study A level Accounting.

You will need to submit all of the above work to your teacher, with the two job adverts, at your first lesson in September.