# Chapter 2 Cost Concepts 

## Solutions to Questions

2-1 Cost behaviour refers to how a cost will react or respond to changes in the level of business activity.

2-2 No. A variable cost is a cost that varies, in total, in direct proportion to changes in the level of activity. A variable cost is constant per unit of the activity level (e.g., number of beds occupied). A fixed cost is fixed in total, but will vary inversely on a per-unit basis with changes in the level of activity.

2-3 When fixed costs are involved, the cost per unit of activity will depend on the activity volume (or level). For example, as production increases, the cost per unit will fall because the fixed cost is spread over more units. Conversely, as production declines, the cost per unit will rise since a constant fixed cost figure will be spread over fewer units.

2-4 The cost of direct materials included in a product is a variable cost; similarly, sales commissions paid out on a per unit basis or as a percentage of sales dollars is a variable cost. On the other hand, costs such as building rent and the salary of a general manager are fixed costs.

2-5 Fixed costs in total do not vary with volume within a relevant range. However, fixed costs per unit of volume decrease as volume increases and increases as volume decreases. Therefore, an inverse relationship exists between volume and fixed costs per unit of volume.

2-6 Manufacturing overhead is an indirect cost since these costs cannot be easily and conveniently traced to individual products.

2-7 A differential cost is a cost that differs between alternatives in a decision. An opportunity cost is the potential benefit that is given up when one alternative is selected over another. A sunk cost is a cost that has already been incurred and cannot be altered by any decision taken now or in the future.

2-8 No; differential costs can be either variable or fixed. For example, the alternatives might consist of purchasing one computer software program over another to simplify the accounts receivable process. The difference in the fixed costs of purchasing the two programs would be a differential cost.

2-9 The three major elements of product costs in a manufacturing company are direct materials, direct labour, and manufacturing overhead.

## 2-10

a. Direct materials: Direct materials are an integral part of a finished product and can be conveniently traced into it.
b. Indirect materials: Indirect materials are generally small items of material such as glue and nails. They may become an integral part of a finished product but are traceable into the product only at great cost or inconvenience. Indirect materials are ordinarily classified as part of manufacturing overhead.
c. Direct labour: Direct labour includes those labour costs that can be easily traced to particular products. Direct labour is also called "touch labour."
d. Indirect labour: Indirect labour includes the labour costs of workers who do not directly work on products but provide a support function. Examples of such labour include janitors, supervisors, materials handlers, and
other factory workers that cannot be conveniently traced directly to particular products.
e. Manufacturing overhead: Manufacturing overhead includes all manufacturing costs except direct materials and direct labour.

2-11 $P C=D M+D L$
$C C=D L+M O H$
$\mathrm{PC}=\mathrm{DM}+\mathrm{CC}-\mathrm{MOH}$
2-12 A product cost is any cost incurred for the purchase or the manufacture of goods. In the case of manufactured goods, these costs consist of direct materials, direct labour, and manufacturing overhead. A period cost is a cost that is taken directly to the income statement as an expense in the period in which it is incurred. Examples include selling (marketing) and administrative expenses.

2-13 The income statement of a manufacturing firm differs from the income statement of a merchandising firm in the cost of goods sold section. The merchandising firm sells finished goods that it has purchased from a supplier. These goods are listed as "Purchases" in the cost of goods sold section. Since the manufacturing firm produces its goods rather than buying them from a supplier, it lists "Cost of Goods Manufactured" in place of "Purchases." Also, the manufacturing firm identifies its inventory in this section as "Finished Goods Inventory," rather than as "Merchandise Inventory."

2-14 The schedule of cost of goods manufactured is used to list and organize the manufacturing costs that have been incurred. These costs are organized under the three major headings of direct materials, direct labour, and
manufacturing overhead. The total costs incurred are adjusted for any change in the Work in Process inventory to determine the cost of goods manufactured (i.e., finished) during the period.

The schedule of cost of goods manufactured ties into the income statement through the Cost of Goods Sold section. The cost of goods manufactured is added to the beginning Finished Goods inventory to determine the goods available for sale. In effect, the cost of goods manufactured takes the place of the "Purchases" account in a merchandising firm.

2-15 A manufacturing firm has three inventory accounts: Raw Materials, Work in Process, and Finished Goods. The merchandising firm generally identifies its inventory account simply as Merchandise Inventory.

2-16 Since product costs follow units of product into inventory, they are sometimes called inventoriable costs. The flow is from direct materials, direct labour, and manufacturing overhead into Work in Process. As goods are completed, their cost is removed from Work in Process and transferred into Finished Goods. As goods are sold, their cost is removed from Finished Goods and transferred into Cost of Goods Sold. Cost of Goods Sold is an expense on the income statement.

2-17 Yes, costs such as salaries and depreciation can end up as assets on the balance sheet if these are manufacturing costs. Manufacturing costs are inventoried until the associated finished goods are sold. Thus, such costs may be part of either Work in Process inventory or Finished Goods inventory at the end of a period if there are unsold units.

## Solutions to Brief Exercises

## Brief Exercise 2-1 (LO3 CC5, 6) (10 minutes)

The cost concept that best applies to Bill's response is the concept of opportunity cost. Bill's response of "no free lunch" suggests that the cost of the lunch is the time foregone which he could have utilized in completing the report. For Bill, the alternatives are time required to complete the financial performance report and time required to attend the company lunch. If Bill attends the lunch he will have less time available to finish the report and if he stays to finish the report he would miss the company lunch.

## Brief Exercise 2-2 (LO1 CC1, 2) (15 minutes)

Note to the instructor: A few of these costs may generate lively debate. For example, some may argue that the cost of advertising a U2 rock concert is a variable cost since the number of people who come to the rock concert depends on the amount of advertising. However, one can argue that if the price is within reason, any U2 rock concert in Vancouver will be sold out, and the function of advertising is simply to let people know the event will be happening. Moreover, while advertising may affect the number of people who ultimately buy tickets, the causation is in one direction. If more people buy tickets, the advertising costs don't go up.
$\frac{\text { Cost Behaviour }}{\text { Variable Fixed }}$

1. The costs of advertising a U2 rock concert in

Vancouver ...............................................
2. Depreciation on the Hard Rock Cafe building in Ottawa ..

X
X
3. The electrical costs of running a roller coaster at the

West Edmonton Mall
X
4. Property taxes on your local cinema $\qquad$ X
5. The costs of synthetic materials used to make Reebok running shoes $\qquad$
6. The costs of shipping Apple iPods to retail stores .......... X
7. The cost of leasing a CT-scan diagnostic machine at the American Hospital in Paris $\qquad$ X

## Brief Exercise 2-3 (LO3 CC5, 6) (15 minutes)

Item

1. Cost of the old printing machine
2. The salary of the head of the Printing Department
3. The salary of the head of the Finance Department
4. Rent on the space occupied by the Printing department
5. The cost of maintaining the old printer
6. Benefits from a new state-of-the-art scanner
7. Cost of electricity to run the printing machine

Differential Opportunity Sunk Cost
Cost
Cost

X

X

X

X

Note: The costs of the salaries of the heads of the Printing and the Finance
Departments and the rent on the space occupied by Printing are neither differential costs, nor opportunity costs, nor sunk costs. These are costs that do not differ between the alternatives and are therefore irrelevant in the decision, but they are not sunk costs since they occur in the future. The opportunity cost of the foregone benefit from a new state-of-the-art scanner is not a differential cost in the decision to replace the old printer with a new printer, but if the decision were instead whether to acquire a scanner or a printer, this opportunity cost would also be a differential cost.

## Brief Exercise 2-4 (LO4 CC7, 8, 9) (15 minutes)

1. Monthly salary of the company's accountant: Administrative cost.
2. The cost of a fan installed in a computer: Direct Materials cost.
3. Rental on equipment used to assemble computers: Manufacturing Overhead
4. The cost of advertising in the local community newspaper: Marketing and Selling cost.
5. Monthly charge paid to an outside company for quality testing ( $20 \%$ of the computers assembled are sent for testing): Manufacturing Overhead
6. The wages of employees who assemble computers from components: Direct Labour cost.
7. The salary of the assembly shop's supervisor: Manufacturing Overhead.
8. Sales commissions paid to the company's salespeople: Marketing and Selling cost.
9. Rent on the facility: Manufacturing Overhead.

## Brief Exercise 2-5 (LO4 CC 10, 11) (15 minutes)

Product (Inventoriable) CostPeriod(Noninventoriable)Cost

1. Depreciation on salespersons' cars ..... X
2. Rent on equipment used in the factory ..... X
3. Lubricants used for maintenance of machines ..... X
4. Salaries of finished goods warehouse personnel ..... X
5. Soap and paper towels used by factory workers at the end of a shift. ..... X
6. Factory supervisors' salaries ..... X
7. Heat, water, and power consumed in the factory ..... X
8. Materials used in boxing units of finished product for shipment overseas (units are not normally boxed) ..... X
9. Advertising outlays ..... X
10. Workers' compensation insurance on factory employees ..... X
11. Depreciation on chairs and tables in the factory lunchroom ..... X
12. The salary of the switchboard operator for the company ..... X
13. Depreciation on a Learjet used by the company's executives ..... X
14. Rent on rooms at a Florida resort for the annual sales conference ..... X15. Attractively designed box for packagingbreakfast cerealX

## Brief Exercise 2-6 (LO5 CC 13, 14; LO6 CC 15) (15 minutes)

| Bims <br> Income Statement |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales |  | \$3,000,000 |
| Cost of goods sold: |  |  |
| Beginning merchandise inventory..................... | \$ 250,000 |  |
| Add: Purchases. | 950,000 |  |
| Goods available for sale. | 1,200,000 |  |
| Deduct: Ending merchandise inventory.............. | 100,000 | 1,100,000 |
| Gross margin .. |  | 1,900,000 |
| Less operating expenses: |  |  |
| Selling expense.. | 315,000 |  |
| Administrative expense................................... | 385,000 | 700,000 |
| Net income. |  | \$1,200,000 |
| Brief Exercise 2-7 (LO6 CC 15, 16) (15 minutes) |  |  |
| Lompac Products <br> Schedule of Cost of Goods Manufactured |  |  |
| Direct materials: |  |  |
| Beginning raw materials inventory .................... | \$170,000 |  |
| Add: Purchases of raw materials ....................... | 870,000 |  |
| Raw materials available for use......................... | 1,040,000 |  |
| Deduct: Ending raw materials inventory ............. | 150,000 |  |
| Raw materials used in production ...................... |  | \$ 890,000 |
| Direct labour. |  | 245,000 |
| Manufacturing overhead.................................... |  | 560,000 |
| Total manufacturing costs .................................. |  | 1,695,000 |
| Add: Beginning work in process inventory ............. |  | 210,000 |
|  |  | 1,905,000 |
| Deduct: Ending work in process inventory ............. |  | 340,000 |
| Cost of goods manufactured.............................. |  | \$ 1,565,000 |

## Solutions to Exercises

| Exercise 2-1 (LO1 CC1, 2; LO3 CC 5, 6; LO4 CC 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) (45 minutes) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Name of the Cost | Variable Cost | Fixed Cost | Product Cost |  |  | Period (Selling and Admin.) Cost | Opportunity Cost | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sunk } \\ & \text { Cost } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | Direct Materials | Direct <br> Labour | Mfg. Overhead |  |  |  |
| Rental revenue foregone, $\$ 50,000$ per year .................... |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |
| Direct materials cost, $\$ 60$ per unit. $\qquad$ | X |  | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rental cost of warehouse, \$1,000 per month .................... |  | X |  |  |  | X |  |  |
| Rental cost of equipment, $\$ 15,000$ per month |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |
| Direct labour cost, \$80 per unit.... | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation of the annex <br> space, $\$ 5,000$ per year. |  | X |  |  | X |  |  | X |
| Advertising cost, $\$ 150,000$ per year. $\qquad$ |  | X |  |  |  | X |  |  |
| Supervisor's salary, \$3,500 per month $\qquad$ |  | X |  |  | X |  |  |  |
| Electricity for machines, $\$ 1.80$ per unit $\qquad$ | X |  |  |  | X |  |  |  |
| Shipping cost, \$12 per unit.......... | X |  |  |  |  | X |  |  |
| Return earned on investments, $\$ 5,000$ per year $\qquad$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | X |  |

## Exercise 2-2 (LO1 CC 1, 2; LO3 CC 5, 6; LO4 CC 10, 11) (15 minutes)

1. Product; variable
2. Conversion
3. Opportunity
4. Prime
5. Sunk
6. Period; variable
7. Product; period; fixed
8. Product
9. Period
10. Fixed; product; conversion

## Exercise 2-3 (LO1 CC 1, 2; LO2 CC 3, 4) (15 minutes)

| Cost Item | Cost Behaviour |  | To Quantity of Baked Goods Produced |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Variable | Fixed | Direct | Indirect |
| 1. Account manager's salary........ |  | X |  | X |
| 2. Rent on building ................... |  | X |  | X |
| 3. Flour used in the making of croissants. | x |  | X |  |
| 4. Bakery manager's salary ......... |  | X |  | X |
| 5. Wages of bakers................. | X |  | X |  |
| 6. Depreciation of commercial ovens used in baking |  | x |  | X |
| 7. Insurance on the building........ |  | X |  | X |

## Exercise 2-4 (LO1 CC 1, 2; LO4 CC 10, 11) (30 minutes)

Selling and AdminiCost Item $\quad \begin{array}{ccc}\text { Cost Behaviour } & \text { strative } & \text { Product } \\ & \text { Cost } & \text { Cost }\end{array}$

1. Advertising by a dental office........

X
X
2. Shipping canned apples from a Del Monte plant to customers .... X X
3. Apples processed and canned by Del Monte Corporation .............. X X
4. Insurance on IBM's corporate headquarters $\qquad$ X $\quad$ X
5. Commissions paid to Future Shop salespersons $\qquad$ X X
6. Hamburger buns in a McDonald's outlet ..................... X

X
7. Depreciation of factory
lunchroom facilities at a General Electric plant $\qquad$ X X
8. Insurance on a Bausch \& Lomb
factory producing contact lenses .................................... X X
9. Salary of a supervisor overseeing production of circuit boards at HewlettPackard $\qquad$ X
X
10. Steering wheels installed in

BMWs $\qquad$ X X

## Exercise 2-5 (LO5 CC 14; LO6 CC 15, 16) (45 minutes)

## 1.

Mason Company<br>Schedule of Cost of Goods Manufactured

Direct materials:
Raw materials inventory, beginning ..... \$ 18,000
Add: Purchases of raw materials ..... 120,000
Raw materials available for use ..... 138,000
Deduct: Raw materials inventory, ending ..... 12,500
Raw materials used in production ..... \$125,500
Direct labour ..... 70,000
Manufacturing overhead:
Indirect labour ..... 45,000
Maintenance, factory equipment ..... 6,000
Insurance, factory equipment ..... 1,900
Rent, factory facilities ..... 24,000
Supplies ..... 3,600
Depreciation, factory equipment ..... 17,000
Total overhead costs ..... 97,500
Total manufacturing costs ..... 293,000
Add: Work in process, beginning ..... 10,300
303,300
Deduct: Work in process, ending ..... 15,150
Cost of goods manufactured ..... \$288,150
2. The cost of goods sold section of Mason Company's income statement:
Finished goods inventory, beginning ..... \$ 23,000
Add: Cost of goods manufactured ..... 288,150
Goods available for sale. ..... 311,150
Deduct: Finished goods inventory, ending ..... 18,100
Cost of goods sold ..... \$293,050

## Exercise 2-6 (LO4 CC 12) (30 minutes)

1.a)Bolts of polyester purchased ..... 8,000
Bolts drawn from inventory ..... 7,600
Bolts remaining in inventory ..... 400
Cost per bolt ..... $\times \$ 100$
Cost in Raw Materials Inventory at June 30 ..... $\$ 40,000$
b) Bolts of polyester used in production (7,600-100) ..... 7,500
Linens completed and transferred to Finished Goods ( $90 \% \times$ 7,500) ..... 6,750
Linens still in Work in Process at June 30 ..... 750
Cost per bolts ..... $\times \$ 100$
Cost in Work in Process Inventory at June 30 ..... $\$ 75,000$
c) Linens completed and transferred to Finished Goods (above) ..... 6,750
Linens sold during the month $(70 \% \times 6,750)$ ..... 4,725
Linens still in Finished Goods at June 30 ..... 2,025
Cost per bolts ..... $\times \$ 100$
Cost in Finished Goods Inventory at June 30 ..... \$202,500
d) Linens sold during the month (above) ..... 4,725
Cost per bolts ..... $\times \$ 100$
Cost in Cost of Goods Sold at April 30 ..... $\$ 472,500$
e)Bolts used for customer samples ..... 100
Cost per bolts ..... $\times \$ 100$
Cost in Selling Expense at June 30 ..... $\$ 10,000$
2. a) Raw Materials Inventory-balance sheet
b) Work in Process Inventory-balance sheetc) Finished Goods Inventory-balance sheetd) Cost of Goods Sold-income statemente) Selling Expense-income statement

## EXERCISE 2-7 (LO6 CC 16) (15 minutes)

| Direct material used $=$ | $\$ 92,000$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Direct labour costs $=$ | $\$ 25,000$ |
| Manufacturing overhead $=$ | $\$ 6,500$ |
| Total Manufacturing costs $=$ | $\$ 123,500$ |
| Opening inventory of work in process $=$ | $\$ 6,000$ |
| Less: Ending inventory of work in process $=$ | $\$ 17,000$ |
| Cost of goods manufactured $=$ | $\$ 112,500$ |

## EXERCISE 2-8 (LO5 CC 14; LO6 CC 15, 16) (7 minutes)

Cost of goods sold $=$ Sales - Gross margin

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\begin{aligned}
& =\$ 1,700,000-\$ 800,000 \\
& =\$ 900,000
\end{aligned}
$$

Cost of goods manufactured = Cost of goods sold + Ending inventory of finished goods - Opening inventory of finished goods
$=\$ 900,000+\$ 185,000-\$ 30,000=\$ 1,055,000$

Solutions to Problems

Problem 2-1 (LO1 CC 1, 2; LO4 CC 7, 8, 10, 11) (30 minutes)

| 1. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Name of the Cost }\end{aligned}$ | Variable Cost | Fixed Cost | Product Cost |  |  | Period (Selling and Admin.) Cost | Opportunity Cost |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Direct Materials | Direct Labour | Mfg. Overhead |  |  | Sunk Cost |
| Staci's present salary, $\$ 70,000$ /year |  |  |  |  |  |  | x |  |

Building rent, $\$ 2,500 /$
month .............................

| Clay and glaze, $\$ 3.50 /$ pot............................... | $X$ | $X$ | $X$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wages of production |  |  |  |


| workers, $\$ 12 /$ pot $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . ~$ | $X$ | $X$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Advertising, $\$ 2,600 /$ month.... | $X$ | $X$ | $X$ |
| Sales commission, $\$ 4 /$ pot...... | X |  | X |

Rent of production
equipment,



Phone for taking orders,
\$40/month ........................ X X

Interest lost on savings
account, $\$ 1,200 /$ year .......... X
${ }^{1}$ Not a fixed cost per se because they are not a recurring expense.
2. The $\$ 5,000$ cost of incorporating the business is not a differential cost. Even though the cost was incurred to start the business, it is a sunk cost. Whether Staci produces pottery or stays in her present job, she will have incurred this cost.

## Problem 2-2 (LO1 CC 1, 2; LO2 CC 3, 4; LO4 CC 7, 9) (30 minutes)

Note to the instructor: There may be several exceptions to the answers below. The purpose of this problem is to get the students to start thinking about cost behaviour and cost purposes; therefore, try to avoid lengthy discussions about how a particular cost is classified.

|  | Variable <br> or <br> Fixed | Selling <br> Cost | Adminis- <br> trative <br> Cost | Manufacturing <br> (Product) Cost |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Direct | Indirect |  |  |

Problem 2-2 (continued)

| Cost Item | Variable or Fixed | Selling Cost | Administrative Cost | Manufacturing (Product) Cost |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Direct | Indirect |
| 15. Billing costs .......................... | V | X* |  |  |  |
| 16. Executive life insurance ............ | F |  | X |  |  |
| 17. Ink used in textbook production | V |  |  |  | X |
| 18. Fringe benefits, assembly line workers $\qquad$ | V |  |  | X** |  |
| 19. Yarn used in sweater production $\qquad$ | V |  |  | X |  |
| 20. Wages of receptionist, executive offices | F |  | x |  |  |

* Could be administrative cost.
** Could be indirect cost.

Problem 2-3 (LO1 CC 1, 2; LO2 CC 3, 4; LO4 CC 7, 9) (60 minutes)
1.

| Cost Item | Cost Behaviour |  | Selling or Administrative | Product Cost |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Variable | Fixed | Cost | Direct | Indirect |
|  | \$168,000 |  |  | \$168,000 |  |
| Advertising .. |  | \$ 50,000 | \$ 50,000 |  |  |
| Factory supervision ...................... |  | 50,000 |  |  | \$50,000 |
| Property taxes, factory building....... |  | 4,500 |  |  | 4,500 |
| Sales commissions ...................... | 80,000 |  | 80,000 |  |  |
| Insurance, factory....................... |  | 3,500 |  |  | 3,500 |
| Depreciation, office equipment ....... |  | 14,000 | 14,000 |  |  |
| Lease cost, factory equipment ........ |  | 6,000 |  |  | 6,000 |
| Indirect materials, factory.............. | 6,000 |  |  |  | 6,000 |
| Depreciation, factory building ......... |  | 8,000 |  |  | 8,000 |
| General office supplies (billing)....... | 4,000 |  | 4,000 |  |  |
| General office salaries .................. |  | 50,000 | 50,000 |  |  |
| Direct materials used (wood, bolts, etc.) | 114,000 |  |  | 114,000 |  |
| Utilities, factory.......................... | 30,000 |  |  |  | 30,000 |
| Total costs................................ | \$402,000 | \$186,000 | \$198,000 | \$282,000 | \$108,000 |

## Problem 2-3 (continued)

2. 

> Direct................................................................. \$282,000

Indirect ........................................................... 108,000
Total ................................................................. \$390,000
$\$ 390,000 \div 2,000$ sets $=\$ 195$ per set
3. The average product cost per set would increase. This is because the fixed costs would be spread over fewer units, causing the cost per unit to rise.
4. a) Yes, the president may expect a minimum price of $\$ 195$, which is the average cost to manufacture one set. He might expect a figure even higher than this to cover a portion of the administrative costs as well. The brother-in-law probably will be thinking of "cost" as including only direct materials used, or, at most, direct materials and direct labour. Direct materials alone would be only $\$ 57$ per set, and direct materials and direct labour would be only $\$ 141$.
b) The term is opportunity cost. The full, regular price of a set might be appropriate here, since the company is operating at full capacity, and this is the amount that must be given up (benefit foregone) in order to sell a set to the brother-in-law.

## Problem 2-4 (LO4 CC 10, 11) (30 minutes)

1. The controller is correct in his viewpoint that the salary cost should be classified as a selling (marketing) cost. The duties described in the problem have nothing to do with the manufacture of a product, but rather deal with movement of finished units from the factory to distribution warehouses. As stated in the text, selling costs would include all costs necessary to secure customer orders and get the finished product into the hands of customers. Coordination of shipments of finished units from the factory to distribution warehouses fall in this category.
2. No, the president is not correct; from the point of view of the reported net income for the year, it does make a difference how the salary cost is classified. If the salary cost is classified as a selling expense, all of it will appear on the income statement as a period cost. However, if the salary cost is classified as a manufacturing (product) cost, then it will be added to Work In Process Inventory along with other manufacturing costs for the period. To the extent that goods are still in process at the end of the period, part of the salary cost will remain with these goods in the Work in Process Inventory account. Only that portion of the salary cost that has been assigned to finished units will leave the Work In Process Inventory account and be transferred into the Finished Goods Inventory account. In like manner, to the extent that goods are unsold at the end of the period, part of the salary cost will remain with these goods in the Finished Goods Inventory account. Only the portion of the salary that has been assigned to finished units that are sold during the period will appear on the income statement as an expense (part of Cost of Goods Sold) for the period.

Problem 2-5 (LO5 CC 14; LO6 CC 15, 16) (45 minutes)

|  | Case 1 | Case 2 | Case 3 | Case 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Direct materials | \$ 14,500 | \$ 60,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 23,000 |
| Direct labour. | 19,000 * | 23,000 | 7,000 | 14,000 |
| Manufacturing overhead. | 25,000 | 44,000 | 8,000 * | 19,000 |
| Total manufacturing costs ........ | 58,500 | 127,000 * | 20,000 | 56,000 * |
| Beginning work in process inventory $\qquad$ | 3,500 | 8,000 * | 3,000 | 0 * |
| Ending work in process inventory. | $(4,000){ }^{*}$ | $(4,000)$ | $(4,000)$ | $(8,500)$ |
| Cost of goods manufactured...... | \$58,000 | \$131,000 | \$19,000 * | \$47,500 |
| Sales..................................... | \$80,000 | \$201,000 | \$36,000 | \$90,000 |
| Beginning finished goods inventory $\qquad$ | 10,000 | 12,500 | 3,500 * | 12,000 |
| Cost of goods manufactured ...... | 58,000 * | 131,000 * | 19,000 * | 47,500 |
| Goods available for sale............ | 68,000 * | 143,500 * | 22,500 * | 59,500 * |
| Ending finished goods inventory. | $(1,000) *$ | $(11,500)$ | $(4,000)$ | $(3,500)$ |
| Cost of goods sold ................... | 67,000 | 132,000 * | 18,500 | 56,000 * |
| Gross margin ........................... | 13,000 | 69,000 * | 17,500 | 34,000 * |
| Operating expenses ................. | $(9,000) *$ | $(33,500)$ | $(12,500) *$ | $(25,000)$ * |
| Net income. | \$ 4,000 | \$ 35,500 * | \$ 5,000 | \$ 9,000 |
| * Missing data in the problem. |  |  |  |  |

1. 

SWIFT COMPANY<br>Schedule of Cost of Goods Manufactured<br>For the Month Ended August 31

Direct materials:
Raw materials inventory, August 1............................ \$ 21,000
Add: Purchases of raw materials ............................... 165,000
Raw materials available for use................................. 186,000
Deduct: Raw materials inventory, August 31............... 18,000
Raw materials used in production ............................. $\$ 168,000$
Direct labour............................................................. 70,000
Manufacturing overhead:
Indirect labour cost................................................. 12,000
Utilities ( $50 \% \times \$ 15,000$ )......................................... 7,500
Depreciation, factory equipment ............................... 21,000
Insurance ( $80 \% \times \$ 4,000$ )....................................... 3,200
Rent on facilities $(75 \% \times \$ 50,000)$............................ 37,500
Total overhead costs .................................................. 81,200
Total manufacturing costs ........................................... 319,200
Add: Work in process inventory, August 1 ..................... $\quad \underline{3,000}$
327,200
Deduct: Work in process inventory, August 31............... $\quad 20,000$
Cost of goods manufactured ....................................... $\$ 307,200$

## Problem 2-6 (continued)

2. 

> SWIFT COMPANY
> Income Statement
> For the Month Ended August 31
Sales ..... \$450,000
Less cost of goods sold:
Finished goods inventory, August 1 ..... \$ 50,000
Add: Cost of goods manufactured ..... 307,200
Goods available for sale. ..... 357,200
Deduct: Finished goods inventory, August 31 ..... 55,000 ..... 302,200
Gross margin ..... 147,800
Less operating expenses:
Utilities ( $50 \% \times \$ 15,000$ ) ..... 7,500
Depreciation, sales equipment ..... 18,000
Insurance ( $20 \% \times \$ 4,000$ ) ..... 800
Rent on facilities ( $25 \% \times \$ 50,000$ ) ..... 12,500
Selling and administrative salaries ..... 32,000
Advertising ..... 75,000 ..... 145,800
Net income (loss) ..... $\$ 2,000$
3. In preparing the income statement for August, Sam failed to distinguish between product costs and period costs, and he also failed to recognize the changes in inventories between the beginning and end of the month. Once these errors have been corrected, the financial condition of the company looks much better (although the income is still only marginally above zero) and selling the company may not yet be advisable.

## Problem 2-7 (LO1 CC 1, 2; LO5 CC 13, 14; LO6 CC 15, 16) (75 minutes)

## 1.

MERIWELL COMPANY<br>Schedule of Cost of Goods Manufactured<br>For the year just completed

Direct materials:
Raw materials inventory, beginning.......................... \$ 9,000
Add: Purchases of raw materials .............................. 125,000
Raw materials available for use................................. 134,000
Deduct: Raw materials inventory, ending.................. 6,000
Raw materials used in production ............................ \$128,000
Direct labour............................................................. 70,000
Manufacturing overhead:
Depreciation, factory
27,000
Utilities, factory....................................................... 8,000
Maintenance, factory............................................... 40,000
Supplies, factory ...................................................... 11,000
Insurance, factory .................................................... 4,000
Indirect labour ........................................................ 15,000
Total overhead costs
105,000
Total manufacturing costs ......................................... 303,000
Add: Work in process inventory, beginning .................. $\quad 17,000$
320,000
Deduct: Work in process inventory, ending.................. 30,000
Cost of goods manufactured
\$290,000

## Problem 2-7 (continued)

2. 

> MERIWELL COMPANY
> Income Statement For the year just completed

Sales
$\$ 500,000$
Cost of goods sold:
Finished goods inventory, beginning ........................ \$ 20,000
Add: Cost of goods manufactured ........................... 290,000
Goods available for sale.......................................... 310,000
Deduct: Finished goods inventory, ending ................ 40,000 270,000
Gross margin
230,000
Less operating expenses:
Selling expenses ................................................... 80,000
Administrative expenses ......................................... 110,000
190,000
Net income
$\$ 40,000$
3. Direct materials: $\$ 128,000 \div 10,000$ units $=\$ 12.80$ per unit. Factory Depreciation: $\$ 27,000 \div 10,000$ units $=\$ 2.70$ per unit.
4. Direct materials:

Average cost per unit: $\$ 12.80$ (unchanged)
Total cost: 15,000 units $\times \$ 12.80$ per unit $=\$ 192,000$.
Factory Depreciation:
Average cost per unit: $\$ 27,000 \div 15,000$ units $=\$ 1.80$ per unit.
Total cost: \$27,000 (unchanged)
5. Average cost per unit for depreciation dropped from $\$ 2.70$ to $\$ 1.80$, because of the increase in production between the two years. Since fixed costs do not change in total as the activity level changes, they will decrease on a unit basis as the activity level rises.

The average cost per unit for direct materials remained the same because a direct material is variable cost which remains constant on a per-unit basis.

## Problem 2-8 (LO1 CC 1, 2; LO5 CC 13, 14; LO6 CC 15, 16) (90 minutes)

1. 

SUPERIOR COMPANY<br>Schedule of Cost of Goods Manufactured<br>For the Year Ended December 31

Direct materials:
Raw materials inventory, beginning......................... \$ 40,000
Add: Purchases of raw materials ............................. 290,000
Raw materials available for use............................... 330,000
Deduct: Raw materials inventory, ending................. 10,000
Raw materials used in production ........................... \$320,000
Direct labour
Manufacturing overhead:
Insurance, factory................................................. 8,000
Utilities, factory..................................................... 45,000
Indirect labour..................................................... 60,000
Cleaning supplies, factory....................................... 7,000
Rent, factory building............................................. 120,000
Maintenance, factory............................................. 30,000
Total overhead costs
270,000
Total manufacturing costs
683,000 (given)
Add: Work in process inventory, beginning 42,000 *
725,000
Deduct: Work in process inventory, ending 35,000
Cost of goods manufactured $\$ 690,000$

The cost of goods sold section of the income statement follows on the next page.

## Problem 2-8 (continued)

| Finished goods inventory, beginning ......................... | \$ 50,000 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Add: Cost of goods manufactured. | 690,000 * |
| Goods available for sale | 740,000 (given) |
| Deduct: Finished goods inventory, ending. | 80,000 * |
| Cost of goods sold | \$660,000 (given) |

* These items must be computed by working backwards up through the statements. An effective way of doing this is to place the form and known balances on the chalkboard, and then to work toward the unknown figures.

2. Direct materials: $\$ 320,000 \div 40,000$ units $=\$ 8$ per unit.

Rent, factory building: $\$ 120,000 \div 40,000$ units $=\$ 3$ per unit.
3.

|  | Per Unit | Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Direct materials $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . .$. | $\$ 8.00$ (Same) | $\$ 400,000{ }^{* *}$ (Changed) |
| Rent, factory building $\ldots . . . .$. | $\$ 2.40 *$ (Changed) | $\$ 120,000 \quad$ (Same) |
| $* \$ 120,000 \div 50,000$ units $=\$ 2.40$ per unit. |  |  |
| $* * \$ 8 \times 50,000$ units $=\$ 400,000$. |  |  |

4. The average cost per unit for rent dropped from $\$ 3.00$ to $\$ 2.40$, because of the increase in production between the two years. Since fixed costs do not change in total as the activity level changes, they will decrease on a unit basis as the activity level rises.

The average cost per unit for direct materials remained the same because direct materials is a variable cost which remains constant on a per-unit basis.

## PROBLEM 2-9 (LO5 CC 14; LO6 CC 15, 16) (40 minutes)

(Please see the Cost of Goods Manufactured and Cost of Goods Sold statements for the detailed calculations.)

1. Ending raw materials inventory = Raw materials inventory, beginning + Purchases of raw materials - Raw materials used in production

$$
=\$ 13,000+\$ 198,000-\$ 195,000=\$ 16,000
$$

2. Total manufacturing costs= Raw materials used in production + Direct labour + Total overhead costs

$$
=\$ 195,000+\$ 283,000+\$ 326,600=\$ 804,600
$$

3. Cost of goods manufactured= Total manufacturing costs + Work in process, beginning - Work in process, ending

$$
=\$ 804,600+\$ 26,000-\$ 34,000=\$ 796,600
$$

4. Finished goods inventory, ending= Finished goods inventory, beginning + Cost of goods manufactured - Cost of goods sold

$$
=\$ 63,000+\$ 796,600-\$ 805,000=\$ 54,600
$$

> Martin, Inc. Schedule of Cost of Goods Manufactured For the Year Ended December 31, 2014
Direct materials:
Raw materials inventory, beginning ..... \$ 13,000
Add: Purchases of raw materials ..... 198,000
Raw materials available for use ..... 211,000
Deduct: Raw materials inventory, ending ..... 16,000
Raw materials used in production ..... \$195,000
Direct labour. ..... 283,000
Manufacturing overhead:
Indirect Labour ..... 39,000
Indirect Materials ..... 37,600
Factory Maintenance ..... 74,000
Factory Insurance ..... 49,000
Factory Utilities ..... 67,000
Depreciation, factory equipment ..... 60,000
Total overhead costs326,600
Total manufacturing costs ..... 804,600
Add: Work in process, beginning ..... 26,000
830,600
Deduct: Work in process, ending ..... 34,000
Cost of goods manufactured ..... \$796,600
The cost of goods sold section of Martin, Inc.'s income statement:
Finished goods inventory, beginning ..... \$ 63,000
Add: Cost of goods manufactured ..... 796,600
Goods available for sale. ..... 859,600
Deduct: Finished goods inventory, ending ..... 54,600
Cost of goods sold ..... \$805,000

## PROBLEM 2-10 (LO4 CC 10, 11; LO5 CC 14) (20 minutes)

1. Prime Cost $=$ Direct Materials + Direct Labour $=\$ 90,000+\$ 25,000=\$ 115,000$
2. Conversion Cost $=$ Direct Labour + Manufacturing Overhead

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\$ 25,000+(\$ 3,000+\$ 4,000+\$ 3,500+\$ 5,000+\$ 2,000+\$ 15,000+ \\
& =\$ 3,000) \\
& =\$ 60,500
\end{aligned}
$$

3. Cost of goods Sold = Total Manufacturing costs - Ending finished goods inventory $=\$ 150,500^{*}-\$ 7,000=\$ 143,500$

* Total Manufacturing costs $=\$ 90,000+\$ 25,000+\$ 3,000+\$ 4,000+\$ 3,500$ $+\$ 5,000+\$ 2,000+\$ 15,000+\$ 3,000=\$ 150,500$


## PROBLEM 2-11 (LO5 CC 13, 14; LO6 CC 15, 16) (20 minutes)

1. Gross profit $=$ Net income + Non-manufacturing costs

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\begin{aligned}
& =\$ 60,000+\$ 150,000 \\
& =\$ 210,000
\end{aligned}
$$

Cost of goods sold $=$ Sales - Gross profit

$$
=\$ 800,000-\$ 210,000
$$

$$
=\$ 590,000
$$

Ending inventory of finished goods $=$
Beginning inventory of finished goods

+ Cost of goods manufactured
- Cost of goods sold
$=\$ 300,000+\$ 570,000-\$ 590,000$
$=\$ 280,000$

2. Total manufacturing cost $=$

Cost of goods manufactured

+ ending inventory of work in process
- beginning inventory of work in process
$=\$ 570,000+\$ 0-\$ 120,000$
$=\$ 450,000$

Comprehensive Problem (LO1 CC 1, 2; LO3 CC 5, 6; LO4 CC 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) (60 minutes)
1.

|  | Behaviour |  | Function |  | Relevance |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cost Item | Variable | Fixed | Product | Period | Opportunity | Sunk |
| Lost rental income (₹1,800,000 per year) |  |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |
| Direct materials ( $₹ 4,000$ per unit) | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |
| Direct labour (₹2,200 per unit) | V |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |
| Equipment rental ( $₹ 250,000$ per month) |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |
| Warehouse space rental ( $₹ 26,500$ per month) |  | $\checkmark$ |  | V |  |  |
| Manufacturing facility depreciation ( $₹ 300,000$ per year) |  | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |  |  | $\checkmark$ |
| Production supervisor salary (₹52,000 per month) |  | V | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |
| Electricity for machines (₹54 per unit) | $\checkmark$ |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  |  |
| Delivery costs ( $₹ 390$ per unit) | $\checkmark$ |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  |
| Advertising ( $₹ 3,100,000$ per year) |  | $\checkmark$ |  | V |  |  |
| Annual return (₹92,000 per year) |  |  |  |  | V |  |

2. 

| Product Cost (₹) |  | Per unit |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| Direct materials |  | $4,000.00$ |
| Direct labour |  | $2,200.00$ |
| Manufacturing overhead: | 138.89 |  |
| Equipment rental (₹250,000 $\div 1,800$ units) | 13.89 |  |
| Manufacturing facility depreciation ((₹300,000/12) $\div 1,800)$ | 28.89 |  |
| Production supervisor salary (₹52,000 $\div 1,800)$ | 54.00 | 235.67 |
| Electricity |  | $6,435.67$ |
| Total product costs per unit (using 1,800 units production) |  |  |

## 3.

| Incremental Costs for $\mathbf{3 0 0}$ Additional Units (₹) |  |
| :--- | ---: |
|  | Per unit |
|  |  |
| Direct materials | 4,000 |
| Direct labour | 2,200 |
| Electricity | 54 |
| Delivery costs | $\mathbf{3 9 0}$ |
| Total costs per unit | $\mathbf{6 , 6 4 4}$ |
| Total costs for $\mathbf{3 0 0}$ units | $\underline{\mathbf{1 , 9 9 3 , 2 0 0}}$ |

Note that all the variable costs are incremental costs; however, fixed costs are assumed to remain constant within a certain relevant range. The only issue is that currently the capacity is 2,000 units and producing additional 300 units will result in a capacity utilization of $105 \%$ ( $2,100 \div 2,000$ units). This in turn means that production is outside of the relevant range and may require the incurrence of additional fixed costs.

## Analytical Thinking (LO5 CC13, 14; LO6 CC 15, 16) (75 minutes)

1.BYDO INCSchedule of Cost of Goods Manufactured(\$ '000s)
Direct materials:
Raw materials inventory, beginning ..... \$ 13,000
Add: Purchases of raw materials ..... 13,000
Raw materials available for use ..... 26,000
Deduct: Raw materials inventory, ending ..... $6,000^{1}$
Raw materials used in production ..... \$20,000
Direct labour ..... 25,000
Manufacturing overhead ..... $8,000^{2}$
Total manufacturing costs ..... 53,000
Add: Work in process inventory, beginning ..... 8,000

$$
61,000
$$

Deduct: Work in process inventory, ending ..... 7,000
Cost of goods manufactured $\$ 54,000$

## Analytical Thinking (continued)

# BYDO INC <br> Schedule of cost of goods sold 

(\$ ${ }^{\prime 000 s) ~}$
Finished goods, beginning inventory
Plus: Cost of goods manufactured
Less: Finished goods, ending inventory Cost of goods sold
${ }^{1}$ Raw materials, beginning inventory
Purchase of raw materials
Less: raw materials, ending inventory
Direct materials
Prime Cost - Direct labour $=$ Direct materials $(\$ 45 \mathrm{M}-\$ 25 \mathrm{M}=\$ 20 \mathrm{M})$
${ }^{2}$ Conversion Cost $=$ Direct Labour + Manufacturing Overhead
Manufacturing Overhead $=(\$ 33 \mathrm{M}-\$ 25 \mathrm{M}=\$ 8 \mathrm{M})$

## Analytical Thinking (continued)

2. 

## BYDO INC.

## Income Statement

For the year ended December 31, 2014
(\$ '000s)

| Sales | \$ 64,000 ${ }^{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Less: Cost of goods sold | 55,000 |
| Gross profit | 9,000 |
| Less: Operating expenses | 13,000 ${ }^{4}$ |
| Operating income (loss) | \$ $(4,000)$ |

${ }^{3}$ Sales $=$ Cost of Goods Sold + Gross Profit
Sales $=(\$ 55 M+9 M=64 M)$
${ }^{4}$ Operating Income $=$ Gross Profit - Operating Expense
Operating expenses $=(\$ 9 \mathrm{M}-(-\$ 4 \mathrm{M})=\$ 13 \mathrm{M})$
3.

COGM $=\$ 54,000,000$
Units of goods manufactured $=432,000$
Cost per unit $=\$ 125(\$ 54,000,000 / 432,000)$
Finished goods, ending inventory $=\$ 5,000,000$
Number of units in finished goods $=\quad(\# 5,000,000 / \$ 125)=40,000$ units

## Communicating in Practice (LO4 CC 10, 11, 12; LO5 CC 13, 14; LO6 CC 15,16 ) ( 90 minutes)

1. Memorandum to president:

Date: Current date
To: Brittany Patel, President
From: Student
Subject: Income Statement
I reviewed the income statement for Sun Power Communications, Inc. and noted that no distinction has been made between period expenses and product costs. Period expenses should be included on the income statement when incurred. However, product costs (that is, direct materials, direct labour, and manufacturing overhead) should be assigned to inventory (that is, capitalized or recorded as inventory on the balance sheet) when incurred and flow through to the income statement as cost of goods sold only when finished products are sold.
All of the direct materials purchased and the direct labour and manufacturing overhead costs incurred during the period are included on the income statement that I reviewed for the quarter ended March 31. This treatment would be appropriate only if the inventory level does not change during the period (that is, the ending inventory is the same as the beginning inventory which is not the case in this question). As such, this income statement does not reflect the results of the company's operations and should be revised.

## Communicating in Practice (continued)

2. 

SUN POWER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Schedule of Cost of Goods Manufactured
For the Quarter Ended March 31
Direct materials:
Raw materials inventory, beginning ..... \$ $-0-$
Add: Purchases of raw materials ..... 460,000
Raw materials available for use ..... 460,000
Deduct: Raw materials inventory, ending. ..... 10,000
Raw materials used in production ..... \$450,000
Direct labour ..... 90,000
Manufacturing overhead:
Maintenance, production ..... 73,000
Indirect labour ..... 120,000
Cleaning supplies, production ..... 7,000
Rental cost, facilities $(80 \% \times \$ 95,000)$ ..... 76,000
Insurance, production ..... 18,000
Utilities $(90 \% \times \$ 100,000)$ ..... 90,000
Depreciation, production equipment ..... 140,000
Total overhead costs ..... 524,000
Total manufacturing costs ..... 1,064,000Add: Work in process inventory, beginning
-0-1,064,000
50,000
Deduct: Work in process inventory, ending ..... $\$ 1,014,000$

## Communicating in Practice (continued)

3. Before an income statement can be prepared, the cost of the 8,000 phones in the ending finished goods inventory must be determined. Altogether, the company produced 40,000 phones during the quarter; thus, the production cost per phone would be:

## $\frac{\text { Cost of goods manufactured }}{\text { Phones produced during the quarter }}=\frac{\$ 1,014,000}{40,000 \text { units }}=\$ 25.35$ per unit

Since 8,000 phones ( $40,000-32,000=8,000$ ) were in the finished goods inventory at the end of the quarter, the total cost of this inventory would be:

$$
\text { 8,000 phones } \times \$ 25.35 \text { per phone }=\$ 202,800 .
$$

With this figure and other data from the case, the company's income statement for the quarter can be prepared as follows:

## SUN POWER COMMUNUCATIONS, INC. <br> Income Statement <br> For the Quarter Ended March 31

Sales (32,000 phones)
\$1,280,000
Less cost of goods sold:
Finished goods inventory, beginning .................... \$ $0-$
Add: Cost of goods manufactured ........................ 1,014,000
Goods available for sale ...................................... 1,014,000
Deduct: Finished goods inventory, ending ............. 202,800
811,200
Gross margin....................................................... 468,800
Less operating expenses:
Selling and administrative salaries ........................ 150,000
Advertising....................................................... 90,000
Rental cost, facilities $(20 \% \times \$ 95,000)$................. 19,000
Depreciation, office equipment............................ 47,000
Utilities ( $10 \% \times \$ 100,000$ ).................................. 10,000
Travel, salespersons ........................................... 40,000
356,000
Net income

## Communicating in Practice (continued)

4. Memorandum to president:

Date: Current date
To: Brittany Patel, President
From: Student
Subject: Insurance Claim
On April 3, 8,000 unsold phones were destroyed by fire. The insurance policy indicates that the company will be reimbursed for the cost of any finished phones destroyed or stolen. The key question is how "cost" is defined in the insurance contract. Typically, insurance contracts limit reimbursement for losses to those costs that would normally be considered product costs-in other words, the direct materials, direct labour, and manufacturing overhead costs that were incurred to manufacture the units that were insured.

The 8,000 unsold phones were in the company's ending finished goods inventory on March 31. As you know, the income statement for the quarter ended March 31 was recently revised. That income statement shows an ending finished goods inventory of $\$ 202,800$. Accordingly, assuming cost is defined as set forth above the insurance company owes Sun Power Communications, Inc. $\$ 202,800$ for the 8,000 phones that were destroyed.

This amount is considerably less than the $\$ 286,000$ that was computed by the company's accountant. The $\$ 286,000$ figure is overstated for two reasons. First, it includes period costs (that is, selling and administrative expenses) as well as product costs. Period costs may not be included in inventory. Second, it includes some costs incurred during the period that were in the raw materials and work in process inventories on March 31. Those inventories were not destroyed and, as such, may not be part of the loss claimed.

## Ethics Challenge (LO4 CC 10, 11) (45 minutes)

1. A cost that is classified as a period cost will be recognized on the income statement as an expense in the current period. A cost that is classified as a product cost will be recognized on the income statement as an expense (i.e., cost of goods sold) only when the associated units of product are sold. If some units are unsold at the end of the period, the costs of those unsold units are treated as assets. Therefore, by reclassifying period costs as product costs, the company is able to carry forward in inventories some costs that would have been treated as current expenses.
2. The discussion below is divided into two parts-Gallant's actions to postpone expenditures and the actions to reclassify period costs as product costs.

The decision to postpone expenditures is highly questionable. It is one thing to postpone expenditures due to a cash bind; it is quite another to postpone expenditures in order to hit a profit target. Postponing these expenditures may have the effect of ultimately increasing future costs and reducing future profits. If orders to the company's suppliers are changed, it may disrupt the suppliers' operations. The additional costs may be passed on to Gallant's company and may create ill-will and a feeling of mistrust. Postponing maintenance on equipment is particularly questionable. The result may be breakdowns, inefficient and/or unsafe operations, and a shortened life for the machinery.

Interestingly, in a survey of 649 managers reported in Management Accounting, only $12 \%$ stated that it is unethical to defer expenses and thereby manipulate quarterly earnings. The proportion who felt it was unethical increased to $24 \%$ when it involved annual earnings. Another $41 \%$ said that deferring expenses is a questionable practice when it involved quarterly reports and $35 \%$ said this when annual reports were involved. Finally, $47 \%$ said that it is completely ethical to manipulate quarterly reports in this way and $41 \%$ gave the green light for annual reports. (See William J. Bruns, Jr. and Kenneth A. Merchant, "The Dangerous Morality of Managing Earnings," Management Accounting, August 1990, pp. 22-25)

## Ethics Challenge (continued)

Gallant's decision to reclassify period costs is not ethical-assuming that there is no intention of disclosing in the financial reports this reclassification. Such a reclassification would be a violation of the principle of consistency in financial reporting and is a clear attempt to mislead readers of the financial reports. Although some may argue that the overall effect of Gallant's action will be a "wash"-that is, profits gained in this period will simply be taken from the next period-the trend of earnings will be affected. Hopefully, the auditors would discover any such attempt to manipulate annual earnings and would refuse to issue an unqualified opinion due to the lack of consistency.

## Teamwork in Action (LO1 CC 1, 2)

1. A fixed cost is normally defined as a cost that remains constant, in total, for changes in activity within the relevant range. A variable cost is normally defined as a cost that varies, in total, in direct proportion to changes in the level of activity within the relevant range.
2. a) Fixed costs for a steel company consist of items such as factory rent or depreciation, insurance, and periodic equipment depreciation. Variable costs include items such as the cost of raw materials and certain supplies. Labour may or may not be a variable cost. The relevant measure of production is the volume of steel produced. As production of steel increases within the relevant range, total fixed costs and unit variable costs remain constant, while total variable costs increase and unit fixed costs decrease.
b) Fixed costs for a hospital include items such as property taxes, supervisory salaries, and insurance. Variable costs include supplies, drugs, and perhaps some nursing and other labour. A relevant measure of production might be the number of patients treated. As the number of patients treated increase within the relevant range, total fixed costs and unit variable costs remain constant, while total variable costs increase and unit fixed costs decrease.
c) Fixed costs for a university include property taxes, salaries, and advertising. Variable costs depend on the measure of activity. If the measure of activity is students enrolled, the variable costs are limited to the costs of handouts and other supplies (such as in science laboratories). As the number of students enrolled increases within the relevant range, total fixed costs and unit variable costs remain constant, while total variable costs increase and unit fixed costs decrease.
d) Fixed costs for an auto manufacturer would include items such as factory rent or depreciation, insurance, supervisory salaries, and periodic equipment depreciation. Variable costs include raw materials and perhaps some labour cost. A relevant measure of productive activity would be the number of cars produced. As the number of cars produced increases within the relevant range, total fixed costs and unit variable costs remain constant, while total variable costs increase and unit fixed costs decrease.
3. As the volume of steel produced increases within the relevant range, total fixed costs remain the same; the fixed cost per unit decreases; total variable costs increase; the variable cost per unit remains the same; total cost increases (due to the increase in total variable cost); and the average unit cost declines (due to the presence of fixed costs).

## Teamwork in Action (continued)

4. 



## Teamwork in Action (continued)

5. 


6. Once capacity has been set, total costs increase with increases in demand due to the presence of variable costs while per unit costs drop due to the presence of fixed costs.

