ACC200 INTRODUCTION TO MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

ASSIGNMENT worth 25%

You have just been hired as an accountant by New Wave Furniture, a manufacturer of specialised furniture based in South Australia. The furniture is high quality and is priced accordingly. The owner of the company Bradley Price, believes in pricing his products based on how his larger competitors have priced their products as he believes his firm produces furniture which is as good, if not better than the mass producers of furniture.

When you arrived at work on your first day you learned that although the company has been in existence for eight years ,it has never had a full time accountant .The accounts had been prepared by Joanne Day, the secretary of Bradley Price with Tim Smythe a part time accountant who would come in once or twice a month to help prepare the accounts.Tim has informed Bradley that he could no longer spare the time to come in and so he has suggested that the firm needs a full time accountant which is why you have been hired.Bradley Price however is still not convinced of the need for a full time accountant ."Look why do we need a full time accountant ? At the end of the day we just total up the revenues ,total up the expenses and the difference is the profit .Do I need to understand my product costs ?Why? I cannot lower my prices if my product costs are lower as I just follow the major retailers in the market ,Hardly Normal and King Lee , and price my products based on their prices" .

Joanne who has been the secretary cum bookkeeper since the company started has prepared some information for you .Trying to be helpful she has listed the accounts in alphabetical order but she has admitted to not knowing a much about accounting but says "Tim ,the part time accountant ,has said that we need a Cost of Goods Manufactured Schedule and a Cost of Goods Sold Schedule .I have last years accounts for you so you can prepare these schedules for Bradley".The list of accounts in alphabetical order is in Appendix A .

After four days into your work there was a major fire overnight in the main office that stored the accounts .The manufacturing facility was not affected and work could continue but most of the information about the current years accounts has been damaged and only part of the information is readable. This is shown in Appendix B .Your work on last years accounts has not been affected as you had the information available already however the information about the current month has been affected and not all of it is available.

Bradley Price has told you that the creditors have been asking for s and so you have been working out some additional information .This is as follows:

- a) The predetermined overhead rate was based on \$180,0000 overhead and 60,000 direct labour hours annually. Overhead is assumed to be applied evenly throughout the year.
- b) There is only one job in process at 30 April. This job has had \$2,600 materials , and 300 direct labour hours expended at \$6 per hour .
- c) The accounts payable are for raw material purchases only .The balance in the account on 1 April was \$6,000 .The cheque stubs show payments of \$40,000 had been made to suppliers during April .
- d)The payroll ledger showed that 5,200 direct labour hours had been recorded for the month with all employees being paid \$6 per hour
- e) The finished goods inventory showed \$11000 balance at 1 April
- f) The cost of goods manufactured for April was \$89,000.

You are now ready to reconstruct the T accounts and give Bradley the information he needs .When you go to tell him that you can now start working on the information Bradley tells you he has spoken to Tim ,their previous part time accountant and that the following information is required :"Tim says we need the following information: Work in Process at the end of April ,raw material purchased in April ,Overhead applied, Cost of goods sold in April and raw materials used in April. He also suggested that we should be looking at whether overhead was under or over applied."

Required:

Prepare a report (no more than 9 pages) for Bradley Price that addresses the following:

- a) The purpose of a product costing system
- b) Preparation of a Schedule of Cost of Goods Manufactured and Cost of Goods Sold for last years accounts. Explain why some items have been excluded from the Schedules.
- c) Complete the T accounts and determine the following:
 - i. Work in Process at the end of April
 - ii. Raw materials purchased in April
 - iii. Overhead applied in April
 - iv. Cost of Goods Sold in April
 - v.Raw materials used in April
 - vi. Over or under applied overhead in April
- d) Discuss how overheads can be under or over applied and how the company should deal with the under or over application

Due date: Tuesday September 23rd at beginning of Tutorial .The assignment may be done in groups and is to be word processed and referenced.

Appendixes A and B follow

Appendix A

Administrative salaries	2,400
Advertising expense	1,200
Depreciation -factory building	800
Depreciation -factory equipment	1,600
Depreciation - office equipment	180
Direct labour	21,900
Raw material inventory beginning	2,100
Raw material inventory ending	3,200
Finished goods inventory beginning	46,980
Finished goods inventory ending	44,410
General liability insurance expense	240
Indirect labour	11,800
Insurance on factory	1,400
Purchases of raw material	14,600
Rates on the factory	450
Repairs and maintenance of factory	900
Sales salaries	2,000
Travel and entertainment expense	1,410
Work in process inventory beginning	1,670
Work in process inventory ending	1,110

Raw Materials			Manufacturing Overhead			
Bal. 1st April	12,000	Actual cost for April	14,800			
	Work in Process		Accounts Payable			
Bal. 1st April	4.500					
			Bal. 30th April	8.000		
Finished Goods			Cost of G	oods sold		
Bal. 30th April	16,000					