# RATIO ANALYSIS CHEATSHEET





## LIQUIDITY RATIOS

Ratio	Purpose	Formula	High/Low Value Better (Explanation)
Current Ratio	Measures liquidity and short-term solvency	Current Assets / Current Liabilities	High: Indicates a stronger ability to meet short-term obligations, but excessively high values may imply inefficient use of resources.
Quick Ratio (Acid-Test)	Evaluates immediate liquidity	(Current Assets - Inventory) / Current Liabilities	High: Reflects better short-term liquidity without relying on inventory, which might not be easily convertible to cash.
Cash Ratio	Evaluates cash liquidity	Cash and Cash Equivalents / Current Liabilities	High: Demonstrates sufficient cash reserves to meet immediate obligations.





### TURNOVER RATIOS

Ratio	Purpose	Formula	High/Low Value Better (Explanation)
Inventory Turnover Ratio	Measures efficiency in inventory management	Cost of Goods Sold / Average Inventory	High: Indicates efficient inventory management and faster stock turnover, but too high may imply insufficient inventory.
Receivables Turnover Ratio	Assesses efficiency in collecting receivables	Net Credit Sales / Average Accounts Receivable	High: Suggests efficient collection of receivables, reducing the risk of bad debts.
Asset Turnover Ratio	Evaluates efficiency in using assets to generate revenue	Net Sales / Average Total Assets	High: Indicates effective utilization of assets to generate sales.
Fixed Asset Turnover Ratio	Measures efficiency in utilizing fixed assets	Net Sales / Average Fixed Assets	<b>High:</b> Indicates effective use of fixed assets to generate sales.



### SOLVENCY RATIOS

Ratio	Purpose	Formula	High/Low Value Better (Explanation)
Debt-to-Equity Ratio	Assesses financial leverage and risk	Total Debt / Total Equity	Low: Indicates lower financial risk and dependency on debt. A very low value may suggest underutilization of leverage.
Interest Coverage Ratio	Checks ability to pay interest on debt	EBIT / Interest Expense	High: Demonstrates a stronger ability to cover interest expenses with earnings.
Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR)	Measures ability to meet debt obligations	Net Operating Income / Total Debt Service	<b>High:</b> Reflects a strong capacity to meet debt obligations without financial strain.



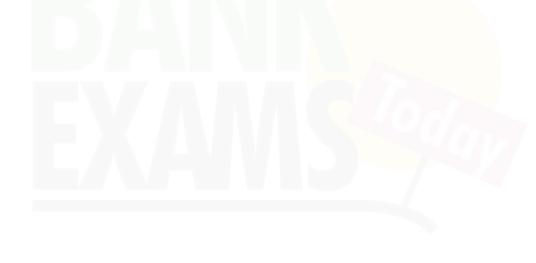
### PROFITABILITY RATIOS

Ratio	Purpose	Formula	High/Low Value Better (Explanation)
Net Profit Margin	Indicates profitability per unit of revenue	(Net Profit / Net Sales) × 100	<b>High:</b> Demonstrates better profitability and cost control.
Gross Profit Margin	Shows profitability after direct costs	(Gross Profit / Net Sales) × 100	High: Reflects a strong ability to manage production costs relative to sales.
Operating Profit Margin	Indicates operational efficiency	(Operating Profit / Net Sales) × 100	High: Indicates effective cost management and operational efficiency.
Return on Assets (ROA)	Indicates profitability relative to total assets	(Net Profit / Average Total Assets) × 100	<b>High:</b> Reflects efficient use of assets to generate profits.
Return on Equity (ROE)	Measures return generated on shareholders' investment	(Net Profit / Average Shareholders' Equity) × 100	<b>High:</b> Demonstrates strong returns for shareholders.



### MARKET RATIOS

Ratio	Purpose	Formula	High/Low Value Better (Explanation)
Earnings Per Share (EPS)	Measures earnings available to equity shareholders	(Net Profit - Preference Dividends) / Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	<b>High:</b> Indicates higher profitability per share, benefiting shareholders.
Price-to-Earnings (P/E) Ratio	Valuation ratio for stock	Market Price Per Share / Earnings Per Share	Depends: A lower P/E is preferred for value investors, while a high P/E may suggest growth potential.
Dividend Payout Ratio	Shows proportion of earnings distributed as dividends	Dividends Paid / Net Profit	Depends: Higher values indicate better dividend payouts; lower values suggest reinvestment into the business.



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