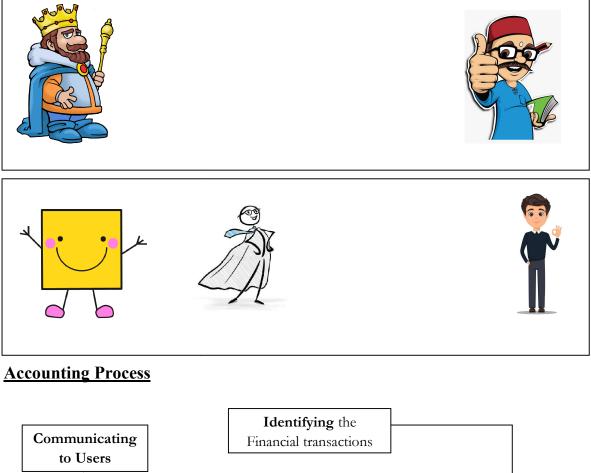
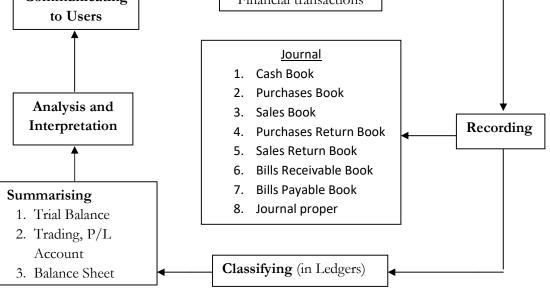


# **INTRODUCTION TO ACCOUNTING**

<u>Accounting</u> is the process of identifying, recording, classifying, summarising, analysing and communicating the financial information to users.







#### **Characteristics/ Features of Accounting**

- 1. Identifying the Financial transactions
- 2. Recording
- 3. Classifying
- 4. Summarising
- 5. Analysis and interpretation
- 6. Communicating to Users

## **Objectives of Accounting**

- 1. Determining Profits/losses
- 2. Determining <u>F</u>inancial transactions
- 3. Communicating accounting information to users
- 4. <u>A</u>ssisting the management
- 5. <u>Record of financial transactions</u>

## **Functions of Accounting**

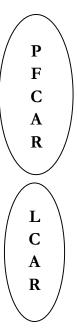
- 1. Meeting Legal requirements
- 2. <u>C</u>ommunicating accounting information to users
- 3. <u>A</u>ssisting the management
- 4. <u>Record of financial transactions</u>

## Advantages of Accounting

- 1. Financial information about Business
- 2. Assistance to management
- 3. Replaces memory
- 4. Comparative Study
- 5. Facilitates settlement of Tax liabilities
- 6. Facilitate loans
- 7. Evidence in court

## **Limitations of Accounting**

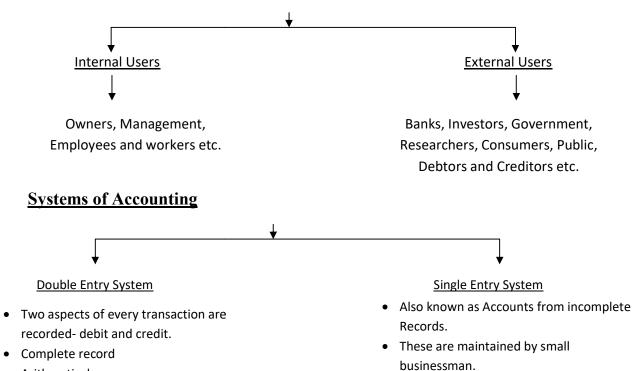
- 1. Accounting is not fully exact
- 2. Accounting ignores qualitative aspects
- 3. Accounting ignores price level changes
- 4. Accounting may lead to Window-dressing







## **Users of Accounting**



- Arithmetical accuracy
- Used in all the countries.
- Many Merits



• Final accounts cannot be prepared.



## **Book Keeping**

Book Keeping is the process of identifying, recording, classifying the financial transactions.

Basis	Accounting	Book keeping
Meaning	Accounting is the process of	Book Keeping is the process of
	identifying, recording,	identifying, recording,
	classifying, summarising,	classifying the financial
	analysing and communicating	information.
	the financial information to	
	users.	
<u>N</u> ature	Analytical	Routine
<u>O</u> bjective	Ascertain net profit and	Maintain records and classifying
	financial position	them in Ledgers
<u>P</u> erformed by	Junior staff	Senior staff
<u>S</u> tage	Primary stage	Secondary stage
Special skills	Not required	Required

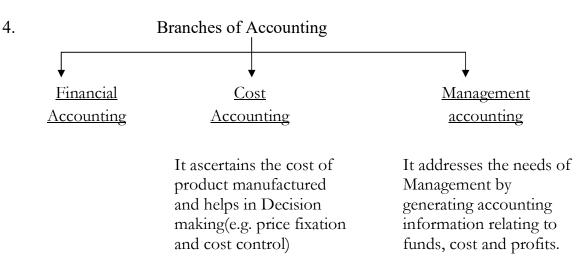
#### Notes / Assumptions:

- 1. Accountancy refers to systematic knowledge of Accounting. (It educates us how to do accounting)
- 2. Art is the technique which helps us to achieve our desired objectives. Science is any organised knowledge based on certain principles. Hence, Accounting is an Art as well as a Science.
- 3. Trading, Profit and Loss Account and Balance sheet are collectively known as Final Accounts or Financial statements.









- 5. Accounting Information
  - a. Accounting Information refers to financial statements generated through the process of Accounting.
  - b. Types of Accounting information
    - i. Information related to Profit and Loss- Trading, Profit and Loss Account
    - ii. Information related to Financial Position- Balance Sheet
    - iii. Information related to Cash flow- Cash Flow Statement

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#### c. Characteristics

- i. <u>R</u>eliability
- ii. <u>R</u>elevance
- iii. <u>C</u>omparability
- iv. Understandability

