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Preface

The purpose of cost and management accounting is to provide financial information to managers that will help them to plan the progress of the organisation, control the activities and see the financial implications of any decisions they may take. If cost and management accounting does not make a useful contribution to the management of the organisation, it is of no value and should not be undertaken. Although providing detailed accounting information incurs costs in the collection and analysis of data, experience shows that, if properly applied, the techniques and methods of cost and management accounting make a significant contribution to effective management.

Cost and Management Accounting has been written for students who have no prior knowledge of accounting. Although those who are studying financial accounting at the same time may find some of the concepts and approaches familiar, such knowledge is not a prerequisite. The book can be used on professional courses in accounting and other courses in universities and other institutions of higher and further education where management accounting forms part of the syllabus.

In this book we have set out to introduce students to the methods and techniques of management accounting by writing in a clear, accessible style, avoiding technical jargon and by using simple examples. The early chapters lay the foundation for the later ones which introduce the various methods and techniques of cost and management accounting.

The second edition of the book is divided into 22 chapters in a logical teaching sequence, and is ideal for a one-year course. In addition, the text has been updated and we have added a number of interactive features. The aim of the Self-Check Questions is to highlight the key points and allow students to test their comprehension of what has just been read. The other Activities are intended to serve as the basis of discussion and explanation. At the end of each chapter there are a number of Practice Questions which have mainly been taken from the examination papers of the professional accounting bodies. Outline answers to these questions are given in Appendix C.

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