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BEFORE WE BEGIN …

Evolving role of a CA - Shift towards strategic decision making

The traditional role of a chartered accountant restricted to accounting and auditing, has now changed substantially and there has been a marked shift towards strategic decision making and entrepreneurial roles that add value beyond traditional financial reporting. The primary factors responsible for the change are the increasing business complexities on account of plethora of laws, borderless economies consequent to giant leap in e-commerce, emergence of new financial instruments, emphasis on corporate social responsibility, significant developments in information technology, to name a few. These factors necessitate an increase in the competence level of chartered accountants to take up the role of not merely an accountant or auditor, but a global solution provider. Towards this end, the scheme of education and training is being continuously reviewed so that it is in sync with the requisites of the dynamic global business environment; the competence requirements are being continuously reviewed to enable aspiring chartered accountants to acquire the requisite professional competence to take on new roles.

Skill requirements at Intermediate Level

Under the Revised Scheme of Education and Training, at the Intermediate Level, you are expected to not only acquire professional knowledge but also the ability to apply such knowledge in problem solving. The process of learning should also help you inculcate the requisite professional skills, i.e., the intellectual skills and communication skills, necessary for achieving the desired level of professional competence.

Accounting is one of the core competence areas of chartered accountants. The paper of 'Advanced Accounting' at Intermediate level concentrates on financial reporting and regulatory requirements of corporate entities, banking, financial services and insurance sector. The objectives of the paper are (i) to acquire the ability to apply specific Accounting Standards, Guidance Notes and legislations to different transactions and events and in preparation and presentation of financial statements of business entities and (ii) to understand and apply financial reporting and regulatory requirements of Banking, Financial services and
Insurance sector. The students are expected to gain the ability to apply specified Accounting Standards and Guidance Notes to different transactions and events and understand their disclosures requirements and familiarize with special aspects of company accounts and accounting for reorganization of corporate entities.

**Know your syllabus and Study Material**

The Study Material of Advanced Accounting has been designed having regard to the needs of home study and distance learning students. The Study Material has been divided into fourteen chapters in line with the syllabus. It is important to read the Study Material thoroughly for understanding the coverage of syllabus in the paper of Advanced Accounting.

The study material has been bifurcated into three modules for the easy handling and convenience of students. For bare text of Guidance Notes and Accounting Standards, the students are advised to refer the “Accounting Pronouncements” which has been separately published by the Board of Studies.

**Framework of Chapters – Uniform Structure comprising of specific components**

Efforts have been made to present each topic of the syllabus in a lucid manner. Care has been taken to present the chapters in a logical sequence to facilitate easy understanding by the students. Sincere efforts have been taken to incorporate the relevant amendments in the Accounting Standards, Companies Act, 2013, SEBI regulations and RBI notifications in this study material.

The content for each chapter/unit of the study Material has been structured in the following manner –

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4. **Illustrations involving conceptual understanding**

Illustrations would help the students to understand the application of concepts/provisions of accounting standards/guidance notes. In effect, it would test understanding of concepts/provisions as well as ability to apply the concepts/provisions learnt in solving problems and addressing issues.

5. **Summary**

A summary of the chapter is given at the end to help you revise what you have learnt. It would especially facilitate quick revision of the chapter the day before the examination.

6. **Test Your Knowledge**

This section comprises of number of multiple choice questions, theoretical questions and practical questions which would help students to evaluate what they have understood after studying the chapter. The questions given in this section have also been supplemented with the answers to help the students in evaluating their solutions so that they can know about their grey areas.

We hope that these student-friendly features in the Study Material makes your learning process more enjoyable, enriches your knowledge and sharpens your application skills.

*Happy Reading and Best Wishes!*
SYLLABUS

PAPER 5: ADVANCED ACCOUNTING

(One paper – Three hours – 100 Marks)

Objectives:
1. To acquire the ability to apply specific Accounting Standards, Guidance Notes and legislations to different transactions and events and in preparation and presentation of financial statements of business entities;
2. To understand and apply financial reporting and regulatory requirements of Banking, Financial services and Insurance sector.

Contents:
1. Application of Accounting Standards:
   - AS 7 : Construction Contracts
   - AS 9 : Revenue Recognition
   - AS 14: Accounting for Amalgamations
   - AS 18 : Related Party Disclosures
   - AS 19: Leases
   - AS 20 : Earnings Per Share
   - AS 24 : Discontinuing Operations
   - AS 26 : Intangible Assets
2. Application of Guidance Notes issued by the ICAI on specified accounting aspects.
3. Special Aspects of Company Accounts
   (i) Accounting for employee stock option plan;
   (ii) Buy back of securities;
   (iii) Equity shares with differential rights;
   (iv) Underwriting of shares and debentures.
4. Reorganization and liquidation of Companies
   (i) Accounting for amalgamation (excluding inter-company holding) and reconstruction;
(ii) Accounting involved in liquidation of companies.

5. **Financial Reporting of Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI)**
   (i) Insurance companies;
   (ii) Banking companies;
   (iii) Non-Banking Financial Companies;
   (iv) Mutual funds
   and regulatory requirements thereof.

6. **Valuation of goodwill**

7. **Consolidated Financial Statements**
   Concept of consolidation and simple problems on Consolidated Financial Statements with single subsidiary (excluding problems involving acquisition of Interest in Subsidiary at Different Dates; Different Reporting Dates of Holding and Subsidiary; Disposal of a Subsidiary and Foreign Subsidiaries).

**Notes:**

1. If either new Accounting Standards (ASs), Announcements and Limited Revisions to ASs are issued or the earlier ones are withdrawn or new ASs, Announcements and Limited Revisions to AS are issued in place of existing ASs, Announcements and Limited Revisions to AS, the syllabus will accordingly include / exclude such new developments in the place of the existing ones with effect from the date to be notified.

2. The specific inclusions/exclusions, in any topic covered in the syllabus, will be effected every year by way of Study Guidelines. The list of applicable Guidance Notes in Accounting will also form part of the Study Guidelines.
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