CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATION

My Dear Students,

Words cannot adequately express my profound thanks for the thousands of appreciative, affectionate and motivating letters and e-mails that have come pouring in from various parts of the country. They have given me the added vigour and resolve to apply myself to the task of serving the needs of the C.A. Student Fraternity in the best possible manner. Some of the students have sought clarifications regarding the date of introduction of the revised C.A. Curriculum, details of the transition provisions, paperwise & groupwise exemptions etc. One thing I would like to categorically assure all the students that their interests would be taken care of – no matter what stage you are in – whilst introducing the new Chartered Accountancy Course curriculum.

ALL INDIA C.A. STUDENTS CONFERENCE AT CHENNAI ON THE THEME “NEW FRONTIERS OF PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE”

This mega All India C.A. Students Conference – a much awaited annual event will be held at Chennai on Saturday & Sunday 26th and 27th August, 2006. I request each and every one of you to register as a delegate for this All India Conference at Chennai without fail. In fact, I can personally assure you that you will cherish the unforgettable experience and the deliberations would be a Great Value Addition for all the students. Experienced and renowned faculty would chair the sessions and give the students a focused orientation for sure success. This students Conference is open for all and you can enthuse your fellow students also to participate in this Memorable MEGA STUDENTS CONFERENCE. (Please refer the detailed Conference programme published elsewhere in this newsletter.)

POINT TO PONDER

Self motivation is the key to success. Imaging oneself in a winning situation, working towards that dream, sheer perseverance and persistence are the corner stones to self-motivation. As Milton Berle said – If Opportunity doesn’t knock, you build a door. If we keep waiting for the shining moment, the one in a million chance, we shall have to keep waiting and yearning. There is no shotgun to start the race, we must run in our own steam, pace ourselves and learn to resolve to make things happen in our way. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt said “If you think you can, or somebody who believes in you thinks you can, then of course – you can!” The first step to success is the setting of goals, the second is your faith and belief that you will reach it, the third step is imaging it and the fourth is with God by your side, determination, courage and tenacity to toil – success is yours.

When Beethoven composed the Ninth Symphony, he was Deaf. When John Milton wrote his epic book titled – PARADISE LOST – one of the all time greats in English Literature, he was blind. Despite their physical disabilities, they were able to overcome them and give the world masterpieces which are appreciated even today. The message is loud and clear – we have to carry on despite the hurdles and the obstacles in our path must be converted into stepping stones to our ascent to success. With this positive attitude, life will be a smoother ride and we can cushion ourselves (Continued on page 3)
Glimpses

CA.V.Murali, Chairman Board of Studies inaugurating the WIRC CA Students’ Regional Conference.

CA.V.Murali, Chairman, Board of Studies inaugurating CA Students Conference at Kerala.

CA. Anuj Goyal, Central Council Member (2nd From Left) and CA.V.Murali, Chairman, Board of Studies during the Valedictory Session of the 8th CA Students Regional Conference organized by the Agra Branch of CIRC of ICAI on 10th July, 2006.

Photograph taken during the Career Counselling Seminar organized jointly by the Board of Studies and Ramakrishna Mission on 14th July, 2006.

Photo taken at the Sub Group Meeting for Finalisation of the contents of the syllabus of the Revised CA Final Course held at Kolkata on 3rd July, 2006.

Mr. Niraimathi Alagan, Chairman, Vellore Branch of SIRC of ICAI welcoming the Chairman, Board of Studies CA.V.Murali at the CA Career Awareness Programme held at Vellore on 2.7.2006.
Chairman’s Communication (Continued from page 1)

to bear the ruts and potholes on the road.

PROPOSED CHARTERED ACCOUNTANCY COURSE CURRICULUM

There is an all around avid interest and air of expectancy about the proposed Chartered Accountancy Course Curriculum which emphasizes ‘CATCH THEM YOUNG’ Policy. The Board of Studies has geared itself in preparation and updation of the study materials befitting the New Curriculum.

The new scheme of education and training is expected to eliminate the long gestation and frustration of the aspirants who knock the gateway to the Chartered Accountancy Course before entering the Articleship training. As the entry norms have been relaxed and the overall time duration of the C.A. Course being reduced from the existing 5 years 3 months to 4 years, it is realistically expected that more students from the Commerce and Non-Commerce streams enter the C.A. Course and Articleship Training in large numbers. The students also will benefit immensely from the updated curriculum, enhanced practical training and purposeful Information Technology Training and they will be better equipped to face the challenges of the new economic order.

CHANGE MANAGEMENT

The students of the Chartered Accountancy course must realize that in a society, the only changeless factor is that change is inevitable. Robert F. Kennedy had said and I quote “Great change dominates the world and unless we move with change, we will become its victims.” Hence, it is imperative for us to realize the truth in this adage and move with the times. We must re-engineer, re-orient and re-position ourselves to offer value-added services to our principals and employers. We must imbibe technology and make it work for us. We must be the captains of our ships and soul and take the reins in our hands lest they be jerked away from us.

SOCIAL FOCUS IS THE NEED OF THE HOUR FOR CA STUDENTS

Buddha has said, “Your work is to discover your world and then with all your heart give yourself to it.” The C.A. Student Fraternity should contribute to social causes. When we look around, we see doctors tending to the sick without charge. Advocates offer free legal aid to those who are unable to afford the professional fees. We too can help society in many other ways. John F. Kennedy had said and I quote “Our privileges can be no greater than our obligations. The protection of our rights can endure no longer than the performance of our responsibilities.”

19th All India C.A. Students’ Conference

New Frontiers of Professional Excellence

Date: August 26-27, 2006
Venue: DON BOSCO Auditorium, No.13, Casa Major Road, Egmore, Chennai 300 008

Students are cordially invited to contribute papers and participate in the Conference.
I request all the C.A. Student Associations to organize Blood Donation camps, Medical camps for the poor and needy sections of society, Aids Awareness Programmes, CA Career Awareness Programmes and Counselling Programmes for School Students in mofussil and rural areas. CA student fraternity should remain in the forefront in alleviating the sufferings of the poor and downtrodden. CA students should contribute to social causes and the inner satisfaction that one derives while serving the needy sections of the society will help you to get ahead in life.

It is said “What Sunshine is to a Sunflower, Smiles are to Humanity.” Each of us is so tied down to daily routines, cares, worries and joys of one’s own family, that we often fail to look beyond our charmed circle. We must set aside a few minutes to look beyond ourselves, to do something for others that will put a smile on their faces. Etienne De Grellet’s immortal words hold true for all time and I quote “I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now.” This is something which needs to be inculcated in the minds of the growing youth who will be the future citizens of our country, future professionals who will blaze a new path to a stronger tomorrow.

C.A. CAREER AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

The Vellore Branch of the SIRC of ICAI had organized a C.A. Career Awareness programme and an insight to the New Chartered Accountancy curriculum. Despite it being a Sunday morning we had a full hall – a packed crowd of enthusiastic students keen to know about taking up C.A. as a career choice. The Board of Studies and Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College, Chennai had jointly organized a CA Career Awareness Programme which was attended by more than 1000 students and this event was well covered by the Press and media.

SUB-GROUP MEETINGS TO FINALISE THE CONTENTS OF THE SYLLABUS OF THE REVISED CA FINAL COURSE CURRICULUM

The Director of Studies, Dr. T.P. Ghosh and myself have attended the sub-Group meetings at Kolkata and Chennai to finalise the contents of the syllabus of the Revised CA Final course Curriculum. The faculty and experts of the various subjects who have participated in these meetings have given their valuable suggestions which have been suitably incorporated.

C.A. STUDENTS’ CONFERENCES AT VADODARA AND AGRA

It was a hectic weekend for me. Right at the heels of the heavy rains at Mumbai and Gujarat, the Western India Regional Council of the ICAI held their students Regional Conference at Vadodara. The Two Day conference was a grand gala event – graced by the Honourable Finance Minister of Gujarat and our President of ICAI. The Papers presented were excellent, the ambience euphoric and I thoroughly enjoyed a feast of knowledge and hospitality. From Gujarat, I moved on to Agra to attend the Students Conference organized by the Central India Regional Council of ICAI. I must confess that with the rousing reception, warmth and the top notch quality of the topics and papers presented, I was made aware that the future of the Profession is in good hands indeed. My kudos to the organizers and the teams of students of both the conferences who have made a stupendous effort worth applauding.

WELCOMING THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE CA PROFESSION

I am very happy to welcome all the new members of our Chartered Accountant fraternity. The results of the Final Exams are out and many have passed with flying colours. My request to each new member is to continue to maintain the link with the Institute by attending Study Circle Meetings, CPE Seminars and other programmes organized by the Institute and I have no doubt that this will infuse a sense of belonging to the Institute. I would like to quote here the words of Eddie Robinson who said “The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential, these are the keys that will unlock the door of personal excellence.” The world is yours for the taking and you should make every effort to truly achieve all that you can in the best way possible. I wish each and every one of you a fulfilling, bright and prosperous future.

To those who could not make it, please don’t give up. I have a wonderful piece of advice from Thomas Alva Edison and I think it could apply to every sphere...
Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.” The immortal and rousing words of Robert Bruce “Try, Try and Try again till you succeed” are once more vindicated and I trust that next time around I look forward to gladly welcome you as a member of our Fraternity.

To succeed, it is necessary to accept the world as it is and rise above it. Everything in this world has got a utility value – “Even a stopped clock is right twice a day”. The best way to predict your future is to create it. Optimism is the faith that leads to Achievement. Positive Attitude, Right Aptitude decides your Altitude in Life. As Swami Sukhabodhananda said “You cannot climb a mountain by just looking at it.” So put your best foot forward and the best will come back to you.”

TIPS FOR SUCCESS FOR NEW ENTRANTS TO THE PROFESSION

♦ For the new entrants to the Profession, the initial waiting period may be frustrating. For those who are searching for suitable jobs, the initial offers may not be to their full satisfaction. The point to be noted is that all the leading practitioners and those who have reached the top in the industry would have faced similar problems in their initial years. It is said the greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it.

♦ Be Confident! Self Confidence is the key to success.

♦ Be Ambitious! Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings.

♦ Be imaginative! Be properly focused! You can’t depend on your judgement when your imagination is out of focus.

♦ Be enthusiastic! Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

WORK ETHICS AND COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

I read in an article about work ethics to ensure Commitment to Excellence which I would like to share with you: “To do the right thing, at the right time, in the right way; to do some things better than they were ever done before; to eliminate errors; to know both sides of the question; to be courteous; to be an example; to work for the love of work; to anticipate requirements; to develop resources; to recognize no impediments; to master circumstances; to act from reason rather than rule; to be satisfied with nothing short of perfection.”

WRAP UP POINT

Jack London’s motto in life has inspired me and I quote “I would rather be ashes than dust, I would rather that my spark should burn out in a brilliant blaze, than it should be stifled by dry rot. I would rather be a superb meteor, every atom of me in magnificent glow, than a sleepy and permanent planet. The proper function of man is to live and not to exist.” Hence, facing life head-on tackling the obstacles that come our way is far better than burying one’s head in the sand like an ostrich or waiting steadily for the right moment and for the perfect opportunity.

I would like to sign off with a prayer to the Almighty - “God! Give me the courage to do whatever is possible, serenity to know what is not possible and the wisdom to know the difference.”

Wishing each and every one of you a life filled with academic fulfilment and bliss at home.

Good bye and Good Luck.

With warm professional regards,

Forever, yours in service,

(V. MURALI)
Chairman, Board of Studies
The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India periodically reviews its scheme of Education and Training to remain in tandem with developments in the field of education and other changes at national and global level. Evolving business also demands newer skills from the accounting professionals. Accordingly, the existing scheme has been revamped and is proposed to be implemented shortly.

Proposed Levels in Chartered Accountancy Course

- The Entry level test is named as Common Proficiency Test (CPT) which is designed in the pattern of entry level test for engineering, medical and other professional courses. It will be a test of 4 hours duration comprising of two sessions of 2 hours each with a break between two sessions. The test will comprise of objective type questions only with flexible negative marking for choosing wrong options. This will replace existing Professional Education (Course-I).
- The Professional Education (Course-II) is being replaced by newly designed Professional Competence Course with an upgraded syllabus.
- The last leg of the Chartered Accountancy is Final Course, designed to impart expert knowledge in financial reporting, auditing and professional ethics, taxation, corporate laws, system control, strategic finance and advanced management accountancy.
- Updated syllabus is benchmarked to chartered accountancy courses available around the globe and is fully compliant to International Education Standards Issued by the International Federation of Accountants.

Level 1 - Common Proficiency Test (CPT)

Who can Join?

- A student who has passed the Class 10 examination conducted by an examining body constituted by law in India or (an examination recognized by the Central Government as equivalent thereto) may register for Common Proficiency Test.

Subjects Covered in CPT

- SESSION – I (Two Sections– Two hours – 100 Marks)
  - Section A: Fundamentals of Accounting ( 60 Marks )
  - Section B: Mercantile Laws ( 40 Marks )
- SESSION – II (Two Sections– Two hours – 100 Marks)
  - Section C: General Economics ( 50 Marks )
  - Section D: Quantitative Aptitude ( 50 Marks )

Why Chartered Accountancy Course?

- Chartered Accountancy Course offers the students a dream career in the specialized areas of Accounting, Auditing, Corporate Finance, Corporate Laws, Taxation.
- Chartered Accountants are highly demanded professionals in industry.
- Chartered Accountants are statutorily recognized audit practitioners.
- Chartered Accountants are highly demanded and sought-after professionals in the practise of Income-tax, Service-tax and other indirect tax areas.
- Chartered Accountants are technically equipped to act as management consultants.
- Chartered Accountants with the adequate education in systems and information technology also excel in the areas such as development of advanced IT systems for the organisations including for the functions of finance and accounting.

Proposed Important Dates

- Commencement of registration for Common Proficiency Test (CPT) and Professional Competence Course (PCC) : September 1, 2006
- Cut off date for registration for CPT to appear in the CPT examination to be held in November 2006 : October 1, 2006
  Students have to fill in separate examination form for appearing in the CPT examination within the time to be specified by the Examination Department.
- First Professional Competence Examination ( PCE ) : May 2008
Common Proficiency Test

- A registered student may appear in Common Proficiency Test after he has appeared in the Senior Secondary Examination (10+2 examination) conducted by an examining body constituted by law in India or an examination recognised by the Central Government as equivalent thereto and has complied with such requirements as may be specified by the Council from time to time.

- A student is required to register with the Board of Studies on payment of Rs.1500 on account of registration and tuition fees and can appear CPT after a specified period from the date of registration. For November, 2006 Examination, the specified period is 30 days.

- There will be one paper of Four hours duration carrying 200 Marks.

- The test comprises of two sessions of 2 hours each with a break between two sessions.

- Desired Level of Knowledge of CPT is Basic Knowledge.

- Common Proficiency Test is an Objective Type Test.

- There will be a flexible scheme of negative marking for choosing wrong options.

- You need to Score 50% of total marks to qualify.

- The test will be conducted four times a year : February, May, August, November.

- Examination fee Rs 300.

How to prepare for Common Proficiency Test?

- The Board of Studies will provide a Study Package to the students registering for the course. The package will contain Four Books and a compact disk covering syllabi of four different Sections.

- The books have been prepared with focus on objective type test.

- With the help of the software in the compact disk the students will be able to practice mock test to check their preparedness and strengthen their knowledge.

Level 2 – Professional Competence Course (PCC) and Practical Training

Joining the Course

- A student who has passed Common Proficiency Test and Senior Secondary Examination (10+2 examination) conducted by an examining body constituted by law in India or an examination recognized by the Central Government as equivalent thereto may join the Professional Competence Course.

- Simultaneously, student will also register for practical training.

- In addition, a student has to register and undergo Information Technology Training.

Who can appear in Professional Competence Examination (PCE)

- A student registered in Professional Competence Course may appear in the examination provided that:
  - He has worked for not less than fifteen months as an articled assistant or as an audit assistant or partly as an articled assistant and partly as an audit assistant, three months prior to the first day of the month in which examination is held.
  - He has completed a course on Information Technology Training as specified by the Council.

- In addition, a student has to register and undergo Information Technology Training.

- A student registered in Professional Competence Course may appear in the examination provided that:
  - He has worked for not less than fifteen months as an articled assistant or as an audit assistant or partly as an articled assistant and partly as an audit assistant, three months prior to the first day of the month in which examination is held.

- In addition, a student has to register and undergo Information Technology Training.

Subjects Covered in PCC

- **Group I**
  - Advanced Accounting (One paper – Three hours – 100 marks)
  - Auditing and Assurance (One paper – Three hours – 100 marks)
  - Law, Ethics and Communication (One paper – Three hours – 100 marks)
    - Part I: Law (60 marks)
      - Business Laws (30 marks)
      - Company Law (30 marks)
    - Part II: Business Ethics (20 marks)
    - Part III: Business Communication(20 marks)

- **Group II**
  - Cost Accounting and Financial Management (One paper – Three hours – 100 marks)
    - Part I: Cost Accounting (50 marks)
    - Part II: Financial Management (50 marks)
  - Taxation (One paper – Three hours – 100 marks)
    - Part I: Income Tax (75 marks)
    - Part II: Service Tax and VAT (25 marks)
  - Information Technology and Strategic Management
    - Section A: Information Technology (50 marks)
Section B: Strategic Management (50 marks)

All papers except Paper 6 shall have single answer book. Section A and Section B of Paper 6: Information Technology and Strategic Management shall be answered in separate answers books.

How to prepare for Professional Competence Examination?

- The Board of Studies will provide a Study Package to the students registering for the course. The package will contain books relating to each subject covered in the course.
- Attend virtual classes.
- The Institute will also conduct revision classes in different regions and major branches.

Period of Training for an Articled Assistant

- An articled assistant is required to undergo practical training for a period of three and half years.
- Alternatively a student may undergo practical training partly as an articled assistant and partly as an audit assistant for a period of three and half years. For which purpose complete eight months of service as an audit assistant shall be reckoned as six months of training as an articled assistant. any fraction of a period of less than 8 months as an audit assistant being ignored:

Information Technology Training

- While studying for the Professional Competence Examination a student has to pursue a course in Information Technology Training. The course shall not be less than one hundred hours and not more than five hundred hours.

Level 3 Final Course

After passing professional Competence Examination?

- Collect Study Materials of the Final Course and prepare for Final Examination.

Comparison of Existing and Proposed Schemes at a Glance

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New Scheme of Education and Training – At a Glance

* For November 2006 Examination the specified period is 30 days.
Proposed cut-off date for registration with the Board of Studies is October 1, 2006 for the purpose of appearing in November 2006 examination.
Common Proficiency Test (CPT)
A Simplified Entry to the Chartered Accountancy Course

CPT will replace existing Professional Education (Course-I) which requires 10-month study period followed by an exhaustive theoretical examination.

CPT is an objective type test to be held every February, May, August and November. This will reduce long waiting for entry to the chartered accountancy education and training.

The first CPT examination is planned to be conducted in November, 2006

Common Proficiency Test
A test of four subjects – Fundamentals of Accounting, Mercantile Laws, General Economics and Quantitative Aptitude
A Four Hour duration 200 Marks Test with negative marking

Frequently Asked Question about Common Proficiency Test (CPT)

1. What is the Common Proficiency Test?
It is an entry level test for Chartered Accountancy Course. It is a test of four subjects i.e., Accounting, Mercantile Laws, General Economics and Quantitative Aptitude. This test is of 200 marks. This test is divided into two sessions of two hours each with a break in between. CPT is an objective type test with negative marking.

Action Chart for Student for undergoing CPT

- Pass Class 10 examination
- Register with the Board of Studies for Common Proficiency Tests
  - Collect Study Package.
  - Prepare for the test by reading the material. Practise by appearing in mock tests available in compact disks with the Study package.
  - A specified period be completed which is 30 days for November, 2006 Examinations.

Simultaneously study and appear in Senior Secondary Examination (10+2 Examination)

- Appear in Common Proficiency Test
- Be eligible to register for Professional Competence Examination after passing Common Proficiency Test and Senior Secondary Examination
- Be eligible to register for Professional Competence Examination after passing Common Proficiency Test and Senior Secondary Examination

2. Who can join the course?
A student who has passed the Class 10 examination conducted by an examining body constituted by law in India or (an examination recognized by the Central Government as equivalent thereto) may register for Common Proficiency Test.

3. What is the fees for registration?
The registration and tuition fee is Rs. 1500 which is to be paid along with filled in application form.

4. How to register for CPT?
A student should register with the Board of Studies on submission of the prescribed filled in form which can be obtained from the addresses given on page 13 in Box. The form can also be downloaded from the website www.icai.org.

5. What are the subjects to be studied?
SESSION–I (Two Sections– Two hours –100 Marks)
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6. What is the detailed syllabus?
See CPT syllabus printed in pages 12-13 in this issue of the Newsletter.

7. Should there be any study package?
Yes. The Board of Studies provides a comprehensive study package including large question bank. The Board of Studies also provides a CD for self-assessment. Using the CD a student can get question paper set of different subjects and test his level of preparation.

8. Is the Institute organising any oral coaching to assist the students for preparation?
Yes. There are accredited institutions who are engaged in conducting oral coaching classes. A list of such institutions will be available on the website www.icai.org.

9. What is the fees to be paid for undergoing oral coaching?
Fees to be charged for different modules will be fixed by the accreditation with an intimation to the Board of Studies. This will be announced on www.icai.org along with the list of accredited institutions.

10. What is the eligibility for appearing in the examination?
A registered student may appear in Common Proficiency Test after he
has appeared in the Senior Secondary Examination (10+2 examination) conducted by an examining body constituted by law in India or an examination recognised by the Central Government as equivalent thereto and has complied with such requirements as may be specified by the Council from time to time.

11. How to make application for appearing in the examination?

A student has to follow the examination notification to be issued by the Examination Department of the ICAI and apply in the prescribed form along with the examination fee of Rs.300. Examination Department will announce the examination centres and issue admission card.

12. What is qualifying marks?

The qualifying marks is 50%. A student has to remember that CPT is an objective type test with a negative marking which will indicated in the question paper for selecting wrong option.

13. What is the next step after passing CPT?

After passing CPT and 10+2 standard conducted by an examining body constituted by law in India or an examination recognised by the Central Government as equivalent thereto may join the Chartered Accountancy Course.

Education of Chartered Accountancy is divided into two levels:

- Professional Competence Course
- Final Course

There is a concurrent articled training of 3 ½ years.

After passing CPT and 10+2 standard examination as stated above, a student has to take admission to Professional Competence Course and simultaneously register for articled training. For detailed system of education and training of chartered accountant see Page 9. Also you may procure a prospectus on payment of Rs. 100 plus courier charges of Rs. 15 for Delhi and Rs 25 for rest of India.

A student residing abroad may obtain the prospectus on payment of US $ 10 plus applicable postage charge.

14. What is the transition scheme for existing students of Professional Education (Course-I)? Can they join CPT?

Yes. All students of Professional Education (Course-I) can switch over to Common Proficiency Test. They have to apply in the prescribed format to the appropriate Regional office of the Institute given in Box. Students will be eligible for appearing in Professional Education (Examination-I) what should he do?

All such students who intend to continue Professional Education (Course-I) may appear in PE (Examination-I). The last PE (Examination-I) will be held in November 2007. This means such a student will get three attempts, i.e., November 2006, May 2007 and November 2007.

15. Can an existing Professional Education (Course-I) student switch over to CPT subsequently, i.e., any time after appearing Professional Education (Examination-I) to be held on November 2006, May 2007 and November 2007?

Yes. An existing Professional Education (Course-I) student can join CPT as per his choice after exhausting all available attempts of examinations or any time after the commencement of registration for CPT. He has to just indicate in the prescribed application form that he wants to switch over to CPT. He has to remit Rs.100 along with filled in application form.

Students may go through Transition Scheme printed in Pages 14-15.

16. Where to register for CPT?

See the box below. Depending upon the location of the student he has to apply to the appropriate decentralised office.

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- Students have to fill in separate examination form for appearing in the CPT examination within the time to be specified by the Examination Department.
- First Professional Competence Examination ( PCE) : May 2008

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August, 2006

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Common Proficiency Test (CPT) - Syllabus

Common Proficiency Test
(One paper – Four hours – 200 Marks)

Level of Knowledge: Basic knowledge

SESSION – I
(Two Sections– Two hours – 100 Marks)

Section A: Fundamentals of Accounting (60 Marks)

Objective:
To develop conceptual understanding of the fundamentals of financial accounting system.

Contents
1. Theoretical Framework
   (i) Meaning and Scope of accounting
   (ii) Accounting Concepts, Principles and Conventions
   (iii) Accounting Standards – concepts, objectives, benefits
   (iv) Accounting Policies
   (v) Accounting as a measurement discipline– valuation principles, accounting estimates
2. Accounting Process
   Books of Accounts leading to the preparation of Trial Balance, Capital and revenue expenditures, Capital and revenue receipts, Contingent assets and contingent liabilities. Fundamental errors including rectifications thereof.
3. Bank Reconciliation Statement
4. Inventories
   Basis of inventory valuation and record keeping.
5. Depreciation accounting
   Methods, computation and accounting treatment of depreciation. Change in depreciation methods.
6. Preparation of Final Accounts for Sole Proprietor
7. Accounting for Special Transactions
   (a) Consignments
   (b) Joint Ventures
   (c) Bills of exchange and promissory notes
   (d) Sale of goods on approval or return basis.
8. Partnership Accounts
   Final accounts of partnership firms – Basic concepts of admission, retirement and death of a partner including treatment of goodwill.
9. Introduction to Company Accounts
   Issue of shares and debentures, forfeiture of shares, re-issue of forfeited shares, redemption of preference shares.

Section B: Mercantile Laws (40 Marks)

Objective:
To test the general comprehension of elements of mercantile laws

Contents
1. The Indian Contract Act, 1872: An overview of Sections 1 to 75 covering the general nature of contract, consideration, other essential elements of a valid contract, performance of contract and breach of contract.

SESSION – II
(Two Sections– Two hours – 100 Marks)

Section C: General Economics (50 Marks)

Objective:
To ensure basic understanding of economic systems, economic behaviour of individuals and organizations.

Contents
(I) Micro Economics
1. Introduction to Micro Economics
   (a) Definition, scope and nature of Economics
   (b) Methods of economic study
   (c) Central problems of an economy and Production possibilities curve.
2. Theory of Demand and Supply
   (a) Meaning and determinants of demand, Law of demand and Elasticity of demand–Price, income and cross elasticity
   (b) Theory of consumer’s behaviour – Marshallian approach and Indifference curve approach
   (c) Meaning and determinants of supply, Law of supply and Elasticity of supply.
3. Theory of Production and Cost
   (a) Meaning and Factors of production
   (b) Laws of Production – The Law of variable proportions and Laws of returns to scale
   (c) Concepts of Costs – Short-run and long-run costs, Average and marginal costs, Total, fixed and variable costs.
4. Price Determination in Different Markets
   (a) Various forms of markets – Perfect Competition, Monopoly, Monopolistic Competition and Oligopoly
   (b) Price determination in these markets.
(II) Indian Economic Development
5. Indian Economy – A Profile
   (a) Nature of the Indian Economy
   (b) Role of different sectors – Agriculture, Industry and Services in the development of the Indian economy, their problems and growth
   (c) National Income of India – Concepts of national income, Different methods of measuring national income, Growth of national income and per capita income in various plans.
   (d) Basic understanding of tax system of India – Direct and Indirect Taxation
6. Select Aspects of Indian Economy
   (a) Population – Its size, rate of growth and its implication for growth
   (b) Poverty – Absolute and relative poverty and main programs for poverty alleviation
Section D: Quantitative Aptitude (50 Marks)

Objective:
To test the grasp of elementary concepts in Mathematics and Statistics and application of the same as useful quantitative tools.

Contents
1. **Ratio and proportion, Indices, Logarithms**
2. **Equations**
   - Linear – simultaneous linear equations up to three variables, quadratic and cubic equations in one variable, equations of a straight line, intersection of straight lines, graphical solution to linear equations.
3. **Inequalities**
   - Graphs of inequalities in two variables – common region.
4. **Simple and Compound Interest including annuity – Applications**
5. **Basic concepts of Permutations and Combinations**
6. **Sequence and Series – Arithmetic and geometric progressions**
7. **Sets, Functions and Relations**
8. **Limits and Continuity – Intuitive Approach**
9. **Basic concepts of Differential and Integral Calculus** (excluding trigonometric functions)
10. **Statistical description of data**
    - Textual, Tabular and Diagrammatic representation of data.
    - Frequency Distribution.
    - Graphical representation of frequency distribution – Histogram, Frequency Polygon, Ogive
11. **Measures of Central Tendency and Dispersion**
    - Arithmetic Mean, Median – Partition Values, Mode, Geometric Mean and Harmonic Mean, Standard deviation, Quartile deviation
12. **Correlation and Regression**
13. **Probability and Expected Value by Mathematical Expectation**
14. **Theoretical Distributions**
    - Binomial, Poisson and Normal.
15. **Sampling Theory**
    - Basic principles of sampling theory, comparison between sample survey and complete enumeration, errors in sample survey, some important terms associated with sampling, types of samples, theory of estimation, determination of sample size.
16. **Index Numbers**

For information on the new scheme students can also contact any of offices given below:

- **Kolkata Branch of the Eastern India Regional Council of the ICAI**, ICAI BHAWAN, 57/3146, Dewan’s Road, Kochi – 682 016, Phone: 0484-2369238, 2369258, Fax: 0484-2372953, E-mail: ernakulam@icai.org
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The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has proposed to introduce a New Scheme of Education and Training. The students who are undergoing education and training under the existing scheme are offered the Transition Scheme as given below.

Proposed Transition Scheme for Professional Education (Course-I) Students

An existing student of Professional Education (Course-I) has two options:

♦ To continue with the Professional Education (Course-I) till the last Professional Education (Examination-I) is held in November 2007; or
♦ To switch over to Common Proficiency Test (CPT) at any time till the last Professional Education (Examination-I) is held in November 2007.

All students of Professional Education (Course-II) can switch over to CPT. They have to apply in the prescribed format to the appropriate office of the Institute. They have to deposit Rs.100 in the form of Demand Draft/Pay Order drawn in favour of ‘The Secretary, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India’ payable at the respective cities, along with the filled in application form. The Board of Studies will send them study package for CPT free of cost. All such students are entitled to appear in the first CPT examination proposed to be held in November, 2006 in case they register 30 days before the first day of November, 2006.

There will be a facility for online application and remittance of fees as well.

Proposed Transition Scheme for Professional Education (Course-II) Students

Students of the Professional Education (Course-II) would fall under the following broad categories:

(a) ♦ Students who have passed one of the Groups of Professional Education (Examination-II):
♦ Students who have appeared in Professional Education (Examination-II), but not passed any of the Groups; and
♦ Students who have registered for Professional Education (Course-II) and eligible to appear in Professional Education (Examination-II), but not yet appeared.

(b) Students who are registered, provisionally or otherwise, for Professional Education (Course-II), but ineligible to appear in Professional Education (Examination-II).

Proposed transition scheme for the categories of candidates falling under (a) above is as under:

(i) Register for Professional Competence Course (PCC), Articled/Audit training and 100 Hours Information Technology Training;
   Join articles thereafter for 3½ years/equivalent period of audit training (56 months);
   Complete 100 hours Information Technology Training;
   Appear in Professional Competence Examination (PCE) in May 2008 or thereafter, without the requirement of completion of minimum 18 months of practical training; or

(ii) Continue with Professional Education (Examination-II) till the last Professional Education (Examination-II) to be held in May 2008.

Proposed transition scheme for the categories of students falling under (b) above is as under:

(i) Register for Professional Competence Course (PCC), Articled/Audit training and 100 Hours Information Technology Training;
   Join articles thereafter for 3½ years/equivalent period of audit training (56 months);
   Complete 100 hours Information Technology Training;
   Appear in Professional Competence Examination (PCE) in May 2008 or thereafter, without the requirement of completion of minimum 18 months of practical training; or

(ii) Continue with Professional Education (Course-II)/Examination till the last Professional Education (Examination-II) to be held in May 2008.

In addition, students who have passed Professional Education (Examination-II) either at the time of commencement of the proposed Scheme or later, but not joined articles due to various reasons, are proposed to be allowed to join articles up to May 2009. They can join articles thereafter for a period of 3 years.

Proposed Transition Scheme for Final Students

The proposed transition scheme for the Final Course students, who have passed Professional Education (Examination-II), and are under articles, is as under:

♦ On completion of 2 years of training, such students are eligible to appear in the Final Examination, so long as the same is held under the existing syllabus i.e., up to November 2009.

In the event of a candidate not being eligible to appear till the last Final Examination to be held in November 2009 under the existing syllabus, will be required to appear in the Final Examination under the proposed syllabus, but only during the last six months of articles (articles period being 3 years only).

Proposed Transition Scheme for the students who passed Professional Education (Examination-I) or Foundation Examination but not taken admission to Professional Education (Course-II)

A student falling under this category will be admitted only in Professional Competence Course (PCC) after the commencement of the proposed scheme.

Proposed Implementation Schedule of the New Education and Training Scheme and Examinations thereunder

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Last Date for Registration of PE-I: August 31, 2006
Last PE-I Examination: November, 2006
Last Date for Registration for the first CPT examination: October 1, 2006
Last Date for Depositing Examination Application Form for November, 2006 CPT: October 1, 2006
First CPT Examination: November, 2006
Declaration of Result of First CPT Examination: Within one month
Last Date for Registration for PE II course: August 31, 2006
Registration commences for Articles under New Scheme: September 1, 2006
First Professional Competence Examination (Examination –I) / Foundation Examination: May, 2008
Course after passing Professional Education for students joining Professional Competence First Professional Competence Examination: May 2008
Last PE-II Examination: May, 2008
First Professional Competence Examination for students joining Professional Competence Course after passing Professional Education (Examination –I) / Foundation Examination: September 1, 2006
First Professional Competence Examination for students joining Professional Competence

**Chart 2: Transition Scheme for Professional Education (Course-II) students at a glance**

**Students of Professional Education (Course-II)**

**Category A:**
- Students who have passed one of the Groups of Professional Education (Examination-II);
- Students who have appeared in Professional Education (Examination-II), but not passed any of the Groups; and
- Students who have registered for Professional Education (Course-II) and eligible to appear in Professional Education (Examination-II), but not yet appeared;
- Register for Professional Competence Course (PCC). Articled / Audit training and 100 Hours Information Technology Training.
  - Join articles thereafter for 3½ years / equivalent period of audit training (56 months):
  - Complete 100 hours Information Technology Training.
- Appear in Professional Competence Examination (PCE) in May 2008 or thereafter, without the requirement of completion of minimum 18 months of practical training; or
- Continue with Professional Education (Examination-II) till the last Professional Education (Examination-II) to be held in May 2008.

**Category B:**
- Students who are registered, provisionally or otherwise, for Professional Education (Course-II), but ineligible to appear in Professional Education (Examination-II).
- Register for Professional Competence Course (PCC). Articled / Audit training and 100 Hours Information Technology Training:
- Complete 100 hours Information Technology Training.
- Appear in Professional Competence Examination (PCE) in May 2008 or thereafter, without the requirement of completion of minimum 18 months of practical training; or
- Continue with Professional Education (Course-II)/Examination till the last Professional Education (Examination-II) to be held in May 2008.

Course after passing CPT: May, 2008
Last date for Registration of Articles of 3 years duration for PE-II qualified students: 31st May, 2009
Last Final Examination (Old): November, 2009
First Final Examination (New): November, 2008
First batch of students under CPT eligible for Final Examination: May, 2010

A Professional Education (Course-II) student who has been granted an exemption under Regulation 37A(7) in one or more papers shall continue to enjoy the said exemption in the corresponding paper(s) under PCC as given below in the Table1:

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<td>Section B: Quantitative Techniques (30 Marks)</td>
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A Final student who has been granted an exemption under Regulation 38A(7) in one or more papers under the existing Final Examination shall continue to enjoy the said exemption until its expiry in the corresponding paper(s) under New Final Course for the purpose of passing New Final Examination as given below in Table 2:

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<td>Section A: Information Systems Control (70 Marks)</td>
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* Nomenclature of various papers is subject to approval of the Council.
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Group I

Paper 1: Advanced Accounting (100 Marks)

Paper 2: Auditing and Assurance (100 Marks)

Paper 3: Law, Ethics and Communication
  Part I: Law (60 Marks)
  Business Laws (30 Marks)
  Company Law (30 Marks)
  Part II: Business Ethics (20 Marks)
  Part III: Business Communication (20 Marks)

Group II

Paper 4: Cost Accounting and Financial Management
  Part I: Cost Accounting (50 marks)
  Part II: Financial Management (50 marks)

Paper 5: Taxation
  Part I: Income-tax (75 Marks)
  Part II: Service Tax and VAT (25 Marks)

Paper 6: Information Technology and Strategic Management
  Section A: Information Technology (50 marks)
  Section B: Strategic Management (50 marks)

All papers except Paper 6 shall have single answer book. Section A and Section B of Paper 6: Information Technology and Strategic Management shall be answered in separate answer books.

Professional Competence Examination (PCE)

Paper 1: Advanced Accounting
  (One paper – Three hours – 100 Marks)

Level of Knowledge: Working knowledge

Objectives:
(a) To lay a theoretical foundation for the preparation and presentation of financial statements.
(b) To gain working knowledge of the professional standards, principles and procedures of accounting and their application to different practical situations.
(c) To gain the ability to solve simple problems and cases relating to company accounts including special type of corporate entities, partnership accounts and
(c) To familiarize students with the fundamentals of computerized system of accounting.

Contents
1. Conceptual Framework for Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements
2. Accounting Standards
   An overview; standards setting process
   Working knowledge of:
   AS 1: Disclosure of Accounting Policies
   AS 2: Valuation of Inventories
   AS 3: Cash Flow Statements
   AS4: Contingencies and Events occurring after the Balance Sheet Date
   AS 5: Net Profit or Loss for the Period, Prior Period Items and Changes in Accounting Policies
   AS 6: Depreciation Accounting
   AS 7: Construction Contracts (Revised 2002)
   AS 9: Revenue Recognition
   AS 10: Accounting for Fixed Assets
   AS 11: The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates (Revised 2003)
   AS 12: Accounting for Government Grants
   AS 13: Accounting for Investments
   AS 14: Accounting for Amalgamations
   AS 16: Borrowing Costs
   AS 19: Leases
   AS 20: Earnings Per Share
   AS 26: Intangible Assets

3. Company Accounts
   (a) Preparation of financial statements – Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement
   (b) Profit (Loss) prior to incorporation
   (c) Alteration of share capital, Conversion of fully paid shares into stock and stock into shares, Accounting for bonus issue, Accounting for employee stock option plan, Buy back of securities, Equity shares with differential rights, Underwriting of shares and debentures, Redemption of debentures
   (d) Accounting for business acquisition, Amalgamation and reconstruction (excluding problems of amalgamation on inter-company holding)
   (e) Accounting involved in liquidation of companies. Statement of Affairs (including deficiency/surplus accounts) and liquidator’s statement of account of the winding up.

4. Financial Statements of Banking, Insurance and Electricity Companies
5. Average Due Date, Account Current, Self-Balancing Ledgers
6. Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organisations
7. Accounts from Incomplete Records
8. Accounting for Special Transactions
   (a) Hire purchase and instalment sale transactions
   (b) Investment accounts
   (c) Departmental and branch accounts including foreign branches
   (d) Insurance claims for loss of stock and loss of profit.

9. Advanced Issues in Partnership Accounts
   Final accounts of partnership firms – Admission, retirement and death of a partner including treatment of goodwill; Dissolution of partnership firms including piecemeal distribution of assets; Amalgamation of partnership firms; Conversion into a company and Sale to a company.

10. Accounting in Computerised Environment
    An overview of computerized accounting system – Salient features and significance, Concept of grouping of accounts, Codification of accounts, Maintaining the hierarchy of ledger, Accounting packages and consideration for their selection, Generating Accounting Reports.

Note: If either old Accounting Standards (ASs), Accounting Standards Interpretations (ASIs), Announcements and Limited Revisions to ASs are withdrawn or new ASs, ASIs, Announcements and Limited Revisions to ASs are issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India in place of
existing ASs, ASIs, Announcements and Limited Revisions to ASs, the syllabus will accordingly include/exclude such new developments in place of the existing ones with effect from the date to be notified by the Institute.

Paper 2: Auditing and Assurance
(One Paper – Three hours – 100 Marks)

Level of knowledge: Working Knowledge

Objective:
To understand objective and concepts of auditing and gain working knowledge of generally accepted auditing procedures and of techniques and skills needed to apply them in audit and attestation engagements and solving simple case-studies.

Contents:
2. Auditing and Assurance Standards – Overview, Standard-setting process, Role of International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and Auditing and Assurance Standards Board in India.
3. Auditing engagement – Audit planning, Audit programme, Control of quality of audit work – Delegation and supervision of audit work.
4. Documentation – Audit working papers, Audit files: Permanent and current audit files, Ownership and custody of working papers.
5. Audit evidence – Audit procedures for obtaining evidence, Sources of evidence; Reliability of audit evidence, Methods of obtaining audit evidence – Physical verification, Documentation, Direct confirmation, Re-computation, Analytical review techniques, Representation by management.
6. Internal Control – Elements of internal control, Review and documentation, Evaluation of internal control system, Internal control questionnaire, Internal control check list, Tests of control, Application of concept of materiality and audit risk, Concept of internal audit.
7. Internal Control and Computerized Environment, Approaches to Auditing in Computerised Environment.
8. Audit Sampling – Types of sampling, Test checking, Techniques of test checks.
10. Audit of payments – General considerations, Wages, Capital expenditure, Other payments and expenses, Petty cash payments, Bank payments, Bank reconciliation.
11. Audit of receipts – General considerations, Cash sales, Receipts from debtors, Other Receipts.
12. Audit of Purchases – Vouching cash and credit purchases, Forward purchases, Purchase returns, Allowance received from suppliers.
13. Audit of Sales – Vouching of cash and credit sales, Goods on consignment, Sale on approval basis, Sale under hire-purchase agreement, Returnable containers, Various types of allowances given to customers, Sale returns.
14. Audit of suppliers’ ledger and the debtors’ ledger – Self-balancing and the sectional balancing system, Total or control accounts. Confirmatory statements from credit customers and suppliers, Provision for bad and doubtful debts. Writing off of bad debts.
16. Audit of assets and liabilities.
17. Company Audit – Audit of Shares, Qualifications and Disqualifications of Auditors, Appointment of auditors, Removal of auditors, Powers and duties of auditors, Branch audit, Joint audit, Special audit, Reporting requirements under the Companies Act, 1956.
19. Special points in audit of different types of undertakings, i.e., Educational institutions, Hotels, Clubs, Hospitals, Hire-purchase and leasing companies (excluding banks, electricity companies, cooperative societies, and insurance companies).
20. Features and basic principles of government audit, Local bodies and not-for-profit organizations, Comptroller and Auditor General and its constitutional role.

Note: Candidates are expected to have working knowledge of relevant Auditing and Assurance Standards issued by the ICAI with reference to above-mentioned topics.

Paper 3: Law, Ethics and Communication
(One paper – Three hours - 100 Marks)

Level of Knowledge: Working knowledge

Part I: Law (60 Marks)

Objective:
To test working knowledge of business laws and company law and their practical application in commercial situations.

Contents
Business Laws (30 Marks)
1. The Indian Contract Act, 1872
2. The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
3. The Payment of Bonus Act, 1965
4. The Employees’ Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952

Company Law (30 Marks)
The Companies Act, 1956 – Sections 1 to 197
(a) Preliminary
(b) Board of Company Law Administration - National Company Law Tribunal; Appellate Tribunal
(c) Incorporation of Company and Matters Incidental thereto
(d) Prospectus and Allotment, and other matters relating to use of Shares or Debentures
(e) Share Capital and Debentures
(f) Registration of Charges
(g) Management and Administration – General Provisions – Registered office and name, Restrictions on commencement of business, Registers of members and debenture holders, Foreign registers of members or debenture holders, Annual returns, General provisions regarding registers and returns, Meetings and proceedings.
(h) Company Law in a computerised Environment – E-filing.

Note: If new legislations are enacted in place of the existing legislations, the syllabus would include the corresponding provisions of such new legislations with effect from a date notified by the Institute.

Part II: Business Ethics (20 Marks)

Objective:
To have an understanding of ethical issues in business.

Contents:
1. Introduction to Business Ethics
The nature, purpose of ethics and morals for organizational interests; Ethics and Conflicts of Interests; Ethical and Social Implications of business policies and decisions; Corporate Social Responsibility; Ethical...
issues in Corporate Governance.

2. **Environment issues**
   Protecting the Natural Environment – Prevention of Pollution and Depletion of Natural Resources; Conservation of Natural Resources.

3. **Ethics in Workplace**
   Individual in the organisation, discrimination, harassment, gender equality.

4. **Ethics in Marketing and Consumer Protection**
   Healthy competition and protecting consumer’s interest.

5. **Ethics in Accounting and Finance**
   Importance, issues and common problems.

**Part III: Business Communications (20 Marks)**

**Objective:**
To nurture and develop the communication and behavioural skills relating to business

**Contents:**

1. **Elements of Communication**
   (a) Forms of Communication: Formal and Informal, Interdepartmental, Verbal and non-verbal; Active listening and critical thinking
   (b) Presentation skills including conducting meeting, press conference
   (c) Planning and Composing Business messages
   (d) Communication channels
   (e) Communicating Corporate culture, change, innovative spirits
   (f) Communication breakdowns
   (g) Communication ethics
   (h) Groups dynamics; handling group conflicts, consensus building; influencing and persuasion skills; Negotiating and bargaining
   (i) Emotional intelligence – Emotional Quotient
   (j) Soft skills – personality traits; Interpersonal skills ; leadership

2. **Communication in Business Environment**
   (a) Business Meetings – Notice, Agenda, Minutes, Chairperson’s speech
   (b) Press releases
   (c) Corporate announcements by stock exchanges
   (d) Reporting of proceedings of a meeting

3. **Basic understanding of legal deeds and documents**
   (a) Partnership deed
   (b) Power of Attorney
   (c) Lease deed
   (d) Affidavit
   (e) Indemnity bond
   (f) Gift deed
   (g) Memorandum and articles of association of a company
   (h) Annual Report of a company

**Group II**

**Paper 4: Cost Accounting and Financial Management**

*(One paper – Three hours - 100 Marks)*

**Level of Knowledge:** Working knowledge

**Part I: Cost Accounting (50 Marks)**

**Objectives:**
(a) To understand the basic concepts and processes used to determine product costs,
(b) To be able to interpret cost accounting statements,
(c) To be able to analyse and evaluate information for cost ascertainment, planning, control and decision making, and
(d) To be able to solve simple cases.

**Contents**

1. **Introduction to Cost Accounting**
   (a) Objectives and scope of Cost Accounting
   (b) Cost centres and Cost units
   (c) Cost classification for stock valuation, Profit measurement, Decision making and control
   (d) Coding systems
   (e) Elements of Cost
   (f) Cost behaviour pattern, Separating the components of semi-variable costs
   (g) Installation of a Costing system
   (h) Relationship of Cost Accounting, Financial Accounting, Management Accounting and Financial Management.

2. **Cost Ascertainment**
   (a) **Material Cost**
      (i) Procurement procedures – Store procedures and documentation in respect of receipts and issue of stock, Stock verification
      (ii) Inventory control – Techniques of fixing of minimum, maximum and reorder levels, Economic Order Quantity, ABC classification; Stocktaking and perpetual inventory
      (iii) Inventory accounting
      (iv) Consumption – Identification with products of cost centres, Basis for consumption entries in financial accounts, Monitoring consumption.
   (b) **Employee Cost**
      (i) Attendance and payroll procedures, Overview of statutory requirements, Overtime, Idle time and Incentives
      (ii) Labour turnover
      (iii) Utilisation of labour, Direct and indirect labour, Charging of labour cost, Identifying labour hours with work orders or batches or capital jobs
      (iv) Efficiency rating procedures
      (v) Remuneration systems and incentive schemes.
   (c) **Direct Expenses**
      Sub-contracting – Control on material movements, Identification with the main product or service.
   (d) **Overheads**
      (i) Functional analysis – Factory, Administration, Selling, Distribution, Research and Development
      Behavioural analysis – Fixed, Variable, Semi variable and Step cost
      (ii) Factory Overheads – Primary distribution and secondary distribution, Criteria for choosing suitable basis for allotment, Capacity cost adjustments, Fixed absorption rates for absorbing overheads to products or services
      (iii) Administration overheads – Method of allocation to cost centres or products
      (iv) Selling and distribution overheads – Analysis and absorption of the expenses in products/customers, impact of marketing strategies, Cost effectiveness of various methods of sales promotion.
3. **Cost Bookkeeping**
   Cost Ledgers – Non-integrated accounts, Integrated accounts, Reconciliation of cost and financial accounts.

4. **Costing Systems**
   (a) **Job Costing**
   Job cost cards and databases, Collecting direct costs of each job. Attributing overhead costs to jobs. Applications of job costing.
   (b) **Batch Costing**
   (c) **Contract Costing**
   (d) **Process Costing**
   (e) **Operating Costing System**

5. **Introduction to Marginal Costing**

6. **Introduction to Standard Costing**
   Various types of standards. Setting of standards. Basic concepts of material and Labour standards and variance analysis.

**Part II: Financial Management (50 Marks)**

**Objectives:**
(a) To develop ability to analyse and interpret various tools of financial analysis and planning.
(b) To gain knowledge of management and financing of working capital.
(c) To understand concepts relating to financing and investment decisions.
(d) To be able to solve simple cases.

**Contents**
1. **Scope and Objectives of Financial Management**
   (a) Meaning, Importance and Objectives
   (b) Conflicts in profit versus value maximisation principle
   (c) Role of Chief Financial Officer.
2. **Time Value of Money**
   Compounding and Discounting techniques – Concepts of Annuity and Perpetuity.
3. **Financial Analysis and Planning**
   (a) Ratio Analysis for performance evaluation and financial health
   (b) Application of Ratio Analysis in decision making
   (c) Analysis of Cash Flow Statement.
4. **Financing Decisions**
   (a) Cost of Capital – Weighted average cost of capital and Marginal cost of capital
   (b) Capital Structure decisions – Capital structure patterns, Designing optimum capital structure, Constraints. Various capital structure theories
   (c) Business Risk and Financial Risk – Operating and financial leverage, Trading on Equity.
5. **Types of Financing**
   (a) Different sources of finance
   (b) Project financing – Intermediate and long term financing
   (c) Negotiating term loans with banks and financial institutions and appraisal thereof
   (d) Introduction to lease financing
   (e) Venture capital finance.

7. **Management of Working Capital**
   (a) Working capital policies
   (b) Funds flow analysis
   (c) Inventory management
   (d) Receivables management
   (e) Payables management
   (f) Management of cash and marketable securities
   (g) Financing of working capital.

**Paper 5: Taxation**
(One paper – Three hours – 100 Marks)

**Level of Knowledge:** Working knowledge

**Objectives:**
(a) To gain knowledge of the provisions of Income-tax law relating to the topics mentioned in the contents below and
(b) To gain ability to solve simple problems concerning assesses with the status of ‘Individual’ and ‘Hindu Undivided Family’ covering the areas mentioned in the contents below.

**Contents:**

**Part I: Income-tax (75 marks)**
1. Important definitions in the Income-tax Act, 1961
2. Basis of charge; Rates of taxes applicable for different types of assesses
3. Concepts of previous year and assessment year
4. Residential status and scope of total income; Income deemed to be received / deemed to accrue or arise in India
5. Incomes which do not form part of total income
6. Heads of income and the provisions governing computation of income under different heads
7. Income of other persons included in assessee’s total income
8. Aggregation of income; Set-off or carry forward and set-off of losses
9. Deductions from gross total income
10. Computation of total income and tax payable; Rebates and reliefs
11. Provisions concerning advance tax and tax deducted at source

**Part II: Service tax and VAT (25 marks)**

**Objective:**
To gain knowledge of the provisions of service tax as mentioned below and basic concepts of Value added tax (VAT) in India.

**Contents:**
1. Service tax – Concepts and general principles
2. Charge of service tax and taxable services
3. Valuation of taxable services
4. Payment of service tax and filing of returns
5. VAT – Concepts and general principles.

Note: If new legislations are enacted in place of the existing legislations the syllabus will accordingly include the corresponding provisions of such new legislations in the place of the existing legislations with effect from the date to be notified by the Institute. Students shall not be examined with reference to any particular State VAT Law.

Paper 6: Information Technology and Strategic Management

(One paper – Three hours – 100 Marks)

Level of Knowledge: Working knowledge

Section A: Information Technology (50 Marks)

Objective:
To develop an understanding of Information Technology and its use by the business as facilitator and driver.

Contents
1. Introduction to Computers
   (a) Computer Hardware
       Classification of Computers - Personal computer, Workstation, Servers and Super computers
       Computer Components - CPU, Input output devices, Storage devices
   (b) BUS, I/O CO Processors, Ports (serial, parallel, USB ports), Expansion slots, Add on cards, On board chips, LAN cards, Multi media cards, Cache memory, Buffers, Controllers and drivers
   (c) Computer Software
       Systems Software - Operating system, Translators (Compilers, Interpreters and Assemblers), System utilities
       General Purpose Software/ Utilities - Word Processor, Spread Sheet, DBMS, Scheduler / Planner, Internet browser and E-mail clients
       Application Software - Financial Accounting, Payroll, Inventory

2. Data Storage, Retrievals and Data Base Management Systems
   (a) Data and Information Concepts: Bits, Bytes, KB, MB, GB, TB
   (b) Data organization and Access
       Storage Concepts : Records, Fields, Grouped fields, Special fields like date, Integers, Real, Floating, Fixed, Double precision, Logical, Characters, Strings, Variable character fields (Memo); Key, Primary key, Foreign key, Secondary key, Referential integrity, Index fields.
       Storage techniques: Sequential, Block Sequential, Random, Indexed, Sequential access, Direct access, Random access including Randomizing
       Logical Structure and Physical structure of files
   (c) DBMS Models and Classification:
       Need for database, Administration, Models, DML and DDL (Query and reporting); Data Dictionaries. Distributed data bases, Object oriented databases, Client Server databases, Knowledge databases
   (d) Backup and recovery – backup policy, backup schedules, offline backups, recycling of backups, frequent checking of recovery of backup
   (e) Usage of system software like program library management systems and tape and disk management systems – features, functionalities, advantages
   (f) Data Mining and Data Warehousing - An overview

3. Computer Networks & Network Security
   (a) Networking Concepts – Need and Scope, Benefits
   Classification: LAN, MAN, WAN, VPN; Peer-to-Peer, Client Server
   Components- NIC, Router, Switch, Hub, Repeater, Bridge, Gateway.
   Modem
   Network Topologies– Bus, Star, Ring, Mesh, Hybrid.
   Architecture:Token ring, Ethernet
   Transmission Technologies and Protocols – OSI, TCP/IP, ISDN etc.
   Network Operating System
   (b) Local Area Networks- Components of a LAN, Advantages of LAN
   (c) Client Server Technology
      Limitation of Single user systems and need for Client Server Technology
      Servers - Database, Application, Print servers, Transaction servers, Internet servers, Mail servers, Chat servers, IDS
      Introduction to 3- tier and “n” tier architecture (COM, COM+)
   (d) Data centres: Features and functions, Primary delivery centre and disaster recovery site
   (e) Network Security
      Need; Threats and Vulnerabilities; Security levels; techniques

4. Internet and other technologies
   (a) Internet and world-wide web, Intranets, Extranets, applications of Internet, Internet protocols
   (b) E-Commerce - Nature, Types (B2B, B2C, C2C), Supply chain management, CRM, Electronic data interchange (EDI), Electronic fund transfers (EFT), Payment portal, E-Commerce security;
   (c) Mobile Commerce, Bluetooth and Wi-Fi

5. Flowcharts, Decision Tables

Section B: Strategic Management (50 Marks)

Objectives:
(a) To develop an understanding of the general and competitive business environment.
(b) To develop an understanding of strategic management concepts and techniques.
(c) To be able to solve simple cases.

Contents
1. Business Environment
   General Environment – Demographic, Socio-cultural, Macro-economic, Legal/political, Technological, and Global; Competitive Environment.

2. Business Policy and Strategic Management
   Meaning and nature; Strategic management imperative; Vision, Mission and Objectives; Strategic levels in organisations.

3. Strategic Analyses

4. Strategic Planning
   Meaning, stages, alternatives, strategy formulation.

5. Formulation of Functional Strategy
   Marketing strategy, Financial strategy, Production strategy, Logistics strategy, Human resource strategy.

6. Strategy Implementation and Control
   Organisational structures; Establishing strategic business units; Establishing profit centers by business, product or service, market segment or customer; Leadership and behavioural challenges.

7. Reaching Strategic Edge
   Business Process Reengineering, Benchmarking, Total Quality Management, Six Sigma, Contemporary Strategic Issues.
19th All India CA Students’ Conference

New Frontiers of Professional Excellence

Dates: 26th & 27th August, 2006  
Days: Saturday & Sunday  
Venue: DON BOSCO Auditorium, No.13, Casa Major Road, Egmore, Chennai 600 008  
Timing: 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Saturday: 26th August, 2006

INAUGURATION: 9.00 a.m.

Chief Guest: Hon’ble Mr. K. RAHMAN KHAN, FCA, Hon’ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha

Presidential Address: CA. T.N. MANOHARAN, FCA, President, ICAI

Technical Session - I: ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND CORPORATE FINANCIAL REPORTING
- AS 11 – The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates
- AS 15 – Employee Benefits
- AS 22 – Accounting For Taxes on Income

CHAIRMAN: CA. M.P. VIJAY KUMAR, FCA, FCS, AICWA

Special Session-I: CAREER STRATEGIES FOR CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

SPEAKER: CA. V. PATTABHI RAM, FCA, FICWA, FCS

Technical Session – II : TAXATION
- Emerging Scenario of Service Tax in India
- Fringe Benefit Tax
- Issues in International Taxation

CHAIRMAN: CA. G. SEKAR, FCA

Special Session – II : STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS IN CHARTERED ACCOUNTANCY EXAMINATIONS

SPEAKERS:
- CA. R. NAGARAJAN, FCA
- CA. B. SARAVANA PRASATH, FCA

Sunday: 27th August, 2006

Technical Session III : AUDITING AND CORPORATE LAWS
- Auditing in a Computerised Environment
- Risk Based Auditing
- Issues in Corporate Governance

CHAIRMAN: CA. S. GANAPATHY, FCA

SPECIAL SESSION – III : WINNING COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS SKILLS AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT

CHAIRMAN: Mr. SANTOSH DATTA, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax-I, Chennai

SPEAKER: CA. V. MURALI, FCA, Chairman, Board of Studies, ICAI

TECHNICAL SESSION IV : STRATEGIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
- Corporate Restructuring: Mergers, Demergers, Acquisitions and Disinvestments
- Emerging Trends in Corporate Resource Mobilisation and Fund Management
- Financial Derivatives

CHAIRMAN: CA. L. MURALIDHARAN, FCA

SPECIAL SESSION – IV : CAREER COUNSELLING AND NEW CHARTERED ACCOUNTANCY COURSE: REVISED SCHEME OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING & TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

CHAIRMAN: CA. V. MURALI, Chairman, Board of Studies, ICAI

SPEAKER: CA. (D.r.) T P Ghosh, Director of Studies, ICAI
VALEDICTORY SESSION

Chief Guest*: Hon’ble Dr. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS, Hon’ble Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India

Special Address: CA. SUNIL TALATI, Vice President, ICAI

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Registration Fee of Rs.450/- to be sent by Cheque (for Chennai based delegates only) or by Demand Draft favouring “ICAI payable at Chennai.

All are welcome

* Subject to Final Confirmation

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3rd National Convention for CA Students – Discovering New Frontiers

Dates: August 12 & 13, 2006

Venue: Centenary Hall, Calcutta University Street Campus, Kolkata - 73

Technical Session I: Accounting and Auditing

Special Session I: CA: A way to excellence

Technical Session II: Taxation

Technical Session III: Corporate Law and Information Technology

Special Session II: Strategies for Success

Technical Session IV: General
1. Students’ expectation from the Institute. 2. Emerging fields for CAs.

Interested students should send their papers for technical sessions with a soft copy for approval so as reach positively by 15th July, 2006 to the Director of Studies, P.B.No.36, C-1, Section-1, Noida 201301 or by e-mail at psdos@icai.org. Please provide your registration number, complete address with phone number and e-mail id.

Registration fee: Rs.500 per student (Rs. 150 per day extra for outstation students i.e. Rs.800 for 2 days or Rs.950 for 3 days. Outstation delegates are advised to confirm their participation latest by 5th August, 2006 for accommodation arrangement). Cheques / DD to be drawn in favour of - The Institute Chartered Accountants of India, EIRC, payable at Kolkata.

Students joining for the programme till 31st July, 2006 would get their participation certificate at the Convention.

All correspondence relating to registration may be addressed to: Convener, 3rd National Convention for CA Students, EIRC of the ICAI, 7, ANANDILAL PODDAR SARANI (RUSSEL STREET), KOLKATA - 700 071. PHONE: 033 - 3989-3989, 3021-1140, 3021-1141 Fax: 033 - 30211145 E-mail: ero@icai.org Website: www.eircindia.org

Students are cordially invited at heritage city – Kolkata to participate in the convention.
**Important Announcement**

**Proposed Relaxation in Eligibility to appear in the CA Final Examination**

Attention is invited of all students pursuing Chartered Accountancy course and undergoing practical training, in particular, that as per the Draft Chartered Accountants Regulations, 2006, they will be eligible to appear in the Final Examination during last one year of practical training (instead of last six months of training). Therefore, students who are eligible to appear in May 2007 attempt as per the existing Regulations will be eligible to appear in November 2006 attempt subject to fulfillment of other eligibility conditions and approval of the Government in this regard.

Since the cut-off date for submission of eligibility test paper for appearing in November 2006 examination is July 31, 2006, it is perceived that the above-stated category of students will be in difficulty to submit eight test papers within the prescribed cut-off date. Therefore, the Board of Studies has decided to extend the cut-off date for such students till October 15, 2006.

**Special Weekend Programme of General Management and Communication Skills**

A special weekend programme of General Management and Communication Skills will be organised shortly at Mumbai and Delhi for the benefit of those students who have qualified in CA final examination up to and including November 2005 examination; but could not complete GMCS Course for immediately being engaged in employment or for any other special reasons.

Interested eligible students (who have qualified in CA final examination up to and including November 2005 examination only) are requested to immediately contact Mr. M.A. Razak, Joint Director of Studies, Western India Regional Office, Mumbai. (Phone - 022-39893989, E-mail: razak@icai.org) or Mr. H.K. Jain, Deputy Secretary, Northern India Regional Office, Vishwas Nagar, Delhi (Phone-011-39893990, E-mail: hkjain@icai.org)) to join the weekend course at Mumbai or Delhi respectively.

**Seminars**

**Joint Seminar conducted**

Gauhati University, Guwahati - June 28, 2006

**Proposed Joint Seminars**

- Assam University, Silchar - August 24, 2006
- Bundelkhand University, Jhansi – September/ October, 2006
- Calicut University, Calicut - August 30-31, 2006
- Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur – October, 2006
- Kuvempu University, Karnataka – October 14-15, 2006
- North-Mamahrashtra University, Jalgaon – September 1, 2006
- North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong – October 4-5, 2006
- Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Delhi – September, 2006
- Vikram University, Ujjain – September / October, 2006

**Report of Western India C. A. Students’ Regional Conference hosted by Baroda Branch of WICASA & Baroda Branch of WIRC of ICAI, on 8th & 9th July, 2006**

Baroda Branch of WICASA and Baroda Branch of WIRC of ICAI were entrusted with the task of hosting this Western India C. A. Students’ Regional Conference. The Conference was held on 8th & 9th July, 2006 at C. C. Mehta Auditorium, M. S. University, Baroda. The theme of the Conference was “EXPLORING THE FUTURE”.

About 512 students attended this Conference from the Western Region. Students from Mumbai, Surat, Ankleshwar, Bharuch, Godhra, Anand, Vidyavgar, Nadiad, Ahmedabad, Rajkot Gandhidham, Anjar and Bhuj other than from Baroda were also present. The press and media also gave good coverage for this Conference.

Shri Saurabh Patel, Minister of State for Planning, Finance, Energy & Petrochemicals, Government of Gujarat delivered inaugural address. The Conference was divided into 4 technical sessions and 1 special session. The sessions were chaired by eminent personalities of our Institute. The technical sessions on Accounts & Audit, Direct & Indirect Taxes and Corporate & Allied Laws had 7 student paper writers who made excellent presentations on the subject. The panel speakers of various technical sessions also dealt with the subjects in a very lucid manner.

The students got the privilege to listen CA. T.N. Manoharan, the President, ICAI in valedictory session. Mr.V.Murali, the Chairman Board of Studies, Mr. S. B. Zaware Co-opted member Board of Studies, and CA. Jaydeep N. Shah, Vice-Chairman, Board of Studies addressed students.

Report of the 8th Central India CA Students’ Regional Conference hosted by Agra Branch of the CIRC of the ICAI on July 9 & 10, 2006

Agra Branch of the CIRC of the ICAI organised 8th Students’ Regional Conference at Agra on July 9 & 10, 2006. CA. V. Murali, Chairman, Board of Studies and CA. Anuj Goyal, Central Council Member interacted with the students. About the 200 students participated in this conference. The Conference was divided into following four technical sessions:

- Technical Session I : Accounting & Auditing
- Technical Session II : Corporate Law and Management
- Technical Session III : Taxation
- Technical Session IV : Business Communication
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Notification

1st July, 2006

Examination Centres

(I) Centres in India

1. Agra 35. Guntur 70. Nashik
4. Ajmer 38. Gwalior 73. Panipat
5. Akola 39. Hisar 74. Patiala
6. Alappuzha 40. Hubli 75. Patna
7. Allahabad 41. Hyderabad 76. Pimpri-Chinchwad
8. Alwar 42. Indore 77. Pondicherry
10. Amravati 44. Jaipur 79. Raipur
13. Aurangabad 47. Jammu 82. Rohat
15. Bareilly 49. Jamshedpur 84. Salem
17. Belgaum 51. Kanpur 86. Shillma
18. Bhilwara 52. Kollam (Quilon) 87. Siliguri
20. Bhubaneswar 54. Kollata 89. Surat
22. Chandigarh 56. Kotayam 91. Thiruvananthapuram
25. Cuttack 59. Lucknow 93. Tiruchirapulli
26. Dehradun 60. Ludhiana 94. Udaipur
27. Delhi/ 61. Madurai 95. Udupi
30. Erode 64. Meerut 98. Varanasi
32. Ghaziabad 66. Mumbai 100. Vijayawada
34. Goa 68. Mysores 102. Vizag
35. Guwahati 69. Nagpur 102. Vizag

(II) Overseas Centres (Only For Professional Education-I, Professional Education-II and Final Examinations)

1. Dubai (UAE) 2. Kathmandu (Nepal)

Payment of fees for the examinations should be made by Demand Draft only. The Demand Drafts may be of any Scheduled Bank and should be drawn in favour of the Secretary, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, payable at New Delhi only.

The Council reserves the right to withdraw any centre at any stage without assigning any reason.

Applications for admission to these examinations are required to be made on the relevant prescribed form, which may be obtained from the Joint Secretary (Examinations), The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, ICAI Bhawan, Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi – 110 002 on payment of Rs.60/- per application form in respect of Professional Education-I, Professional Education-II and Final Examinations. The cost of Examination application forms for Management Accountancy Course (MAC Part-I), Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) and International Trade Laws and World Trade
Organisation (ITL&WTO) examinations is Rs. 25/- per application form. The forms are also available in the Regional and Branch Offices of the Institute and can be obtained there from on cash payment on or from 3rd August 2006.

Applications together with the necessary certificates and the prescribed fee by Demand Draft of any Scheduled Bank may be sent so as to reach the Joint Secretary (Examinations) at New Delhi not later than 24th August 2006. However, applications will also be received direct by Delhi Office after 24th August 2006 and up to 31st August 2006 with late fee of Rs. 200/-. Applications received after 31st August 2006 shall not be entertained under any circumstances.

Applications for the students’ examinations only duly filled in will also be received by hand delivery at the office of Institute at New Delhi and at the Decentralised Offices of the Institute at Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Kanpur, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Jaipur and Pune upto 24th August 2006. Candidates residing in these cities are advised to take advantage of this facility. However, application forms duly completed for the Post Qualification Course examinations viz: Management Accountancy Course (MAC Part-I), Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) and International Trade Laws and World Trade Organisation (ITL&WTO) examinations will be received only at the New Delhi office of the Institute.

For the current examination also, the students of PE-I examination will have the option of online filling up of examination forms on www.icai.nic.in

The fees payable for the various examinations are as under:

**Professional Education Examination-I:**
- For Both the Groups: Rs. 1000/-
- For one of the Groups: Rs. 750/-
- Final Examination: Rs. 1750/-

**Management Accountancy Course (MAC Part-I) Examination:**
- For Both the Groups: Rs. 1000/-
- For one of the Groups: Rs. 600/-

**Insurance & Risk Management (IRM) Examination:**
- For Both the Groups: Rs. 200/-
- For one of the Groups: Rs. 100/-

Candidates of Professional Education - I, Professional Education - II and Final examinations opting for Dubai Centre are required to remit US$ 200, US$ 250 and US$ 300 respectively or its equivalent Indian Currency irrespective of whether the candidates appear in a group or in both the groups.

Candidates of Professional Education – I, Professional Education – II and Final Examinations opting for Kathmandu centre are required to remit Indian Rs.1500/-, Rs.1750/- and Rs.2250/- respectively or its equivalent relevant foreign currency irrespective of whether the candidates appear in a group or in both the groups.

Option to Answer Papers in Hindi:

Candidates of Professional Education – I, Professional Education – II and Final Examinations will be allowed to opt for Hindi medium for answering papers. Detailed information will be found printed in the Information sheets attached to the relevant application form. However the medium of Examinations will be English only in respect of Management Accountancy Course (MAC Part-I), Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) and International Trade Laws and World Trade Organisation (ITL&WTO) Examinations.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Announcement

The next Professional Education-I, Professional Education -II and Final Examinations of the Institute will be held from 1st November 2006 at the following centres:


2. **Overseas Centres:** Dubai (UAE) and Kathmandu (Nepal) [ONLY FOR PE-I, PE-II AND FINAL EXAMINATIONS].

Applications for admission to Professional Education-I, Professional Education-II and Final Examinations are required to be made in the prescribed forms. The application forms are priced at Rs. 60/- per application form and will be available for sale from 3rd August 2006. The candidates requiring forms by post may please send their requisition to the Joint Secretary (Examinations), The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, ICWAI Bhawan, Indraprastha Marg, New Delhi – 110002, along with a remittance of Rs. 60/- per application form by Demand Draft/ Indian Postal Order, drawn in favour of the “Secretary, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India”, payable at New Delhi giving clearly the address where the application form is required together with postal stamps worth Rs. 15/-. 

While the Management Accountancy Course (MAC Part-I) and Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) examinations will be held from 6th November 2006, the International Trade Laws and World Trade Organisation (ITL&WTO) Examination will also be held at the centres mentioned above (except Kathmandu and Dubai) from 1st November 2006. For application forms for these examinations, please write to the Joint Secretary (Examinations), ICAI, New Delhi along with a postal order/Demand Draft for Rs. 25/- drawn in favour of the Secretary, ICAI, New Delhi or obtain the same against the cash payment from Regional and Branch offices of the Institute from 3rd August 2006. The Management Accountancy Course (MAC Part-I), Insurance and Risk Management Course (IRM) and International Trade Laws and World Trade Organisation (ITL&WTO) Examinations are open only to Members of the Institute.

The name of examination i.e. Professional Education-I, Professional Education-II, Final, Management Accountancy Course (MAC Part-I), Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) and International Trade Laws and World Trade Organisation (ITL&WTO) for which the form is required should...
specifically be mentioned in the requisition letter. The student examination forms will be sent by ordinary post. No responsibility is taken for non/late delivery of forms by post. The forms will also be available against cash payment for personal collection at the offices of the Institute at New Delhi and its Regional and Branch Offices from 3rd August 2006. Details of date schedule of examinations will be found printed in the relevant application forms. For the current examination also, the students of PE I examination will have the option of online filling up of examination forms on www.icai.nic.in

The Examinations will be held in two sessions - morning session from 8.00 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. (IST) in respect of Professional Education-I, Final, Management Accountancy Course (MAC Part-I), and Insurance and Risk Management (IRM) Examinations and afternoon session from 12.30 P.M. to 3.30 P.M. (IST) in respect of Professional Education-II and International Trade Laws and World Trade Organisation (ITL&WTO) Examinations. Details of Examination timing/session, dates of examinations, venue and sequence of papers pertaining to each examination will be found printed on the Admit Card. There will be no change in the examination schedule in the event of any day of the examination being declared a Public Holiday by the Central Government or any State Government.

The last dates for receipt of application forms are 24th August 2006 (without late fee) and 31st August 2006 (with late fee of Rs. 200/-).

Professional Education-I Examination is open only to those students who are already registered with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and fulfill the requisite eligibility conditions.

Candidates of the Professional Education-I, Professional Education-II and Final Examinations will be allowed to opt for Hindi medium for answering questions. Further details will be available in the information sheets attached to relevant application forms.

Students are cordially invited to contribute papers and participate in the Conference. Venue: DON BOSCO Auditorium, No.13, Casa Major Road, Egmore, Chennai 300 008 Date: August 26-27, 2006

The Chartered Accountant Student

Announcement

Quiz and Elocution Contests

The Chartered Accountants of today require multifarious skills to succeed in their professional lives. To assist the students to adequately prepare for the future, the Board of Studies provides opportunities to learn beyond theoretical education. Apart from emphasis on the practical training, the Board conducts several other programmes at branch, regional and national level. Conducting conferences, conventions, seminars, contests go a long way in helping the students in their wholesome learning. For the current year, different kind of programmes are being planned in different cities. Students should keep an eye for them and participate wherever opportunities exist. Quiz contests and Elocution Contests are held in the months of May to July as per the schedule given below.

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**Eastern Region**


**Central Region**

1. Allahabad 16th July, 2006 16th July, 2006
2. Bhilai 8th July, 2006 8th July, 2006
5. Indore 20th June, 2006 19th June, 2006
9. Raipur (Branch level) (2.00 p.m.) (4.00 p.m.)
10. Udaipur 24th June, 2006 17th June, 2006

**Northern Region**

1. Varanasi 14th July, 2006 14th July, 2006

Students are advised to contact the Chairman of the respective Branches/Regional Councils for further details and participate in large numbers & take the benefit. Students may note that the first round competition at Branches and Regional Headquarters level shall be completed on or before August 31, 2006. The winners of Branches/Regional Headquarters level competition will participate in a Regional Level Competition which will be held in each Regional Headquarters on or before September 30, 2006. The winners of Regional Level Competition will participate in All India Contest. Schedule for Quiz and Elocution contests to be conducted in other cities will be announced from time to time. Students are advised to visit this site on regular basis for the latest information.

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CA. Jaydeep Shah, Vice-Chairman, Board of Studies, ICAI flanked by the Chairman, WIRC of ICAI, Chairman, Board of Studies and Committee Members of Baroda Branch.

Photograph taken at the Function held at Vivekananda College, Chennai on 22nd July, 2006.

Photo taken at the Sub Group Meeting for Finalisation of the contents of the Syllabus of the Revised CA Final Course held at Chennai on 5th July, 2006. (Left to Right) CA.G.Ramaswamy, Central Council Member, ICAI, CA.V.Murali, Chairman, Board of Studies, Dr.T.P.Ghosh, Director of Studies and Mr.A.Irudayam, Deputy Secretary, ICAI.

CA. Mrs. Madhubala Nahar, Regional Council Member, SIRC and Mr.R.Nedumaran, Human Resources Specialist seen with CA.V.Murali, Chairman Board of Studies at the Inauguration of the GMCS Course held at Chennai on 26th July, 2006.

Chairman, Board of Studies, CA.V.Murali chairing the Technical Session at the Students Regional conference organized by CIRC of ICAI at Agra.

Chairman, Board of Studies being welcomed by CA. Sanjeev Maheswari, Past Chairman, WIRC of ICAI.

CA.T.N.Manoharan, President, ICAI and CA.V.Murali, Chairman, Board of Studies seen with the organizing Committee Members at the Valedictory Session of WICASA Conference.

Dr.T.P.Ghosh, Director of Studies (1st from Right) and CA.V.Murali, Chairman, Board of Studies at the Career Counselling Programme and An Insight to the Revised CA Course Curriculum organized at Bahrain.
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