

FINAL EXAM
PAPER - 3

Advanced Auditing, Assurance &
Professional Ethics

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Roll No.

Total No. of Questions – 6

Total No. of Printed Pages – 11

Maximum Marks – 70



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. The question paper comprises two parts, Part I and Part II.
2. Part I comprises Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).
3. Part II comprises questions which require descriptive type answers.
4. Ensure that you receive the question paper relating to both the parts. If you have not received both, bring it to the notice of the invigilator.
5. Answers to MCQs in Part I are to be marked on the OMR answer sheet as given on the cover page of descriptive answer book only. Answers to questions in Part II are to be written in the same descriptive answer book. Answers to MCQs, if written inside the descriptive answer book or on Part-I Question Paper will not be evaluated.
6. OMR answer sheet given on the cover page of descriptive answer book will be in English only for all candidates, including for Hindi medium candidates.
7. **The bar coded sticker provided in the attendance register, is to be affixed only on the descriptive answer book.**
8. You will be allowed to leave the examination hall only after the conclusion of the exam. If you have completed the paper before time, remain in your seat till the conclusion of the exam.
9. Duration of the examination is 3 hours. You will be required to submit (a) Part I of the question paper containing MCQs, and (b) the answer book in respect of descriptive answer book with OMR cover page to the invigilator before leaving the exam hall, after the conclusion of the exam.
10. The invigilator will give you acknowledgement on Page 2 of the admit card, upon receipt of the above-mentioned items.
11. Candidate found copying or receiving or giving any help or defying instructions of the invigilators will be expelled from the examination and will also be liable for further punitive action.

PART – II

70 Marks

1. Question paper comprises 6 questions. Answer Question No. 1 which is compulsory and any 4 out of the remaining 5 questions.
2. Working notes should form part of the answer.
3. Answers to the questions are to be given only in English except in the case of candidates who have opted for Hindi Medium. If a candidate has not opted for Hindi Medium, his/her answers in Hindi will not be evaluated.

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PART – II

1. (a) PQR Associates are the statutory auditors of a large un-listed company, 5
which is engaged in manufacturing of auto components. Subsequent to re-appointment of auditors in the Annual General Meeting, the Company shared the appointment letter with PQR Associates, seeking acknowledgement and acceptance letter. CA. R is the engagement partner and is planning to issue the acceptance letter. During the current financial year, there was a search by the Income Tax authorities on the company, and certain accounting records were seized for verification. Based on the information available on social media, CA. R noted that the promoters' brother, is contemplating to contest in the ensuing elections, under the banner of a political party. One of the current senior engagement team manager, who has been doing the audit engagement till last year, has left PQR Associates and is planning to provide some accounting services to one of the associate companies. PQR Associates are yet to recruit another senior manager having adequate experience in the audits of clients engaged in automotive sector.

Elaborate the matters to be considered by PQR Associates with respect to acceptance & continuance of client relationships considering the above issues.

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(b) Fancy Limited is a foreign company providing software support services having its Branch Office at Delhi. During the year 2023-24, Fancy Limited incorporated a subsidiary Nancy Private Limited in Gurgaon. For furtherance of objectives, Fancy Limited entered into a Business Transfer Agreement dated 5th October 2023 with Nancy Private Limited for transfer of all assets and liabilities along with the business of Delhi Branch to Nancy Private Limited on a going concern basis effective from 01st April, 2023. Further necessary approval from regulatory authorities is also received on 20th December, 2023 for such transfer. Fancy Limited promised that it shall provide continuing financial and operational support to Delhi Branch and further confirmed that any losses incurred post the date of transfer shall be borne by Fancy Limited.

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During the year 2023-24, Delhi Branch of Fancy Limited have prepared its financial statements on the basis that the Branch Office does not continue to be a going concern and all its assets are carried in the books of accounts at the values likely to be recovered at the time of closure of operations, to the extent ascertainable at the time of preparation of the financial statements. Delhi Branch has incorporated above matter in detailed form in Note XX to the financial statement.

You are the statutory auditor of Delhi Branch of Fancy Limited for the financial year 2023-24. According to you, Delhi Branch has correctly disclosed about the matter in Note XX to the Financial statement regarding management's intention to close the operations of the branch office. Further you have obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence concerning audit and on the verge of finalization of audit report.

Draft a suitable opinion paragraph and basis thereof in the given case along with disclosure of Note XX with suitable place in audit report in terms of relevant auditing standard.

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- (c) Mr. BK has been engaged by XYZ Ltd. to report on summary financial statements derived from the financial statements audited by him in accordance with SAs. Mr. BK wants to determine whether the applied criteria are acceptable before accepting such assignment. Guide him the factors affecting auditor's determination of the acceptability of applied criteria as per relevant Standard on Auditing. 4
2. (a) Happy Hospital is a very renowned hospital for Orthopedic Surgeries in Mumbai having sophisticated infrastructure. Happy Hospital has started using a novice system which includes complete record of Indoor Patient i.e. their diagnosis, their treatment, their medications, their billings, and receipts thereon which is developed and managed by CT Contractors. CA Z is a statutory auditor of Happy Hospital. CA Z came to know about this system while auditing. CA Z is concerned whether the controls at CT Contractors Associates are operating effectively or not. For this purpose, CA Z demanded from CT Contractors, an assurance report from a practicing chartered accountant about their opinion on the description of CT Contractor's system, and the effectiveness of the control. Which type of report should be obtained by CA Z in terms of relevant Standard on Auditing ? What aspects are to be considered by CA Z in using such assurance report as audit evidence that controls at CT Contractors are operating effectively ? 5

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(b) In terms of subsection 114 of Revised code of Ethics, a professional accountant shall comply with the principle of confidentiality, which requires an accountant to respect the confidentiality of information acquired as result of professional and employment relationships. Confidentiality serves the public interest because it facilitates the free flow of information from the professional accountant's client or employing organization to the accountant in knowledge that the information will not be disclosed to a third party. In this context, enumerate the circumstances where professional accountants are or might be required to disclose confidential information or when such disclosure might be appropriate. In deciding whether to disclose confidential information what are the points that should be kept in the mind of professional accountants ?

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(c) The management of High Limited is concerned with the reporting requirement cast through Rule 11 of the Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rules, 2014 for the financial year 2023-24 with regard to the Audit Trail (edit log). Audit trails may be enabled at the accounting software level depending on the features available in such software or same may be captured directly in the database underlying such accounting software. Consequently, the management of the company approached CA J and asked him to suggest them list of internal controls which may be required to be implemented and operated to demonstrate that the Audit trail (or Edit Log) feature was functional, operated and was not disabled. Help CA J.

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3. (a) Core Limited submitted a credit proposal to XYZ Bank Limited for the sanction of a Term Loan of ₹ 150.00 crore required for procuring and installing a latest Plant and machinery for their upcoming project. Based on the application, XYZ Bank Limited approached CA P to investigate the profitability of the business for judging the accuracy of the schedule of repayment furnished by Core Limited, as well as the value of the security in the form of assets of the business already possessed and those which will be created out of the loan. Elucidate the steps that should be undertaken by CA P ? 5
- (b) CA N is carrying out an audit of restated financial statements of BQR Limited for past 3 financial years i.e. 2023-24, 2022-23 and 2021-22 for onward submission to SEBI pursuant to their upcoming IPO (Initial Public Offer). CA N is planning to issue an Audit Report on 5th August, 2024 covering these restated financial statements. Before issuing the audit report, CA N requested Management Representation Letter from the management of the Company for this assignment. The Management of the Company provided Management Representation Letter dated 1st April, 2024 covering the period of financial year 2023-24 only as they were not in position to provide for the financial year 2022-23 and 2021-22 because they were not in place during that period. 5
- How would CA N deal with the above situation as per relevant Standard on Auditing ?
- (c) CA Raj, a practicing chartered accountant, is offered to take up an appointment as a "Secretary" in his professional capacity by the Central Government for a Metro Project for a term of 2 years not on a salary-cum-full-time basis. After giving deep thought to the offer, CA Raj accepted the appointment. Comment in terms of the Chartered Accountant Act, 1949 and Schedules thereto. 4

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4. (a) CA Giri is a senior partner of M/s TSV Associates. M/s TSV Associates is a reputed firm of Chartered Accountants which has been in practice for more than five decades. The firm undertakes statutory audits of large listed companies across various industry sectors and has more than fifty qualified experienced professionals. CA Giri has been assigned as an Engagement Quality Control Reviewer for an audit engagement of a listed company. What are the aspects, which would be looked into by CA Giri as an EQCR in relation to the engagement ? 5

Upon completion of the review, CA Giri has identified certain issues, with respect to revenue recognition and adequacy of provisions relating to onerous contracts. The views of CA Giri are not accepted by the Engagement Partner. Suggest the ways of resolving the differences of opinion between CA Giri and the engagement partner.

- (b) MNC Limited has engaged CA Lalit to help the company in compilation of the financial information. CA Lalit explained his team members, the scope of work and the responsibilities under this engagement. The team members have done mostly audit engagements and do not have exposure to compilation engagements. Discuss the key issues that CA Lalit should deliberate and guide his team members with respect to this engagement and the manner it differ from assurance engagements. Give your views on the applicability of SQC 1 to this engagement. 5

- (c) SU Limited is amongst the top 1000 listed entities. With the introduction of new reporting requirements by SEBI on ESG parameters called the Business Responsibility and Sustainability Report (BRSR), it requires SU Limited to make disclosures on their performance against the various principles of the "National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct". One of the principles emphasizes that the business decisions in an organization should be open to disclosure and accessible to the relevant interested parties. Elucidate the essence of core elements associated with the aforesaid principle. 4

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5. (a) GAK Limited has compiled the interim financial information, as per the Listing agreement requirements and submitted to the auditors for their review. CA Reena, has been assigned on the engagement to review the interim financial information of GAK Limited. Based on the inquiries and other review procedures carried out, CA Reena, assessed that GAK Limited, has been facing continuous working capital shortages. No financial institutions or banks are ready to lend additional funding limits to GAK Limited, since the company has been continuously incurring losses for over 3 years and the company has defaulted payment of loan instalments & interest over the last one year and operations have been curtailed significantly. 5

Under such circumstances CA Reena, who is doing the review for the first time, noted that GAK Limited has not disclosed any information in the interim financial information relating to material uncertainties. Given the situation, please advise CA Reena, what kind of review report is required to be issued ? If, GAK Limited has disclosed information relating to material uncertainty, can CA Reena give a clean report ? Discuss.

- (b) R Limited is a listed company engaged in manufacture of round bars. The company is having investment in the following components : 5
- (i) 2 Subsidiary Companies
 - (ii) 1 Joint Venture Company
 - (iii) 2 Associate Companies
 - (iv) 3 Business entities under common control
 - (v) Interest in assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses in a joint operation with 1 Company

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R Limited and all its components are required to present their accounts as per Ind AS. While preparing consolidated financial statements, R Limited consolidated its components on a line-by-line basis by adding together like items of assets, liabilities, income, expenses, and cash flows.

R Limited seeks your advice on the accounting treatment in respect of the above components for consolidation in accordance with the Companies (Indian Accounting Standards) Rules, 2015.

- (c) TP Limited is a listed company engaged in the business of manufacturing of kids garments under the brand name of MM. M/s. R & Associates, firm of chartered accountants, are appointed as a Statutory Auditor of the Company for the year 2023-24. CA R is looking after the audit of the Company. During audit, CA R observed that there are number of notices received from GST Department and Income Tax Department for various issues. Further during plant visit, CA R observed that few child labourers are engaged in some of the activity. In response to the observation made, CA R followed the procedure as envisaged in SA 250, "Consideration of Laws and Regulations in an Audit of Financial Statements". According to CA R, the provisions of SA 250 and the provisions of NOCLAR (Non-Compliance with Laws and Regulations) under Revised Code of Ethics are one and the same. Do you agree ? If not, give your comments.

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6. (a) You are appointed as a Statutory Auditor of SDA Limited for the year 2023-24 in the place of CA T. During audit you found an order dated 01.05.2023 under section 148 of the Income Tax Act, 1961 wherein tax of ₹ 50 lakhs were demanded owing to undisclosed cash sales of ₹ 150 lakhs for the financial year 2020-21 which was accepted by the company and the applicable tax was paid by the Company during the year 2023-24. The company has not recorded such undisclosed income in their books of account during the year 2023-24. On further inquiring the matter with CA T, you came to know that CA T resigned due to non-recording of such transaction by the company. Is there any reporting responsibility casted on you regarding the above matters under CARO, 2020 for the year 2023-24 ?

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(b) MNC Limited, is engaged in manufacture & sale of FMCG products. It has manufacturing locations across various states in India and engages dealer channels to sell its products. One dealer is appointed for each district within the state and products are despatched from the nearest manufacturing location to the dealer. Considering the voluminous transactions, MNC Limited has a robust ERP network, for recording the transactions. As statutory auditors of MNC Ltd., your firm is about to commence the current year audit. The audit team includes certain IT experts and discussions are underway amongst the team members. As an IT manager of the engagement team, explain the key areas for an auditor to understand IT environment.

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- (c) CA Kumar, a practicing-chartered accountant, is well known in the field of pleading of Income Tax cases at Income Tax Tribunal and does not provide any assurance services. Considering the long standing in the field, CA Kumar is approached by XYZ Limited to file an appeal in the Tribunal against the Income Tax Demand of ₹ 10 crore which was added by the CIT(A) and to plead on behalf of XYZ Limited in the matter. CA Kumar offers to accept the case with the following fee structure :

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The fees for filing an appeal and to plead at Income Tax Tribunal will be higher of the following (a) or (b) :

- (i) ₹ 5,00,000/-
- (ii) 10% of Tax Demand Reduced.

Comment on the act of CA Kumar in terms of the Chartered Accountant Act, 1949 and Schedules thereon.

OR

Yo-Yo Finance Limited is a NBFC-ML as per revised categorisation of NBFC done by RBI. YAK & Associates, firm of chartered accountants, are appointed as Statutory Auditors of the Company for the year 2023-24. The audit team consist of CA Y, 1 Audit Manager and 3 junior assistants. The Audit Manager is recently appointed, who is not having much exposure in the field of Auditing of NBFCs. During the engagement team meeting, the Audit Manager asked CA Y, regarding the audit procedures to be undertaken to verify whether the aforesaid Company has followed Prudential Norms ? As an Engagement partner suggest any four procedures to the Audit Manager.

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