

Shortcut to score Marks in Standards on Auditing

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As per ICAI exam evaluation pattern- if student identifies the SA asked in the question and write objective of that standard then he ends up scoring at-least one mark.

So we have compiled the content accordingly for all standards. So here we go...!!!!

Standard	Title	How to identify? IF the question deals with	Standard content which gives sure shot one mark.
SQC-1	QUALITY Control for Firms that perform Audits and Reviews of Historical financial information, and other assurance and related services engagements	Ethics/Firm to implement policies and procedures for client acceptance, continuance, withdrawal,	SQC 1 requires that the firm should establish a system of quality control designed to provide it with reasonable assurance that the firm and its personnel comply with professional standards and regulatory and legal requirements and that reports issued by the firm or engagement partners are appropriate in the circumstances.
SA 200	Overall Objectives of Independent Auditor and conduct of audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing	Auditor's basic responsibility of expressing opinion; inherent limitations of auditing etc.	Objectives of auditor as per SA 200 To obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, thereby enabling the auditor to express an opinion on whether the financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with an applicable financial reporting framework and To report on the financial statements as per SAs
SA 210	Agreeing to the terms of audit engagement	Audit of HFS (Historical FS) + Letter of engagement, Changes in the terms, Pre-conditions for accepting audit	SA 210 deals with the auditor's responsibilities in agreeing the terms of the audit engagement with management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance. The objective of the auditor is to accept or continue an audit engagement only when the basis upon which it is to be performed has been agreed, through: (A) Establishing whether the preconditions for an audit are present and

			(B) Confirming that there is a common understanding between the auditor and management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance of the terms of the audit engagement.
SA 220	Quality Control for an Audit of Financial Statements	Engagement partner's responsibility for maintaining quality within the team and following firm's policies and ethical requirements	The objective of the auditor is to implement quality control procedures at the engagement level that provide the auditor with reasonable assurance that: a) The audit complies with professional standards and regulatory and legal requirements and b) The auditor's report issued is appropriate in the circumstances
SA 230	Audit Documentation	Working papers/ audit file etc.	SA 230 on "Audit Documentation", deals with the auditor's responsibility to prepare audit documentation for an audit of financial statements. The objective of the auditor is to prepare documentation that provides: (a) A sufficient and appropriate record of the basis for the auditor's report; and (b) Evidence that the audit was planned and performed in accordance with SAs and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.
SA 260	Communication with Those Charged with Governance	Significant findings and written declaration of independence are the main contents of communication	To provide those charged with governance with timely observations arising from the audit that are significant and relevant to their responsibility to oversee the financial reporting process
SA 265	Communicating Deficiencies in Internal Control to Those Charged with Governance and Management	Some major weakness in Internal control identified → Communication responsibilities	To communicate appropriately to those charged with governance and management deficiencies in internal control that the auditor has identified during the audit and that, in the auditor's professional judgment, are of sufficient importance to merit their respective attentions.
SA 299	Joint Audit of Financial Statements	Easily identifiable that 2 or more auditors have been appointed	SA 299 "Joint Audit of Financial Statements" deals with the professional responsibilities which the auditors undertake in accepting appointments as joint auditors.
SA 300	Planning an Audit of Financial Statements	Audit Plan/Program or Audit Strategy Preliminary engagement activities	The objective of the auditor is to plan the audit so that it will be performed in an effective manner.
SA 315	Identifying and Assessing the	RoMM analysis, Significant Risk areas,	To identify and assess the risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, at the financial statement and

	Risks of Material Misstatement through Understanding the Entity and its Environment	Components of Internal Control, Internal control concepts	assertion levels, through understanding the entity and its environment, including the entity's internal control, thereby providing a basis for designing and implementing responses to the assessed risks of material misstatement
SA 320	Materiality in Planning and Performing an Audit	Materiality level, performance materiality level, revision of materiality	SA 320 Materiality in Planning and Performing an Audit states that misstatements, including omissions, are considered to be material if they, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements. Therefore, SA 320 deals with auditor's responsibility to determine materiality in Planning and Performing an audit of FS.
SA 330	The Auditor's Responses to Assessed Risks	Test of Controls and Test of Details	SA 330- The auditor's responses to assessed risks deals with the auditor's responsibility to design and implement responses to the risks of material misstatement identified and assessed by the auditor in accordance with SA 315 in a financial statement audit.
SA 450	Evaluation of Misstatements Identified during the Audits	Misstatements to be communicated and rectified. Evaluation of impact of uncorrected misstatements	SA 450 deals with the auditor's responsibility to evaluate the effect of identified misstatements on the audit and of uncorrected misstatements, if any, on the financial statements. The objective of the auditor is to evaluate: - (a) The effect of identified misstatements on the audit and (b) The effect of uncorrected misstatements, if any, on the financial statements.
SA 500	Audit Evidence	Sufficiency and appropriateness of audit evidence Mgmt Expert Type of Evidence Techniques to be used	SA 500 "Audit Evidence" is applicable to all the audit evidence obtained during the course of the audit to enable the auditor to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to be able to draw reasonable conclusions on which to base the auditor's opinion.
SA 501	Audit Evidence - Specific Considerations for Selected Items	1) Existence and condition of Inventory 2) Completeness of Litigation and Claims 3) Presentation and disclosure of Segment reporting	SA 501- "Audit Evidence- Specific Considerations for Selected Items" deals with specific considerations by the auditor in obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence with respect to certain aspects of inventory, litigation and claims involving the entity, and segment information in an audit of financial statements.
SA 505	External Confirmations	Third party confirmations except confirmation from lawyer for litigation and	SA 505 "External Confirmations" deals with the auditor's use of external confirmation procedures to obtain audit evidence in accordance with the requirements of SA 500.

		claims because it is covered under SA 501	
SA 510	Initial Audit Engagements- Opening Balances	1 st year with the client and question deals with opening balances	In conducting an initial audit engagement, the objective of the auditor with respect to opening balances is to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about whether: Opening balances contain misstatements that materially affect the current period's financial statements
SA 520	Analytical Procedures	Ratios, comparisons, trend analysis used during testing and completion stages If Ratios are used for Risk Assessment purpose at planning stage → SA 315	SA 520 deals with the auditor's use of analytical procedures as substantive procedures ("substantive analytical procedures"), and as procedures near the end of the audit that assist the auditor when forming an overall conclusion on the financial statements.
SA 530	Audit Sampling	General reference easily identifiable. Main questions Sampling risk Evaluating results of sampling Sampling methods	The objective of the auditor when using audit sampling is to provide a reasonable basis for the auditor to draw conclusions about the population from which the sample is selected.
SA 550	Related Party	Group companies, Parties which are being controlled/influenced by entity or vice-versa	Obtain SAAE whether Related party relationship and related party transactions have been identified, accounted and disclosed in accordance with applicable financial reporting framework
SA 560	Subsequent Events	Events occurring after balance sheet date	a) For events occurring before the date of auditor's report: Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about whether events occurring between the date of the financial statements and the date of the auditor's report that require adjustment of, or disclosure in, the financial statements are appropriately reflected in those financial statements; b) For facts after the date of auditor's report: Respond appropriately to facts that become known to the auditor after the date of the auditor's report, that, had they been known to the auditor at that date, may have caused the auditor to amend the auditor's report.

SA 570	Going Concern	Any question that creates threat to going concern	<p>a) obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding, and conclude on, the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements</p> <p>b) conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern</p>
SA 580	Written Representations	Mgmt has to give a declaration/confirmation to the auditor	SA 580- Written representations deals with the auditor's responsibility to obtain written representations from management and, where appropriate, those charged with governance.
SA 600	Using the Work of Another Auditor	Using the work of auditor of FS of Subsidiaries, JV, associates	As per SA 600, when the principal auditor uses the work of another auditor, the principal auditor should determine how the work of the other auditor will affect the audit.
SA 610	Using the Work of Internal Auditors	Using the work of a person auditing internal controls and procedures of the entity (INTERNAL AUDITOR)	<p>SA 610 deals with the external auditor's responsibilities if using the work of internal auditors. This includes</p> <p>(a) using the work of the internal audit function in obtaining audit evidence and</p> <p>(b) using internal auditors to provide direct assistance under the direction, supervision and review of the external auditor.</p>
SA 700	Forming an Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements (AUDIT REPORT)	Report format	The objectives of the auditor as per SA 700 (Revised), "Forming An Opinion And Reporting On Financial Statements" are to form an opinion on the financial statements based on an evaluation of the conclusions drawn from the audit evidence obtained; and to express clearly that opinion through a written report.
SA 701	Communicating Key Audit Matters in the Independent Auditor's Report (AUDIT REPORT)	<p>KAM</p> <p>Utmost significant matter- high judgment or high ROMM matter</p>	As per SA 701, "Communicating Key Audit Matters in The Independent Auditor's Report", the objectives of the auditor are to determine key audit matters and, having formed an opinion on the financial statements, communicate those matters by describing them in the auditor's report
SA 705	Modifications to the Opinion in the Independent Auditor's Report (AUDIT REPORT)	<p>Q/A/D opinion</p> <p>Question dealing with material misstatement or</p>	The auditor shall modify the opinion in the auditor's report when the auditor concludes that, based on the audit evidence obtained, the financial statements as a whole are not free from material misstatement; or the auditor is unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to conclude that the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement.

SA 706	Emphasis of Matter Paragraphs and Other Matter Paragraphs in the Independent Auditor's Report (AUDIT REPORT)	EOM/OM Accounting clarification- EOM Auditing Clarification- OM Para	As per SA 706 (Revised) on "Emphasis of Matter Paragraphs and Other Matter Paragraphs In The Independent Auditor's Report", the objective of the auditor is to draw users' attention by way of clear additional communication in the auditor's report.
SA 710	Comparative Information – Corresponding Figures and Comparative Financial Statements	Questions dealing with Prev year FS adjustment- impact on current year audit	obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about whether the comparative information included in the financial statements has been presented, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements for comparative information in the applicable financial reporting framework