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PART - II

1/ (a) CA Rashmi is the auditor of ABC Ltd. for the financial year ending 31/03/2024. The audit report for the year was signed by her on 19/04/2024.

On 25/4/2024, the company received a communication from the Central Government that an incentive amount of ₹ 5 crores pertaining to financial year 2023-24 was approved. It was paid to the company before the end of April 2024. The financial statements of the company were not yet issued to the shareholders.

The Board of Directors wished to include the incentive amount in the financial statements and requested the auditor to issue a fresh audit report for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Analyze the issue involved and give an overview of the auditor's responsibility in such a situation.

(b) Auditors cannot normally examine all the information available to them as it would be impracticable to do so and using audit sampling will produce valid conclusions. Samples should be selected in such a manner that it is representative of the population from which the sample is being selected.

Which sample selection method is used in the following two cases ? Identify and explain them briefly.

(i) Auditor divided the trade receivables in three groups : balances above ₹ 20 lakhs, balances between ₹ 10 lakhs to ₹ 20 lakhs and balances below ₹ 10 lakhs. He selected different percentages of items from each group.

(ii) Auditor uses the sample of 50 consecutive cheques to test whether the cheques are signed by authorized signatories, rather than picking 50 single cheques throughout the year.

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(c) PD & Co., Chartered Accountants, were appointed as the statutory auditors of MR Limited for the financial year 2023-24. MR Limited included the following clause in the appointment letter to the auditors :  
"The Auditor shall be responsible for detecting the frauds that may happen in the company during the financial year 2023-24."  
The auditor objected to inclusion of such a clause in the appointment letter. Discuss in the light of scope of audit. 3

(d) M/s. PQ Limited has a turnover of ₹ 807 crores during the financial year 2023-24. It has outstanding dues towards Goods and Services Tax (GST) of ₹ 10 lakhs since June 2023. When enquired by the auditor, the company's management informed him that they have filed an objection letter for the said demand with the GST Authorities, however, no response is received from the GST Department. State the reporting responsibility of the auditor under paragraph 3, clause (vii) of the Companies Auditor's Report Order, 2020 [CARO, 2020]. 3

2. (a) CA B, was the auditor of Star Limited. He wanted to ensure that the company had correctly reconciled its bank accounts and also wanted to understand whether and how far the internal control system was operating in the company. What kind of test of control was CA B performing ? What are the other procedures that can be applied while undertaking test of controls ? 4

(b) Alfa Limited has availed bank overdraft facility from a nationalized bank. The company received balance confirmation certificate for bank overdraft balance as on 31.03.2024 from the bank. 4

Particulars	Amount (₹)
Bank overdraft balance as per Bank Certificate	25,66,200/-
Bank overdraft balance as per Ledger	26,45,300/-

How will you vouch/verify borrowings from Bank taken by Alfa Limited ?

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- (c) Schedule III of the Companies Act, 2013 prescribes disclosure of certain ratios as a part of Additional Regulatory Information. Mention any 3 ratios that should be disclosed along with the Rules relating to disclosure of these ratios. 3
- (d) The engagement partner, of a firm of auditors, is explaining to his audit team, undergoing practical training, the inter relationship between audit strategy and audit plan. Discuss the points which the engagement partner will explain to his team in this regard. 3
3. (a) CA Amit is the auditor of LMN Ltd. While conducting the audit, he wanted to analyze the different components of internal control of the company. Identify and explain which component of internal control he is trying to understand in the following two cases : - 4
- (i) Whether controls in LMN Ltd. are operating as intended and they are modified as appropriate for change in conditions.
- (ii) Whether there exists proper segregation of duties in the company and the person responsible for recording a transaction is different from the person authorizing it.
- (b) M/s. PK & Company, Chartered Accountants, are the statutory auditors of JC Limited. CA Tarun, partner of M/s. PK & Company, was entrusted to supervise and verify the inventory items as on 31.03.2024. During the process of verification, a large chunk of draft inventory sheets were accumulated and then a final inventory sheet was prepared. The audit assistant has kept all these drafts and the final inventory sheet in the audit file. Is the approach of the audit assistant correct ? Which papers/documents may not be included in the audit documentation ? 4

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- (c) K Ltd. is availing cash credit limit of ₹ 25 crores from LMN Bank Ltd. The drawing power of the company ranged between ₹ 22 crores and ₹ 25 crores during the year 2023-24. The limit availed by the company remained less than ₹ 20 crores during all the days of the financial year 2023-24. The company has not deposited any amount in the cash credit account and there are no other credits to this account during the last two quarters. How will this account be classified in the books of LMN Bank Ltd. as on 31-03-2024 ? Explain. 3
- (d) You are the statutory auditor of NP Ltd. Looking at the huge size of similar transactions, you directed your team members to use statistical sampling. One of the team members, Mr. Q, wants to select samples based upon his personal experience & knowledge as he is not aware of statistical sampling. You are required to explain to Mr. Q why the use of statistical sampling method is more scientific and appropriate. 3
4. (a) EFG Ltd. has appointed M/s. MN & Co., Chartered Accountants, as the statutory auditors for the year 2024-25. CA N, the engagement partner, completed his risk assessment procedure. However, he is concerned about the management of human resources to be employed to conduct the audit. For this purpose, he wants to establish an overall audit strategy for setting the scope, timing and direction of the audit. Describe how the process of establishment of overall audit strategy will assist him in managing deployment of his human resources for various audit areas. 4
- (b) JB Limited has invested huge sums of money on establishment of new Property, Plant and Equipment during the year under audit. They have incurred an amount of ₹ 5,70,000/- on dismantling of an old plant, which had become obsolete, so that a new plant can be set up at the existing location. The Auditor is in the process of verifying the cost incurred towards addition to Property, Plant and Equipment. What should be the accounting treatment of the amount spent on dismantling of old plant in the financial statements ? Which elements of cost should be considered for valuing Property, Plant and Equipment ? 4



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- (c) CA Ayush has recently qualified and has joined a CA Firm. On going through various audit reports, he observed that different phrases were used to express an unmodified opinion on the financial statements. On enquiring with a senior, he got to know that all those phrases can be regarded as being equivalent. Which phrases are appropriate and which phrases are inappropriate while drafting an unmodified opinion ? 3
- (d) You have been appointed as an auditor of Co-operative society. During the course of audit, you have noticed some serious irregularities in the working of the society. Enumerate those special matters for reporting to the Registrar. 3
5. (a) M/s. PP & Co; a firm of Chartered Accountants, has been auditing the books of accounts of KALI Ltd. for the past 3 years. The company has recently made some major changes in its business policies. While planning to start the audit for the 4<sup>th</sup> year i.e. for financial year 2024-25, the audit manager of the firm, as per the routine practice, handed over the previous years' audit programme as it is to the audit team with the instructions to adhere unflinchingly to the said audit programme. Evaluate the decision of the audit manager with reference to the use of audit programme. 4
- (b) The management of D. Ltd. have engaged an actuary-expert to ascertain actuarial valuation of gratuity for provision to be made in the accounts. As an auditor of D. Ltd., you plan to use the report of the said expert as audit evidence for ascertaining appropriate valuation of provisions. As an auditor, what will you do to evaluate the competence, capabilities, objectivity and an understanding of the work of the actuary-expert who has carried out actuarial valuation of gratuity ? 4
- (c) Z and Associates are the auditors of Realton Ltd., an export oriented unit, which specializes in manufacturing oil extraction plants. Since many complex processes are involved, they are digitizing their operations. They are restructuring their business models which are driven by technology. Since most of the operations of the company are automated, Z and Associates are planning to do Digital Audit. Explain the use of digital technology in the conduct of an audit. 3

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- (d) Mr. J is an articled clerk with a big Chartered Accountants' firm. He is a part of the engagement team which is conducting the audit of a company for the first time. They are assigned with the work of preparing the draft audit engagement letter. Mr. J is not sure how to go about with this work. Explain what is Audit Engagement Letter and what are its contents ?

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- 6 (a) You are the auditor of Plus Bank Limited. The bank has made following provisions for the year ended on 31.03.2024 :

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Particulars	Amount (₹ in crores)
Provision for Bad Debts	66
Provision for Sub-standard Assets	78
Provision for Expenses	24
Provision for Income Tax	55

You are in the process of verifying the provisions and contingencies of the bank. What audit approach and procedures will you adopt to verify the above ?

OR

- (a) CA Vasu was appointed as the statutory auditor of M/s. Pizza Limited for the financial year 2023-24. While reviewing the internal controls, he observed that the company has entered into many transactions with firms in which the directors are interested. The company's specified procedure was by-passed in such transactions. CA Vasu considered it as a significant deficiency in internal control over related party transactions. He communicated this deficiency to Those Charged With Governance (TCWG) as under,

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"Controls over significant transactions with related parties are weak."

In view of the above, please explain :-

- (i) What is meant by deficiency in internal control ?  
(ii) As per SA 265, whether the significant deficiency communicated by CA Vasu to TCWG is appropriate ? Explain.

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(b) CA P is a professional accountant in service. In terms of employment and professional relationships with employer he has to be alert to the possibility of inadvertent disclosure of any information outside the employing organization. However, in view of disclosure required by law, CA P had to divulge the information and documents as evidence in course of legal proceedings. Whether CA P has violated any fundamental principle governing professional ethics in this case ? Explain.

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(c) During the audit of accounts for the year ended 31.03.2024, the auditor of FD Limited wanted confirmation from a Trade Receivable, which was outstanding for more than six months, amounting to ₹ 4,25,000/-. The auditor sent a Confirmation letter to the party requesting them to respond directly to him, whether or not they agree with the amount outstanding from them.

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That trade receivable confirmed to the auditor of FD Limited, that they were required to pay an amount of ₹ 4,20,000 to FD Limited as per their books of accounts.

State and explain the type of Confirmation Request sent by the auditor and the course of action that he should take on the confirmation received from the trade receivable.

(d) P Financial Services Ltd. (PFSL) is a leasing & hire purchase company. You, as an auditor of PFSL, are in the process of examining finance lease agreements executed by them for equipment given on lease. Which points shall be noted by you while examining a particular finance lease agreement entered into by PFSL in respect of a leasing transaction ?

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