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**INTERMEDIATE COURSE: GROUP – I  
PAPER – 2: CORPORATE AND OTHER LAWS  
ANSWER TO PART – I CASE SCENARIO BASED MCQS**

1. (c)
2. (d)
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13. (c)
14. (d)
15. (c)

**ANSWERS OF PART – II DESCRIPTIVE QUESTIONS**

1. (a) **Sweat equity shares of a class of shares already issued.**

According to section 54 of the Companies Act, 2013, a company may issue sweat equity shares of a class of shares already issued, if the following conditions are fulfilled, namely—

- (i) the issue is authorised by a special resolution passed by the company;
- (ii) the resolution specifies the number of shares, the current market price, consideration, if any, and the class or classes of directors or employees to whom such equity shares are to be issued;
- (iii) where the equity shares of the company are listed on a recognised stock exchange, the sweat equity shares are issued in accordance

with the regulations made by the Securities and Exchange Board in this behalf and if they are not so listed, the sweat equity shares are issued in accordance with such rules as prescribed under Rule 8 of the *Companies (Share and Debentures) Rules, 2014*,

The rights, limitations, restrictions and provisions as are for the time being applicable to equity shares shall be applicable to the sweat equity shares issued under this section and the holders of such shares shall rank *paripassu* with other equity shareholders.

Alpha Limited can issue sweat equity shares by following the conditions as mentioned above. It does not make a difference that the company is just a few months old.

- (b) (i)** Section 141(3)(c) of the Companies Act, 2013 prescribes that any person who is a partner or in employment of an officer or employee of the company will be disqualified to act as an auditor of a company. Section 141(4) provides where a person appointed as an auditor of a company incurs any of the disqualifications mentioned in section 141(3) after his appointment, he shall vacate his office as such auditor and such vacation shall be deemed to be a casual vacancy in the office of the auditor.

In the present case, Mr. Prem, an auditor of A Limited, joined as partner with consultancy firm where Mr. Ajay has become a partner and Mr. Ajay is also the Finance executive of A Limited. Hence, Mr. Prem has attracted clause (3)(c) of section 141 and, therefore, he shall be deemed to have vacated office of the auditor of A Limited.

- (ii)** As per section 141(3)(d)(i), an auditor is disqualified to be appointed as an auditor if he, or his relative or partner holds any security of or interest in the company or its subsidiary, or of its holding or associate company or a subsidiary of such holding company.

In the present case, Mr. Tom is holding security of ₹ 1,00,000 in the B Limited, therefore, he is not eligible for appointment as an auditor of B Limited.

- (c)** Under provisions of section 5 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 certain Rules have been made for drawal of Foreign Exchange for Current Account transactions. As per these Rules, Foreign Exchange for some of the Current Account transactions is prohibited. As regards some other Current Account transactions, Foreign Exchange can be drawn with prior permission of the Central Government while in case of some Current Account transactions, prior permission of Reserve Bank of India is required.

Accordingly,

- (i)** It is a current account transaction, where A is required to take approval of the Central Government for drawal of foreign exchange for remittance of hire charges of transponders.

- (ii) Withdrawal of foreign exchange for payment related to call back services of telephone is a prohibited transaction. Hence, Mr. B cannot obtain US \$ 2,000 for the said purpose.

In all the cases, where remittance of Foreign Exchange is allowed, either by general or specific permission, the remitter has to obtain the Foreign Exchange from an Authorised Person.

- 2. (a) Rule 2(1)(c) of *the Companies (Acceptance of Deposit) Rules, 2014*, states various amounts received by a company which will not be considered as deposits. As per rule 2(1)(c)(x) any amount received from an employee of the company not exceeding his annual salary under a contract of employment with the company in the nature of non-interest-bearing security deposit is not considered as deposit.

In the instant case, ₹ 5,30,000 was received by PQR Trading Private Limited as a non-interest-bearing security deposit, from its employee, Mr. Romit, who draws an annual salary of ₹ 5,00,000 under a contract of employment.

Accordingly, amount of ₹ 5,30,000 received from Mr. Romit, will be considered as deposit in terms of sub-clause (x) of Rule 2(1)(c) of the Act, as the amount received from Mr. Romit is more than his annual salary of ₹ 5,00,000.

- (b) As per section 2(43) of the Companies Act, 2013, free reserves means such reserves which, as per the latest audited balance sheet of a company, are available for distribution as dividend:

Provided that—

- (i) any amount representing unrealised gains, notional gains or revaluation of assets, whether shown as a reserve or otherwise, or
- (ii) any change in carrying amount of an asset or of a liability recognized in equity, including surplus in profit and loss account on measurement of the asset or the liability at fair value,

shall not be treated as free reserves.

- (c) (i) **Movable Property**

According to section 3(36) of the General Clauses Act, 1897, 'Movable Property' shall mean property of every description, except immovable property.

Thus, any property which is not immovable property is movable property. Debts, share, electricity are moveable property.

- (ii) **Oath**

According to section 3(37) of the General Clauses Act, 1897, 'Oath' shall include affirmation and declaration in the case of persons by law allowed to affirm or declare instead of swearing.

- 3. (a) As per section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Central Government (ROC in its behalf) may grant a licence (to operate as a non profit organisation) if it is proved to the satisfaction that a person or an

association of persons proposed to be registered under the Companies Act, 2013, as a limited company:

- has in its objects the promotion of commerce, art, science, sports, education, research, social welfare, religion, charity, protection of environment or any such other object;
- intends to apply its profits (if any) or other income in promoting its objects; and
- intends to prohibit payment of any dividend to its members.

**(b) Validity of Resolution passed in the EGM called by the Requisitionists**

As per section 100(2) of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 17 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014, the Board shall on the requisition of, in the case of company having a share capital, such number of members who hold, on the date of receipt of requisition, at least 1/10th of such paid-up capital of the company as on that date carries the right of voting, shall call for the meeting.

The requisition made under sub-section (2) shall set out the matters for the consideration of which the meeting is to be called and shall be signed by the requisitionists and sent to the registered office of the company.

The Board must, within 21 days from the date of receipt of a valid requisition, proceed to call a meeting on a day not later than 45 days from the date of receipt of such requisition.

If the Board does not, within 21 days from the date of receipt of a valid requisition in regard to any matter, proceed to call a meeting for the consideration of that matter on a day not later than 45 days from the date of receipt of such requisition, the meeting may be called and held by the requisitionists themselves within a period of three months from the date of the requisition. [Sub-Section 4].

Sub-section (5) of Section 100 provides that the requisitionists shall call and hold the meeting in the same manner in which the meeting is called and held by the Board.

Sub-section (6) of Section 100 any reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionists in calling a meeting under sub-section (4) shall be reimbursed to the requisitionists by the company and the sums so paid shall be deducted from any fee or other remuneration under section 197 payable to such of the directors who were in default in calling the meeting.

In the given case, meeting called by requisitionists to pass the resolution to remove the Managing Director in the said meeting can be said to be valid as the requisition moved from Mr. Jai and Mr. Narayan holding ₹ 60,000 (each holding ₹ 30,000) equity share capital (1/10th of 1,00,000) is in compliance with the legal requirement and will be binding on the company, its officers and members provided if all the conditions for a valid meeting are satisfied.

- (c) Sometimes an explanation is added to a section of an Act for the purpose of explaining the main provisions contained in that section. If there is some ambiguity in the provisions of the main section, the explanation is inserted to harmonise and clear up the ambiguity in the main section. Something may be added to or something may be excluded from the main provision by insertion of an explanation. But the explanation should not be construed to widen the ambit of the section.
4. (a) According to section 127 of the Companies Act, 2013, in case a company fails to pay declared dividends or fails to post dividend warrants within 30 days of declaration, following punishments are applicable:
- (i) Every director of the company shall be punishable with imprisonment of up to two years, if he is knowingly a party to the default. And, he shall also be liable to pay minimum fine of ₹ 1,000 for every day during which such default continues.
  - (ii) The company shall be liable to pay simple interest at the rate of 18% p.a. during the period for which such default continues.
- (b) **Financial Year:** According to section 2(1)(l) of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008, “Financial year”, in relation to a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP), means the period from the 1st day of April of a year to the 31st day of March of the following year.
- However, in the case of a LLP incorporated after the 30th day of September of a year, the financial year may end on the 31st day of March of the year next following that year.
- (c) Normally a Proviso is added to a section of an Act to except something or qualify something stated in that particular section to which it is added. A proviso should not be, ordinarily, interpreted as a general rule. Usually, a proviso is embedded in the main body of the section and becomes an integral part of it.
- The effect of the proviso is to qualify the preceding enactment which is expressed in terms which are too general.
- It is a cardinal rule of interpretation that a proviso or exception to a particular provision of a statute only embraces the field which is covered by the main provision. It carves out an exception to the main provision to which it has been enacted as a proviso and to no other. (*Ram Narain Sons Ltd. vs. Assistant Commissioner of Sales Tax, AIR 1955 SC 765*).
5. (a) According to section 24(3), where a person has ceased to be a partner of a LLP (hereinafter referred to as “former partner”), the former partner is to be regarded (in relation to any person dealing with the LLP) as still being a partner of the LLP unless:
- (a) the person has notice that the former partner has ceased to be a partner of the LLP; or

- (b) notice that the former partner has ceased to be a partner of the LLP has been delivered to the Registrar.

Hence, by virtue of the above provisions, as no notice of resignation was given to ROC, Yuvan will still be liable for the loss of firm of the transactions entered after 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

- (b) The situation as stated in the question relates to the creation of a casual vacancy in the office of an auditor due to resignation of the auditor before the Annual General Meeting (AGM), in case of a company other government company. Under section 139 (8)(i) any casual vacancy in the office of an auditor arising as a result of his resignation, such vacancy can be filled by the Board of Directors within 30 days thereof and in addition the appointment of the new auditor shall also be approved by the company at a general meeting convened within three months of the recommendation of the Board and he shall hold the office till the conclusion of the next annual general meeting.
- (c) **Good Faith:** According section 3(22) of the General Clauses Act, 1897, a thing shall be deemed to be done in “good faith” where it is in fact done honestly, whether it is done negligently or not.

The question of good faith under the General Clauses Act is one of fact. It is to determine with reference to the circumstances of each case. The term “Good faith” has been defined differently in different enactments. This definition of the good faith does not apply to that enactment which contains a special definition of the term “good faith” and there the definition given in that particular enactment has to be followed. This definition may be applied only if there is nothing repugnant in subject or context, and if that is so, the definition is not applicable.

- 6. (a) Section 109 of the Companies Act, 2013 provides for the demand of poll before or on the declaration of the result of the voting on any resolution on show of hands. Accordingly, law says that:-

Before or on the declaration of the result of the voting on any resolution on show of hands, a poll may be ordered to be taken by the Chairman of the meeting on his own motion, and shall be ordered to be taken by him on a demand made in that behalf:-

- (i) In the case a company having a share capital, by the members present in person or by proxy, where allowed, and having not less than one-tenth of the total voting power or holding shares on which an aggregate sum of not less than five lakh rupees or such higher amount as may be prescribed has been paid-up; and
- (ii) in the case of any other company, by any member or members present in person or by proxy, where allowed, and having not less than one tenth of the total voting power.

In the given question, 80 members present in person or by proxy holding more than 1/10<sup>th</sup> of the total voting power, demanded for poll. Hence, the contention of the Chairman is not valid.

**OR**

- (a)** Under section 102(2)(b) of the Companies Act, 2013, in the case of any general meeting other than an Annual General Meeting, all business transacted thereat shall be deemed to be special business.

Further under section 102(1), a statement setting out the following material facts concerning each item of special business to be transacted at a general meeting, shall be annexed to the notice calling such meeting, namely:

- (1) the nature of concern or interest, financial or otherwise, if any, in respect of each items, of:
  - (i) every director and the manager, if any;
  - (ii) every other key managerial personnel; and
  - (iii) relatives of the persons mentioned in sub-clauses (i) and (ii);
- (2) any other information and facts that may enable members to understand the meaning, scope and implications of the items of business and to take decision thereon.

Thus, the objection of the shareholder is valid since the details of the item to be considered at the general meeting are not fully disclosed. The information about the amount is a material fact with reference to the proposed increase of share capital. The notice is, therefore, not a valid notice considering the provisions of section 102 of the Companies Act, 2013.

**(b) Audit of accounts of foreign company**

According to the Companies (Registration of Foreign Companies) Rules, 2014,

- (i) Every foreign company shall get its accounts, pertaining to the Indian business operations prepared in accordance with section 381(1) of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules thereunder, shall be audited by a practicing Chartered Accountant in India or a firm or limited liability partnership of practicing chartered accountants.
- (ii) The provisions of Chapter X i.e. Audit and Auditors and rules made there under, as far as applicable, shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the foreign company.

- (c) According to section 2(j) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, 'Current Account transaction' means a transaction other than a capital account transaction and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing such transaction includes,
- (i) payments due in connection with foreign trade, other current business, services, and short-term banking and credit facilities in the ordinary course of business.
  - (ii) payments due as interest on loans and as net income from investments.
  - (iii) remittances for living expenses of parents, spouse and children residing abroad, and
  - (iv) expenses in connection with foreign travel, education and medical care of parents, spouse and children.