CA Foundation: Most Important Topics from Last 5 Years' Papers

Paper 1: Principles and Practice of Accounting

- Final Accounts of Sole Proprietors:

- Trading, Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet Preparation
- Adjustments: Outstanding/Prepaid Expenses, Accrued/Unearned Income
- Depreciation, Bad Debts, Provisions
- Closing Stock, Free Samples, Abnormal Loss

- Bank Reconciliation Statement (BRS):

- Cash Book vs Pass Book
- Cheques Not Presented / Not Credited
- Bank Charges, Direct Deposits, Interest Entries

- Company Accounts - Shares:

- Issue at Par, Premium, Discount
- Forfeiture and Reissue of Shares
- Oversubscription, Pro-rata Allotment
- Journal Entries for Share Transactions

- Consignment:

- Consignor vs Consignee Accounting
- Normal and Abnormal Loss
- Types of Commission
- Valuation of Unsold Stock

- Rectification of Errors:

- Types of Errors: Omission, Commission, Principle
- Rectification before/after Trial Balance
- Use of Suspense Account

Paper 2A: Business Laws

- Indian Contract Act, 1872:

- Essentials of a Valid Contract
- Offer, Acceptance, Consideration, Capacity, Consent
- Void, Voidable, Illegal Agreements
- Performance, Discharge, Breach and Remedies

- Sale of Goods Act, 1930:

- Conditions and Warranties
- Transfer of Ownership/Title
- Rights of Unpaid Seller
- Performance of Contract of Sale

- The Indian Partnership Act, 1932:

- Nature and Types of Partnership
- Rights and Duties of Partners
- Registration of Firms
- Dissolution and its Modes

- Companies Act, 2013 (Basics):

- Types of Companies
- Incorporation Procedures
- MOA and AOA
- Prospectus and Importance

Paper 2B: Business Correspondence & Reporting (BCR)

- Communication:
 - Process, Types (Verbal/Non-verbal/Written/Oral)
 - Barriers to Effective Communication

- Grammar and Vocabulary:

- Voice, Speech
- Synonyms, Antonyms, Homonyms
- Common Errors

- Comprehension and Summary Writing:

- Reading Techniques
- Identifying Main Ideas
- Summarizing Techniques

- Report and Letter Writing:

- Structure and Format
- Types: Inquiry, Complaint, Sales, Recovery
- Email Etiquette and Drafting

Paper 3: Quantitative Aptitude

- Ratio, Proportion, Indices:
 - Basic Concepts and Business Applications
- Time Value of Money:
 - Simple and Compound Interest
 - Present and Future Value
 - Annuities and Perpetuities
- Permutation, Combination & Probability:
 - Counting Principles
 - Basic Probability Concepts
- Logical Reasoning:
 - Series, Coding-Decoding
 - Blood Relations, Directions, Seating

- Statistics:

- Mean, Median, Mode
- Range, Variance, Standard Deviation
- Correlation, Regression, Index Numbers

Paper 4: Business Economics & BCK

- Theory of Demand & Supply:

- Law of Demand/Supply, Elasticity, Market Equilibrium
- Theory of Production & Cost:
 - Production Functions
 - Returns to Scale, Cost Curves

- Market Structures:

- Perfect, Monopoly, Oligopoly, Monopolistic Markets
- Price and Output Determination
- Business Cycles:
 - Phases, Causes, Effects, Controls
- Business and Commercial Knowledge (BCK):
 - Business Environment and Organizations
 - Business Types and Government Policies

- RBI, SEBI, CCI etc.