

Top 75 Questions For Sept 2025
Day – 1 (25 Questions)

01(48) – Kamal, a Chartered Accountant started his e-commerce business by incorporating a One Person Company (the OPC) on 1st October, 2023. He, being a sole member of the OPC named his brother Sudhakar, with his consent, as his nominee in the Memorandum of Association of the OPC. Now, Kamal intends to replace Sudhakar and to nominate any one of the following short-listed friends as a nominee with effect from 1st January, 2024.

- i) Robert, an Indian citizen, and a resident in India shifted his residence to the USA on 31st May, 2022 and has not returned to India till 1st January, 2024.
- ii) Dinkar, a US citizen, and resident in India came for employment in India on 1st April, 2023 and have been continuously staying in India since then.

Referring to the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, advise Kamal regarding eligibility of his short-listed friends to be appointed nominee and the procedure to be followed for changing the name of the nominee as per the provisions of The Companies Act, 2013.

1(b)i)4m, MDTP10, 1(b)i)4m, Sept2024

Ans - As per Rule 3 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014:

Only a natural person who is an Indian citizen whether resident in India or otherwise

(a) shall be eligible to incorporate a One Person Company;

(b) shall be a nominee for the sole member of a One Person Company.

Here, "resident in India" means a person who has stayed in India for a period of not less than one hundred and twenty days during the immediately preceding financial year.

In the instant case,

(i) Robert can be appointed as a nominee in the OPC by Kamal as Robert is a natural person and Indian citizen, even if his stay in the preceding F/Y 2022-23 is only for 61 days which is less than 120 days, He is eligible to be appointed as nominee in the OPC.

(ii) Dinkar cannot be appointed as a nominee in the OPC by Kamal as he is not an Indian Citizen even resident in India.

Procedure for changing the nominee: The member of OPC may at any time change the name of nominee by giving notice to the company and the company shall intimate the same to the Registrar.

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Any such change in the name of the person shall not be deemed to be an alteration of the memorandum.

2(47) - "The Memorandum of Association is a charter of a company". Discuss. Also, explain in brief the contents of Memorandum of Association.

5(b)6m, Dec2019, 5(ii)6m, MTP2, June2022, 5(ii)6m, MTP1, Dec2021

Ans - The Memorandum of Association of company is in fact its charter; it defines its constitution and the scope of the powers of the company with which it has been established under the Act. It is the very foundation on which the whole edifice of the company is built.

Object of registering a memorandum of association:

- It contains the object for which the company is formed and therefore identifies the possible scope of its operations beyond which its actions cannot go.
- It enables shareholders, creditors and all those who deal with company to know what its powers are and what activities it can engage in. A memorandum is a public document under Section 399 of the Companies Act, 2013. Consequently, every person entering into a contract with the company is presumed to have the knowledge of the conditions contained therein.
- The shareholders must know the purposes for which his money can be used by the company and what risks he is taking in making the investment.

A company cannot depart from the provisions contained in the memorandum however imperative may be the necessity for the departure. It cannot enter into a contract or engage in any trade or business, which is beyond the power confessed on it by the memorandum. If it does so, it would be ultra vires the company and void.

Contents of the memorandum: The memorandum of a company shall state—

- a) the name of the company (**Name Clause**) with the last word "Limited" in the case of a public limited company, or the last words "Private Limited" in the case of a private limited company. This clause is not applicable on the companies formed under section 8 of the Act.
- b) the State in which the registered office of the company (**Registered Office clause**) is to be situated;
- c) the objects for which the company is proposed to be incorporated and any matter considered necessary in furtherance thereof (**Object clause**);

- d) the liability of members of the company (**Liability clause**), whether limited or unlimited
- e) the amount of authorized capital (**Capital Clause**) divided into share of fixed amounts and the number of shares with the subscribers to the memorandum have agreed to take, indicated opposite their names, which shall not be less than one share. A company not having share capital need not have this clause.
- f) the desire of the subscribers to be formed into a company. The Memorandum shall conclude with the association clause. Every subscriber to the Memorandum shall take at least one share, and shall write against his name, the number of shares taken by him.

3(45) - Mr. R, a manufacturer of toys approached MNO Private Limited for supply of raw material worth ` 1,50,000/-. Mr. R was offered a credit period of one month. Mr. R went to the company prior to the due date and met Mr. C, an employee at the billing counter, who convinced the former that the payment can be made to him as the billing-cashier is on leave.

Mr. R paid the money and was issued a signed and sealed receipt by Mr. C. After the lapse of due date, Mr. R received a recovery notice from the company for the payment of ` 1,50,000/-. Mr. R informed the company that he had already paid the above amount and being an outsider had genuine reasons to trust Mr. C who claimed to be an employee and had issued him a receipt.

The Company filed a suit against Mr. R for non-payment of dues. Discuss the fate of the suit and the liability of Mr. R towards company as on current date in consonance with the provision of the Companies Act, 2013? Would your answer be different if a receipt under the company seal was not issued by Mr. C after receiving payment?

3)b)7m,MDTP4, 3(b)7m,MTP3,June2024, 1(b)4m,Dec2022, 6(c)3m,MTP2,Dec2023

Ans - i) Fate of the suit and the liability of Mr. R towards the company:

Doctrine of the Indoor Management

According to the Doctrine of Indoor Management, the outsiders are not deemed to have notice of the internal affairs of the company. They are entitled to assume that the acts of the directors or other officers of the company are validly performed, if they are within the scope of their apparent authority. So long as an act is valid under the articles, if done in a particular manner, an outsider dealing with the company is entitled to assume that it has been done in the manner required. This is the indoor management rule, that the company's indoor affairs are the company's problem. This rule has been laid down in the landmark case-the Royal British Bank vs. Turquand. (Known as "Turquand Rule")

In the instant case, Mr. R is not liable to pay the amount of ` 1,50,000 to MNO Private Limited as he had genuine reasons to trust Mr. C, an employee of the company who had issued him a signed and sealed receipt.

ii) Liability of Mr. R in case no receipt is issued by Mr. C:

Exceptions to doctrine of indoor management: Suspicion of irregularity is an exception to the doctrine of indoor management. The doctrine of indoor management in no way rewards those who behave negligently. It is the duty of the outsider to make the necessary enquiry, if the transaction is not in the ordinary course of business.

If a receipt under the company seal was not issued by Mr. C after receiving payment, Mr. R is liable to pay the said amount as this will be deemed to be a negligence on the part of Mr. R and it is his duty to make the necessary enquiry to check that whether Mr. C is eligible to take the payment or not.

4(43) - The Articles of Association of XYZ Ltd. provides that Board of Directors has authority to issue bonds provided such issue is authorized by the shareholders by a necessary resolution in the general meeting of the company. The company was in dire need of funds and therefore, it issued the bonds to Mr. X without passing any such resolution in general meeting. Can Mr. X recover the money from the company? Decide referring the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

RTP, June 2018

Ans - According to the Doctrine of Indoor Management, if an act is authorised by the articles or memorandum, an outsider is entitled to assume that all the detailed formalities for doing that act have been observed. As per the case of the Royal British Bank vs. Turquand [1856] 6E & B 327, the directors of R.B.B. Ltd. gave a bond to T. The articles empowered the directors to issue such bonds under the authority of a proper resolution. In fact, no such resolution was passed. Notwithstanding that, it was held that T could sue on the bonds on the ground that he was entitled to assume that the resolution had been duly passed. This is the doctrine of indoor management, popularly known as Turquand Rule.

Since, the given question is based on the above facts, accordingly here in this case Mr. X can recover the money from the company considering that all required formalities for the passing of the resolution have been duly complied.

5(42) - A transport company wanted to obtain licences for its vehicles but could not obtain licences if applied in its own name. It, therefore, formed a subsidiary company and the application for licence was made in the name of the subsidiary company. The vehicles were to be transferred to the subsidiary company. Will the parent and the subsidiary company

be treated as separate commercial units? Explain in the light of the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.

RTP, Dec2022

Ans - If the subsidiary is formed to act as agent of the Principal Company, it may be deemed to have lost its individuality in favour of its principal. The veil of Corporate Personality is lifted and the principal will be held liable for the acts of subsidiary company.

The facts of the case are similar to the case of *Merchandise Transport Limited vs. British Transport Commission* (1982), wherein a transport company wanted to obtain licences for its vehicles but could not do so, if applied in its own name. It, therefore, formed a subsidiary company, and the application for the licence was made in the name of the subsidiary. The vehicles were to be transferred to the subsidiary company. Held, the parent and the subsidiary were held to be one commercial unit and the application for licences was rejected.

Hence, in this case the parent and the subsidiary company shall not be treated as separate commercial units.

6(34) - Corporate veil sometimes fails to protect the members of the company from the liability connected to the company's actions." Explain any three instances.

2)b)i)5m,MDTP10, 2(b)(i)5m,Sept2024

Ans - Corporate Veil: Corporate Veil refers to a legal concept whereby the company is identified separately from the members of the company. Due to this, members of a company are shielded from liability connected to the company's actions.

Lifting of Corporate Veil: The following are the cases where company law disregards the principle of corporate personality or the principle that the company is a legal entity distinct and separate from its shareholders or members:

- 1) **To determine the character of the company** i.e. to find out whether co-enemy or friend: It is true that, unlike a natural person, a company does not have mind or conscience; therefore, it cannot be a friend or foe. It may, however, be characterised as an enemy company, if its affairs are under the control of people of an enemy country. For this purpose, the Court may examine the character of the persons who are really at the helm of affairs of the company.
- 2) **To protect revenue/tax:** In certain matters concerning the law of taxes, duties and stamps particularly where question of the controlling interest is in issue. Where corporate entity is used to evade or circumvent tax, the Court can disregard the corporate identity.

- 3) **To avoid a legal obligation:** Where it was found that the sole purpose for the formation of the company was to use it as a device to reduce the amount to be paid by way of bonus to workmen, the Supreme Court upheld the piercing of the veil to look at the real transaction.
- 4) **Formation of subsidiaries to act as agents:** A company may sometimes be regarded as an agent or trustee of its members, or of another company, and may therefore be deemed to have lost its individuality in favour of its principal. Here the principal will be held liable for the acts of that company.
- 5) **Company formed for fraud/improper conduct or to defeat law:** Where the device of incorporation is adopted for some illegal or improper purpose, e.g., to defeat or circumvent law, to defraud creditors or to avoid legal obligations.

7(27) - MTK Private Limited is a company registered under the Companies Act, 2013 on 5th January 2022. The company did not start its business till 31st July 2024. Identify under which category MTK Private Limited company is classified. Explain the definition of the category of the company in detail.

1(b)ii)3m,MDTP5, 1(b)ii)3m,MTP1,Sept2024, 6(c)3m,MTP1,Dec2023

Ans - "Inactive company" means a company which has not been carrying on any business or operation or has not made any significant accounting transaction during the last two financial years or has not filed financial statements and annual returns during the last two financial years. [Explanation (i) to Section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013]

"Significant accounting transaction" means any transaction other than—

- a) payment of fees by a company to the Registrar;
- b) payments made by it to fulfil the requirements of this Act or any other law;
- c) allotment of shares to fulfil the requirements of this Act; and
- d) payments for maintenance of its office and records.

[Explanation (ii) to Section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013]

In the instant case, MTK Private Limited was registered on 5th January 2022 and did not start its business till 31st July 2024. Since the Company has not started its business and a period of more than two years has already elapsed, it will be treated as an inactive company.

8(25) - Powertech Limited was registered as a public company. There are 230 members in the company as noted below:

a) Directors and their relatives	190
b) Employees	15
c) Ex-Employees (Shares were allotted when they were employees)	10
d) 5 couples holding shares jointly in the name of husband and wife (5*2)	10
e) Others	05

The Board of Directors of Powertech Limited proposes to convert it into a private company. Also advise whether a reduction in the number of members is necessary.

3)b)i4m,MDTP5, 3(b)(i)4m,MTP1,Sept2024, Sim,6(iii)3m,MTP1,June2023,
6)c)3m,MTP2,June2021, 1)ii)4m,MTP1,June2020, RTP,June2019, 6)c)3m,MTP1,June2019

Ans - According to section 2(68) of the Companies Act, 2013, "Private company" means a company having a minimum paid-up share capital as may be prescribed, and which by its articles, except in case of One Person Company, limits the number of its members to two hundred.

However, where two or more persons hold one or more shares in a company jointly, they shall, for the purposes of this clause, be treated as a single member.

It is further provided that -

- A) persons who are in the employment of the company; and
- B) persons who, having been formerly in the employment of the company, were members of the company while in that employment and have continued to be members after the employment ceased,

shall not be included in the number of members.

In the instant case, Powertech Limited may be converted into a private company only if the total members of the company are limited to 200.

Total Number of members

i)	Directors and their relatives	190
ii)	5 Couples (5*1)	5
iii)	Others	5

	Total	200
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Therefore, there is no need for reduction in the number of members since existing number of members are 200 which does not exceed maximum limit of 200.

9(20) - Pacific Motors Limited is a government company. Rama Auto Private Limited is a private company having share capital of ten crores in the form of ten lacs shares of ` 100 each. Pacific Motors Limited is holding five lacs five thousand shares in Rama Auto Private Limited. Rama Auto Private Limited claimed the status of Government Company. Advise as legal advisor, whether Rama Auto Private Limited is government company under the provisions of Companies Act, 2013?

RTP, Sept2025, 1(b)ii)3m, MDTP4, 1(b)(ii)3m, MTP3, June2024, Sim, RTP, Dec2023, Sim, RTP, Dec2021, RTP, Jan2025

Ans - According to Section 2(45) of the Companies Act, 2013, Government Company means any company in which not less than 51% of the paid-up share capital is held by-

- i) the Central Government, or
- ii) by any State Government or Governments, or
- iii) partly by the Central Government and partly by one or more State Governments,

and the section includes a company which is a subsidiary company of such a Government company.

As per Section 2(87) of the Companies Act, 2013, "subsidiary company" in relation to any other company (that is to say the holding company), means a company in which the holding company—

- i) controls the composition of the Board of Directors; or
- ii) exercises or controls more than one-half of the total voting power either at its own or together with one or more of its subsidiary companies.

By virtue of provisions of Section 2(87) of Companies Act, 2013, Rama Auto Private Limited is a subsidiary company of Pacific Motors Limited because Pacific Motors Limited is holding more than one-half of the total voting power in Rama Auto Private Limited.

Further as per Section 2(45), a subsidiary company of Government Company is also termed as Government Company. Hence, Rama Auto Private Limited, being a subsidiary of Pacific Motors Limited will also be considered as Government Company.

10 - Briefly explain the nature of shares under the Companies Act, 2013 with reference to legal position of shareholders, treatment as movable property, and requirement of numbering.

MTP2, Sept25

Ans - Nature of shares: Section 2(84) of the Companies Act, 2013 defines the term 'share' which means a share in the share capital of a company and includes stock. A share thus represents such proportion of the interest of the shareholders as the amount paid up thereon bears to the total capital payable to the company. It is a measure of the interest in the company's assets to which a person holding a share is entitled.

Share is an interest in the company: Farwell Justice, in *Borland Trustees vs. Steel Bors. & Co. Ltd.* observed that "a share is not a sum of money but is an interest measured by a sum of money and made up of various rights contained in the contract, including the right to a sum of money of a more or less amount". The shareholders are not, in the eyes of law, part owners of the undertaking. The undertaking is somewhat different from the totality of the shareholders. The rights and obligations attaching to a share are those prescribed by the memorandum and the articles of a company. It must, however, be remembered that a shareholder has not only contractual rights against the company, but also certain other rights which accrue to him according to the provisions of the Companies Act.

Shares are a movable property: According to section 44 of the Companies Act, 2013, the shares or debentures or other interests of any member in a company shall be movable property transferable in the manner provided by the articles of the company.

Shares shall be numbered: Section 45 provides, every share in a company having a share capital, shall be distinguished by its distinctive number. This implies that every share shall be numbered.

11(06) - Explain the types of laws in the Indian Legal System considering the Indian Regulatory Framework?

RTP, May2025, 4)c)6m, MDTP1, 5, 7, 10, 4(c)6m, Sept2024, 4)c)6m, MTP1, June2024

Ans - The laws in the Indian legal system could be broadly classified as follows:

Criminal Law: Criminal law is concerned with laws pertaining to violations of the rule of law or public wrongs and punishment of the same. Criminal Law is governed under the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Crpc). The Indian Penal Code, 1860, defines the crime, its nature, and punishments whereas the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, defines exhaustive procedure for executing the punishments of the crimes. Murder, rape, theft, fraud, cheating and assault are some examples of criminal offences under the law.

Civil Law: Matters of disputes between individuals or organisations are dealt with under Civil Law. Civil courts enforce the violation of certain rights and obligations through the institution of a civil suit. Civil law primarily focuses on dispute resolution rather than punishment. The act of process and the administration of civil law are governed by the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (CPC). Civil law can be further classified into Law of Contract, Family Law, Property Law, and Law of Tort. Some examples of civil offences are breach of contract, non-delivery of goods, non-payment of dues to lender or seller defamation, breach of contract, and disputes between landlord and tenant.

Common Law: A judicial precedent or a case law is common law. A judgment delivered by the Supreme Court will be binding upon the courts within the territory of India under Article 141 of the Indian Constitution. The doctrine of Stare Decisis is the principle supporting common law. It is a Latin phrase that means "to stand by that which is decided." The doctrine of Stare Decisis reinforces the obligation of courts to follow the same principle or judgement established by previous decisions while ruling a case where the facts are similar or "on all four legs" with the earlier decision.

Principles of Natural Justice: Natural justice, often known as Jus Natural deals with certain fundamental principles of justice going beyond written law. Nemo judex in causa sua (Literally meaning "No one should be made a judge in his own cause, and it's a Rule against Prejudice), audi alteram partem (Literally meaning "hear the other party or give the other party a fair hearing), and reasoned decision are the rules of Natural Justice. A judgement can override or alter a common law, but it cannot override or change the statute.

12(03) - Describe in brief about the following Regulatory bodies of the Government of India: -

- i) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- ii) Reserve Bank of India
- iii) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

4)c)6m,MDTP8,9, 4)c)6m,June2024, 4)c)6m,MTP2,Jan2025

Ans - i) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI):

- It is the regulatory body
- for securities and commodity market in India
- under the ownership of Ministry of Finance within the Government of India.

- It was established on 12 April, 1988 as an executive body and was given statutory powers on 30 January, 1992 through the SEBI Act, 1992.

ii) Reserve Bank of India (RBI):

- It is India's Central Bank and regulatory body responsible for regulation of the Indian banking system.
- It is under the ownership of Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
- It is responsible for the control, issue and maintaining supply of the Indian rupee.
- It also manages the country's main payment systems and works to promote its economic development.
- Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran (BRBNM) is a specialised division of RBI through which it prints and mints Indian currency notes (INR) in two of its currency printing presses located in Nashik (Western India) and Dewas (Central India).
- RBI established the National Payments Corporation of India as one of its specialised division to regulate the payment and settlement systems in India.
- Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation was established by RBI as one of its specialised division for the purpose of providing insurance of deposits and guaranteeing of credit facilities to all Indian banks.

iii) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)-

- It is the regulator for overseeing insolvency proceedings and entities like Insolvency Professional Agencies (IPA), Insolvency Professionals (IP) and Information Utilities (IU) in India.
- It was established on 1 October 2016 and given statutory powers through the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, which was passed by Lok Sabha on 5th May 2016.
- It covers Individuals, Companies, Limited Liability, Partnerships and Partnership firms. The new code will speed up the resolution process for stressed assets in the country.
- It attempts to simplify the process of insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings.
- It handles the cases using two tribunals like NCLT (National Company Law Tribunal) and Debt Recovery Tribunal.

13 - Discuss the provisions of the LLP Act, 2008 relating to partners in a Limited Liability Partnership. In your answer, explain:

- (a) The eligibility and disqualifications of a person to become a partner,**
- (b) The minimum number of partners required and the consequences of reduction below the statutory limit, and**
- (c) The concept of designated partners, including the requirement of having a resident designated partner.**

MTP2, Sept2025

Ans - Partners (Section 5 of the LLP Act, 2008): Any individual or body corporate may be a partner in a LLP. However, an individual shall not be capable of becoming a partner of a LLP, if—

- (a)** he has been found to be of unsound mind by a Court of competent jurisdiction and the finding is in force;
- (b)** he is an undischarged insolvent; or
- (c)** he has applied to be adjudicated as an insolvent and his application is pending.

Minimum number of partners (Section 6)

- (i)** Every LLP shall have at least two partners.
- (ii)** If at any time the number of partners of a LLP is reduced below two and the LLP carries on business for more than six months while the number is so reduced, the person, who is the only partner of the LLP during the time that it so carries on business after those six months and has the knowledge of the fact that it is carrying on business with him alone, shall be liable personally for the obligations of the LLP incurred during that period.

Designated partners (Section 7):

- (i)** Every LLP shall have at least two designated partners who are individuals and at least one of them shall be a resident in India.
- (ii)** If in LLP, all the partners are bodies corporate or in which one or more partners are individuals and bodies corporate, at least two individuals who are partners of such LLP or nominees of such bodies corporate shall act as designated partners.
- (iii)** Resident in India: For the purposes of this section, the term resident in India means a person who has stayed in India for a period of not less than 120 days during the financial year.

14(10) - Explain the advantages of the LLP form of business. How does its legal structure make it a flexible and preferable business model for entrepreneurs? Also, discuss the legal capacities an LLP acquires upon registration. 2)c)6m,MTP2,May2025

Ans - Advantages of LLP form: LLP form is a form of business model which:

- a) is organized and operates on the basis of an agreement
- b) provides flexibility without imposing detailed legal and procedural requirements.
- c) Easy to form
- d) All partners enjoy limited liability
- e) Flexible capital structure
- f) Easy to dissolve

Effect of registration: Refer - Ans - On registration, a LLP shall, by its name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) acquiring, owning, holding and developing or disposing of property, whether movable or immovable, tangible or intangible;
- (c) having a common seal, if it decides to have one; and
- (d) doing and suffering such other acts and things as bodies corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

15(07) - State the rules regarding registered office of a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) and change therein as per provisions of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008?

RTP, Sept2024

Ans - Registered office of LLP and Change therein (Section 13)

- i) Every LLP shall have a registered office to which all communications and notices may be addressed and where they shall be received.
- ii) A document may be served on a LLP or a partner or designated partner thereof by sending it by post under a certificate of posting or by registered post or by any other manner, as may be prescribed, at the registered office and any other address specifically declared by the LLP for the purpose in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

iii) A LLP may change the place of its registered office and file the notice of such change with the Registrar in such form and manner and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed and any such change shall take effect only upon such filing.

iv) If the LLP contravenes any provisions of this section, the LLP and its every partner shall be liable to a penalty of ` 500 for each day during which the default continues, subject to a maximum of ` 50,000 for the LLP and its every partner.

16(08) - Referring to the provisions of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008, answer the following:

(i) Under what circumstances a Limited Liability Partnership is compulsorily required to change its name? Also, explain the compliance requirement following the change of name and the consequences, if any, in case of default therein. (4m)

(ii) What do you mean by a Small Limited Liability Partnership? (2m)

RTP, May2025, 2)c)6m, MDTP7, 10, 2)c)6m, MTP1, Jan2025, 2)c)6m, Sept2024

Ans - (i) Change of name of LLP (Section 17 of Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008):

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in sections 15 and 16, if through inadvertence or otherwise, a LLP, on its first registration or on its registration by a new body corporate, its registered name, is registered by a name which is identical with or too nearly resembles to —

(a) that of any other LLP or a company; or

(b) a registered trade mark of a proprietor under the Trade Marks Act, 1999, as is likely to be mistaken for it,

then on an application of such LLP or proprietor referred to in clauses (a) and (b) respectively or a company,

the Central Government may direct that such LLP to change its name or new name within a period of 3 months from the date of issue of such direction.

(2) Where a LLP changes its name or obtains a new name under sub section (1), it shall within a period of 15 days from the date of such change, give notice of the change to Registrar along with the order of the Central Government, who shall carry out necessary changes in the certificate of incorporation and within 30 days of such change in the certificate of incorporation, such LLP shall change its name in the LLP agreement.

(3) If the LLP is in default in complying with any direction given under sub-section (1), the Central Government shall allot a new name to the LLP in such manner as may be prescribed and

the Registrar shall enter the new name in the register of LLP in place of the old name and issue a fresh certificate of incorporation with new name, which the LLP shall use thereafter.

Nothing contained in this sub-section shall prevent a LLP from subsequently changing its name in accordance with the provisions of section 16.

(ii) Small Limited Liability Partnership [Section 2(1)(ta)]

It means a limited liability partnership—

(i) the contribution of which, does not exceed twenty-five lakh rupees or such higher amount, not exceeding five crore rupees, as may be prescribed; and

(ii) the turnover of which, as per the Statement of Accounts and Solvency for the immediately preceding financial year, does not exceed forty lakh rupees or such higher amount, not exceeding fifty crore rupees, as may be prescribed; or

(iii) which meets such other requirements as may be prescribed, and fulfils such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.

17(24) - "Explain the concept of 'presentment for payment' under Section 64 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. What are the consequences of non presentment?"

4)b)7m,MTP1,May2025

Ans - Presentment for payment [Section 64 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881]

Promissory notes, bill of exchange and cheques must be presented for payment to the maker, acceptor or drawee thereof respectively, by or on behalf of the holder as hereinafter provided.

In default of such presentment, the other parties thereto are not liable thereon to such holder.

Where authorised by agreement or usage, a presentment through the post office by means of a registered letter is sufficient.

Exception: Where a promissory note is payable on demand and is not payable at a specified place, no presentment is necessary in order to charge the maker thereof.

Notwithstanding anything contained in section 6, where an electronic image of a truncated cheque is presented for payment, the drawee bank is entitled to demand any further information regarding the truncated cheque from the bank holding the truncated cheque in case of any reasonable suspicion about the genuineness of the apparent tenor of instrument, and if the suspicion is that of any fraud, forgery, tampering or destruction of the instrument, it is entitled to further demand the presentment of the truncated cheque itself for verification.

Provided that the truncated cheque so demanded by the drawee bank shall be retained by it, if the payment is made accordingly.

18(21) - Anjali purchased various cosmetic products worth ` 15,000 during the last week from Sushil, a shopkeeper, on credit of one month. After a fortnight, she makes out a blank promissory note, signed it and delivered to Sushil who further endorsed it to Manish for the payment of his dues. Manish, who is holder in due course, filled up the due amount of ` 17,000 from Sushil and on maturity presented it to Anjali for payment but she refused to pay because the amount filled up is more than the agreed amount of ` 15,000. It is to be noted that the amount of ` 17,000 is covered by the stamp affixed on it. Referring to the provisions of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 decide, whether Anjali is liable to honour the promissory note to Manish for ` 17,000?

Sim, 6)a)i)4m, MTP2, May2025, 6)a)i)4m, Jan2025

Ans - Section 20 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 reads as "Where one person signs and delivers to another a paper stamped in accordance with the law relating to negotiable instruments then in force in India, and either wholly blank or having written thereon an incomplete negotiable instrument, he thereby gives prima facie authority to the holder thereof to make or complete, as the case may be, upon it a negotiable instrument, for any amount specified therein and not exceeding the amount covered by the stamp.

The person so signing shall be liable upon such instrument, in the capacity in which he signed the same, to any holder in due course for such amount. Provided that no person other than a holder in due course shall recover from the person delivering the instrument anything in excess of the amount intended by him to be paid thereunder".

In the instant case, Anjali is not liable to honour the promissory note to Manish for ` 17000. She is liable only for ` 15000.

Note: ICAI Answer on this question is wrong, Anjali is liable for 17000.

19 - Classify the following instruments as inland or foreign instruments as per the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and justify your classification with proper reasoning.

- i) A promissory note is made in Kolkata and is payable in Mumbai.
- ii) A bill is drawn in Varanasi on a person resident in Jodhpur, but it is made payable in Singapore.
- (iii) A, resident of Agra, draws a bill of exchange in Agra on B, a merchant in New York, and B accepts it as payable in Delhi.

(iv) A promissory note is made in New York by A, a resident of New York, and made payable to B in Delhi, India.

(v) A bill of exchange is drawn in London on a person residing in Dubai, and it is payable in Dubai. **MTP1, Sept25**

Ans - "Inland instrument" and "Foreign instrument" [Sections 11 & 12 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881] "Inland instrument": A promissory note, bill of exchange or cheque drawn or made in India and made payable in or drawn upon any person resident in India shall be deemed to be an inland instrument.

"Foreign instrument": A foreign instrument is one which is not an inland instrument. Thus, Promissory Note, Bills of Exchange or cheque must be drawn or made outside India on a person resident in or outside India which is payable in India or on a person residing outside India which is payable in India or on a person residing in India which is payable outside India is known as Foreign Instrument.

In the instant case,

i) A promissory note made in Kolkata and payable in Mumbai is an Inland instrument

ii) A bill drawn in Varanasi on a person resident in Jodhpur (although it is stated to be payable in Singapore) is an Inland instrument

iii) A, a resident of Agra, drew (i.e., made) a bill of exchange in Agra on B, a merchant in New York. And B accepted the bill of exchange as payable in Delhi. In this case, the bill of exchange was drawn in India and also payable in India. Hence, it is an inland instrument.

iv) A promissory note is made in New York by A, a resident of New York, and made payable to B in Delhi, India. It is a Foreign instrument as it is Drawn outside India, payable in India.

v) A bill of exchange is drawn in London on a person residing in Dubai, and it is payable in Dubai. It is a Foreign instrument as it is Drawn outside India, on a person residing outside India, payable outside India.

20 - What are Inchoate and Ambiguous Instruments under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881?

4)b)7m,MDTP3,8, 4)b)7m,MTP2,Jan2025, 4)b)7m,MTP2,June2024

Ans - Inchoate Instrument: It means an instrument that is incomplete in certain respects. The drawer/ maker/ acceptor/ indorser of a negotiable instrument may sign and deliver the instrument to another person in his capacity leaving the instrument, either wholly blank or having

written on it the word incomplete. Such an instrument is called an inchoate instrument and this gives the power to its holder to make it complete by writing any amount either within limits specified therein or within the limits specified by the stamp's affixed on it. The principle of this rule of an inchoate instrument is based on the principle of estoppel.

Ambiguous Instrument: Section 17 of the Act, reads as: "Where an instrument may be construed either as a promissory note or bill of exchange, the holder may at his election treat it as either, and the instrument shall be thenceforward treated accordingly."

Thus, an instrument which is vague and cannot be clearly identified either as a bill of exchange, or as a promissory note, is an ambiguous instrument. In other words, such an instrument may be construed either as a promissory note, or as a bill of exchange. Section 17 provides that the holder may, at his discretion, treat it as either and the instrument shall thereafter be treated accordingly.

21(07) - 'Nakul' made promissory note in favour of 'Sahdev' of `10,000 and delivered to him. 'Sahdev' indorsed the promissory note in favour of 'Arjun' but delivered to Arjun's agent. Subsequently, Arjun's agent died, and promissory note was found by 'Arjun' in his agent's table drawer. 'Arjun' sued 'Nakul' for the recovery of promissory note. Whether 'Arjun' can recover amount under the provisions of the Negotiable Instrument Act 1881?

6)a)i)4m,MDTP6, 6)a)i)4m,MTP2,Sept2024

Ans - According to Section 48 of the Negotiable Instrument Act 1881, a promissory note, bill of exchange or cheque payable to order, is negotiable by the holder by indorsement and delivery thereof.

Further, delivery of an instrument is essential whether the instrument is payable to bearer or order for effecting the negotiation. The delivery must be voluntary, and the object of delivery should be to pass the property in the instrument to the person to whom it is delivered. The delivery can be, actual or constructive. Actual delivery takes place when the instrument changes hand physically. Constructive delivery takes place when the instrument is delivered to the agent, clerk or servant of the indorsee on his behalf or when the indorser, after indorsement, holds the instrument as an agent of the indorsee.

In the instant case, 'Sahdev' received a promissory note from 'Nakul' and indorsed the promissory note in favour of 'Arjun' and delivered to Arjun's agent. Subsequently, Arjun's agent died, and promissory note was found by 'Arjun' in his agent's table drawer. 'Arjun' sued 'Nakul' for the recovery of promissory note.

An order negotiable instrument can be transferred by endorsement and delivery. As delivery to Arjun's agent is sufficient delivery of promissory note to Arjun. Therefore, 'Arjun' is eligible to claim the payment of promissory note.

22(04) - Utkarsh purchased some goods from Saksham for ` 50,000 on 14th August. Saksham drawn a bill of exchange on Utkarsh and sent to him for acceptance on the same day at 3:00 pm Utkarsh requested Saksham to allow him some time for acceptance. Saksham allowed him 48 hours for acceptance. Utkarsh could not accept till 16th August (3:00 pm). Saksham treated the bill as dishonoured for non-acceptance. Referring the provisions of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, whether bill of exchange was dishonoured due to non-acceptance?

6)a)7m,MDTP2,6, 6)a)ii)3m,MTP2,Sept2024

Ans - According to Section 61 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, a bill of exchange must be presented to the drawee thereof for acceptance by a person entitled to demand acceptance, within a reasonable time after it is drawn, and in business hours on a business day. In default of such presentment, no party thereto is liable thereon to the person making such default. Further, section 63 provides that the holder must, if so required by the drawee of a bill of exchange presented to him for acceptance, allow the drawee 48 hours (exclusive of public holidays) to consider whether he will accept it.

In the instant case, Saksham drawn a bill of exchange on Utkarsh and on request of Utkarsh, he allowed 48 hours to accept the bill. The bill was sent at 3:00 pm on 14th August. Bill was not accepted till 3:00 pm of 16th August. Saksham treated the bill as dishonoured for non-acceptance.

Here, As 15th August is a public holiday, his 48 hours would end on 17th August not on 16th August. Hence, bill could not be treated as dishonoured on 16th August.

23(03) - A promissory note, payable at a certain period after sight, must be presented to the maker thereof for payment. Under which scenarios presentment for payment is not necessary and the instrument is dishonoured at the due date for presentment according to the provisions of the Negotiable Instrument Act. 1881?

RTP,Sept2025, RTP,May2025, 4)b)7m,MDTP7,9, 4)b)7m,MTP1,Jan2025, 4)b)7m,June2024

Ans - As per Section 76 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881:

No presentment for payment is necessary, and the instrument is dishonoured at the due date for presentment, in any of the following cases:

- a) i) If the maker, drawee or acceptor intentionally prevents the presentment of the instrument, or
- ii) if the instrument being payable at his place of business, he closes such place on a business day during the usual business hours, or
- iii) if the instrument being payable at some other specified place, neither he nor any person authorised to pay it attends at such place during the usual business hours, or
- iv) if the instrument not being payable at any specified place, he cannot after due search be found;
- b) as against any party sought to be charged therewith, if he has engaged to pay notwithstanding non-presentment;
- c) as against any party if, after maturity, with knowledge that the instrument has not been presented—
- he makes a part payment on account of the amount due on the instrument,
 - or promises to pay the amount due thereon in whole or in part,
 - or otherwise waives his right to take advantage of any default in presentment for payment;
- d) as against the drawer, if the drawer could not suffer damage from the want of such presentment.

24(01) - Sachin bought 1000 Kg rice from Saurabh for ` 1,50,000 on three months credit. For this purpose, Sachin issued a promissory note to Saurabh on the same date payable after 3 months. On the date of maturity, the promissory note was dishonoured. Saurabh filed suit for the recovery of the amount plus fees of advocate paid by him for defending the suit. Referring to the provisions of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, what amount could be recovered by Saurabh from Sachin?

6)a)7m,MTP1,May2025, RTP,June2024

Ans - According to section 117 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the compensation payable in case of dishonour of promissory note, bill of exchange or cheque, by any party liable to the holder or any endorsee, shall be determined by the following rules:

- a) the holder is entitled to the amount due upon the instrument, together with the expenses properly incurred in presenting, noting and protesting it;

- b) when the person charged resides at a place different from that at which the instrument was payable, the holder is entitled to receive such sum at the current rate of exchange between the two places;
- c) an endorser who, being liable, has paid the amount due on the same is entitled to the amount so paid with interest at 18% per annum from the date of payment until tender or realisation thereof, together with all expenses caused by the dishonour and payment;

On the basis of the above provisions of law and facts of the case, Saurabh has right to claim price of rice plus fees of advocate plus interest @18% p.a. from the date of payment until tender or realisation thereof.

25 - Explain the legal provisions regarding presentment for acceptance of a bill of exchange under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. What are the consequences of failure to present a bill for acceptance? Also, distinguish it from the presentment of a promissory note for sight.

MTP1, Sept25

Ans - Presentment for acceptance [Section 61 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881]: A bill of exchange payable after sight must [if no time or place is specified therein for presentment] be presented to the drawee thereof for acceptance [if he can, after reasonable search, be found] by a person entitled to demand acceptance, within a reasonable time after it is drawn, and in business hours on a business day.

In default of such presentment, no party thereto is liable thereon to the person making such default. If the drawee cannot, after reasonable search, be found, the bill is dishonoured.

If the bill is directed to the drawee at a particular place, it must be presented at that place, and if at the due date for presentment he cannot, after reasonable search, be found there, the bill is dishonoured.

Where authorised by agreement or usage, a presentment through the post office by means of a registered letter is sufficient.

Presentment of promissory note for sight [Section 62]: A promissory note, payable at a certain period after sight, must be presented to the maker thereof for sight (if he can after reasonable search be found) by a person entitled to demand payment, within a reasonable time after it is made and in business hours on a business day.

In default of such presentment, no party thereto is liable thereon to the person making such default.

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26 (U1-13) - P, Q and R are partners in a partnership firm. R retires from the firm without giving public notice. P approached S, an electronic appliances trader, for purchase of 25 fans for his firm. P introduced E, an employee of the firm, as his partner to S. S believing E and R as partners supplied 25 fans to the firm on credit. S did not receive the payment for the fans even after the expiry of the credit period. Advise S, from whom he can recover the payment as per the provisions of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932.

4)b)6m,MTP2,Dec2023, 4)b)6m,June2023

Ans - According to sub-section (3) of Section 32 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, a retiring partner along with the continuing partners continue to be liable to any third party for acts of the firm after his retirement until public notice of his retirement has been given either by himself or by any other partner. But the retired partner will not be liable to any third party if the latter deals with the firm without knowing that the former was a partner.

As per the provisions of Section 28, where a man holds himself out as a partner or allows others to do it, when in fact he is not a partner, he is liable like a partner in the firm to anyone who on the faith of such representation has given credit to the firm.

In the instant case, since Mr. R has not given the public notice of his retirement from the partnership firm and Mr. S believes that Mr. R is a partner, Mr. R will be liable to Mr. S under the provisions of Section 32.

Also Mr. E, who has been introduced as a partner of the firm to which Mr. E has not presumably denied, will also be liable for the payment of 25 fans supplied to the firm on credit along with other partners in terms of the provisions of Section 28 as stated above.

Over and above R and E, P and Q being the partners of the firm along with the firm will also be held liable to S.

Therefore, S can recover the payment from the Firm, P, Q, R and E.

27 - (U1-20) - What is the difference between partnership and co-ownership as per the Indian Partnership Act, 1932?

RTP,May2025, 1)c)i)4m,MDTP5, 1)c)i)4m,MTP1,Sept2024, 6)b)4m,MTP2,Dec2023, 6)b)4m,Dec2022

Ans - Partnership Vs. Co-Ownership or joint ownership i.e. the relation which subsists between persons who own property jointly or in common.

Basis of difference	Partnership	Co-ownership
Formation	Partnership always arises out of a contract, express or implied.	Co-ownership may arise either from agreement or by the operation of law, such as by inheritance.
Implied agency	A partner is the agent of the other partners.	A co-owner is not the agent of other co-owners.
Nature of interest	There is community of interest which means that profits and losses must have to be shared.	Co-ownership does not necessarily involve sharing of profits and losses.
Transfer of interest	A share in the partnership is transferred only by the consent of other partners.	A co-owner may transfer his interest or rights in the property without the consent of other co-owners.

28 (U1-10) - Ms. Lucy while drafting partnership deed taken care of few important points. What are those points? She wants to know the list of information which must be part of partnership deed drafted by her. Also, give list of information to be included in partnership deed?

6)b)4m,MTP1,Dec2022, 3)a)6m,MTP2,Dec2021, RTP,Dec2020, 6)b)4m,MTP2,June2019, RTP,Dec2018, 6)c)4m,MTP2,Dec2018, 6)b)4m,MTP1,June2018

Ans - Ms. Lucy while drafting partnership deed must take care of following important points:

- No particular formalities are required for an agreement of partnership.
- Partnership deed may be in writing or formed verbally. But it is desirable to have the partnership agreement in writing to avoid future disputes. The document in writing containing the various terms and conditions as to the relationship of the partners to each other is called the 'partnership deed'.
- Partnership deed should be drafted with care and be stamped according to the provisions of the Stamp Act, 1899.

• If partnership comprises immovable property, the instrument of partnership must be in writing, stamped and registered under the Registration Act.

List of information included in Partnership Deed while drafting Partnership Deed by Ms. Lucy:

- Name of the partnership firm.
- Names of all the partners.
- Nature and place of the business of the firm.
- Date of commencement of partnership.
- Duration of the partnership firm.
- Capital contribution of each partner.
- Profit Sharing ratio of the partners.
- Admission and Retirement of a partner.
- Rates of interest on Capital, Drawings and loans.
- Provisions for settlement of accounts in the case of dissolution of the firm.
- Provisions for Salaries or commissions, payable to the partners, if any.
- Provisions for expulsion of a partner in case of gross breach of duty or fraud.

29 (U1-07,22) – What do you mean by 'Partnership at will' And Partner by holding out as per the Indian Partnership Act, 1932? Under what circumstances can a person be held liable as a partner by holding out?

MTP1, Sept2025, 3)a)i)2m, Dec2020, RTP, June2020

Ans – Partnership at will under the Partnership Act, 1932

According to Section 7 of the Act, partnership at will is a partnership when:

1. no fixed period has been agreed upon for the duration of the partnership; and
2. there is no provision made as to the determination of the partnership.

Where a partnership entered into for a fixed term is continued after the expiry of such term, it is to be treated as having become a partnership at will.

A partnership at will may be dissolved by any partner by giving notice in writing to all the other partners of his intention to dissolve the same.

Partner by holding out (Section 28 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932): (Ans from MTP1 Solutions)

Partnership by holding out is also known as partnership by estoppel. Where a man holds himself out as a partner, or allows others to do it, he is then stopped from denying the character he has assumed and upon the faith of which creditors may be presumed to have acted.

When a person represents himself, or knowingly permits himself, to be represented as a partner in a firm (when in fact he is not) he is liable, like a partner in the firm to anyone who on the faith of such representation has given credit to the firm.

A person may himself, by his words or conduct have induced others to believe that he is a partner or he may have allowed others to represent him as a partner. The result in both the cases is identical.

It is only the person to whom the representation has been made and who has acted thereon that has right to enforce liability arising out of 'holding out'.

For the purpose of fixing liability on a person who has, by representation, led another to act, it is not necessary to show that he was actuated by a fraudulent intention.

The rule given in Section 28 is also applicable to a former partner who has retired from the firm without giving proper public notice of his retirement. In such cases a person who, even subsequent to the retirement, gives credit to the firm on the belief that he was a partner, will be entitled to hold him liable.

30 (U2-40) - Rahul and Kapil are partners in the firm M/s Saxena Marble House. Rahul purchased 100 shares of a reputed company in his name, but he made the payment from firm's account. Rahul did not consent to Kapil before acquiring of shares. Referring to the provisions of the Indian Partnership Act 1932:

(a) Whether the shares purchased by Rahul constitute the property of firm?

(b) What would be your answer if Rahul debits himself in the accounts books of firm and became a debtor to the firm?

3)a)7m,MTP1,May2025

Ans - According to section 14 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, 'property of the firm' means 'partnership assets', 'joint stock', 'common stock' or 'joint estate' of the firm. The property of the firm includes:

- (i) all property, rights and interests which partners may have brought into the common stock as their contribution to the common business;
- (ii) all the property, rights and interest acquired or purchased by or for the firm, or for the purposes and in the course of the business of the firm; and
- (iii) Goodwill of the business.

Further, if the contrary intension does not appear, the property acquired with the money of the firm is deemed to have been acquired for the firm.

In the instant case, Rahul and Kapil are partners in the firm M/s Saxena Marble House. Without the consent of Kapil, Rahul purchased 100 shares of a reputed company in his name, but he made the payment from firm's account. The answers are:

- (a) As shares were purchased from the money of firm, shares will be deemed to be the property of firm.
- (b) In case Rahul debits himself in the accounts books of firm as became a debtor of the firm, shares will not be deemed the property of the firm. They will be the personal property of Rahul.

31 (U2-37) - Referring to the provisions of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, answer the following:

- (i) "If a partner is otherwise expelled; the expulsion is null and void." Discuss.
- (ii) "The partner who is expelled will cease to be liable to the third party for the act of the firm done after expulsion." Analyse.

1)c)6m,MDTP10, 1)c)6m,MDTP7, 1)c)6m,MTP1,Jan2025, 1(c)6m,Sept2024

Ans - (i) If a partner is otherwise expelled, the expulsion is null and void.

According to Section 33 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932

- (i) the power of expulsion must have existed in a contract between the partners;
- (ii) the power has been exercised by a majority of the partners; and
- (iii) it has been exercised in good faith.

If all these conditions are not present, the expulsion is not deemed to be in bona fide interest of the business of the firm.

The test of good faith as required under Section 33(1) includes three things:

- (i) The expulsion must be in the interest of the partnership.

(ii) The partner to be expelled is served with a notice.

(iii) He is given an opportunity of being heard. Hence, it is correct to say that, if a partner is otherwise expelled, the expulsion is null and void.

(ii) "The partner who is expelled will cease to be liable to the third party for the act of the firm done after expulsion"

According to Section 32(3) of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, notwithstanding the expulsion a partner from a firm, he and the partners continue to be liable as partners to third parties for any act done by any of them which would have been an act of the firm if done before the expulsion, until public notice is given of the expulsion.

However, an expelled partner is not liable to any third party who deals with the firm without knowing that he was a partner.

Hence, the statement given is partially correct.

32 (U2-34) - Sahil, Amit and Kunal were partners in a firm. The firm is a dealer in office furniture. They have regular dealings with M/s AB and Co. for the supply of furniture for their business. On 30th June 2023, one of the partners, Mr. Kunal died in a road accident. The firm ordered M/s AB and Co. to supply the furniture for their business on 25th May 2023, when Kunal was also alive.

Now Sahil and Amit continue the business in the firm's name after Kunal's death. The firm did not give any notice about Kunal's death to the public or the persons dealing with the firm. M/s AB and Co. delivered the furniture to the firm on 25th July 2023. The fact about Kunal's death was known to them at the time of delivery of goods. Afterwards the firm became insolvent and failed to pay the price of furniture to M/s AB and Co. Now M/s AB and Co. has filed a case against the firm for recovery of the price of furniture. With reference to the provisions of Indian Partnership Act, 1932, explain whether Kunal's private estate is also liable for the price of furniture purchased by the firm?

ii) Whether does it make any difference if supplied the furniture to the firm believing that all the three partners are alive?

RTP, Sept2024, RTP, June2022, 4)b)6m, MTP2, June2022, 4)b)6m, MTP1, Dec2021, RTP, June2021

Ans - According to Section 35 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, where under a contract between the partners the firm is not dissolved by the death of a partner, the estate of a deceased partner is not liable for any act of the firm done after his death.

Further, in order that the estate of the deceased partner may be absolved from liability for the future obligations of the firm, it is not necessary to give any notice either to the public or the persons having dealings with the firm.

In the light of the facts of the case and provisions of law, since the delivery of furniture was made after Kunal's death, his estate would not be liable for the debt of the firm. A suit for goods sold and delivered would not lie against the representatives of the deceased partner. This is because there was no debt due in respect of the goods in Kunal's lifetime. He was already dead when the delivery of goods was made to the firm and also it is not necessary to give any notice either to the public or the persons having dealings with the firm on a death of a partner (Section 35). So, the estate of the deceased partner may be absolved from liability for the future obligations of the firm.

ii) It will not make any difference even if supplied furniture to the firm believing that all the three partners are alive, as it is not necessary to give any notice either to the public or the persons having dealings with the firm, so the estate of the deceased partner may be absolved from liability for the future obligations of the firm.

33 - (U2-28) - Moni and Tony were partners in the firm M/s MOTO & Company. They admitted Sony as partner in the firm and he is actively engaged in day to-day activities of the firm. There is a tradition in the firm that all active partners will get a monthly remuneration of ` 20,000 but no express agreement was there. After admission of Sony in the firm, Moni and Tony continued getting salary from the firm but no salary was given to Sony from the firm. Sony claimed his remuneration but denied by existing partners by saying that there was no express agreement for that. Whether under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, Sony can claim remuneration from the firm?

Rtp, June 2024, RTP, June 2022

Ans - By virtue of provisions of Section 13(a) of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 a partner is not entitled to receive remuneration for taking part in the conduct of the business. But this rule can always be varied by an express agreement, or by a course of dealings, in which event the partner will be entitled to remuneration. Thus, a partner can claim remuneration even in the absence of a contract, when such remuneration is payable under the continued usage of the firm. In other words, where it is customary to pay remuneration to a partner for conducting the business of the firm, he can claim it even in the absence of a contract for the payment of the same.

In the given problem, existing partners are getting regularly a monthly remuneration from firm customarily being working partners of the firm. As Sony also admitted as working partner of the firm, he is entitled to get remuneration like other partners.

34 (U2-18) M/s ABC Associates has been a partnership firm since 1990. Mr. A, Mr. B and Mr. C were partners in the firm since beginning. Mr. A, being a very senior partner of aged 78 years transfers his share in the firm to his son Mr. Vikas, a Chartered Accountant. Mr. B and Mr. C were not interested that Mr. Vikas joining them as partner in M/s ABC Associates. After some time, Mr. Vikas felt that the books of accounts were displaying only a small amount as profit despite a huge turnover. He wanted to inspect the book of accounts of the firm arguing that it is his entitlement as a transferee. However, the other partners believed that he cannot challenge the books of accounts. Can Mr. Vikas be introduced as a partner if his father wants to retire? As an advisor, help them resolve the issues applying the necessary provisions from the Indian Partnership Act, 1932.

RTP, Dec2023, RTP, Dec2021

Ans - (i) Introduction of a Partner (Section 31 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932):

Subject to contract between the partners and to the provisions of Section 30, no person shall be introduced as a partner into a firm without the consent of all the existing partners. In the instant case, Mr. Vikas can be introduced as a partner with the consent of Mr. B and Mr. C, the existing partners.

(ii) Rights of Transferee of a Partner's interest (Section 29): A transfer by a partner of his interest in the firm, either absolute or by mortgage, or by the creation by him of a charge on such interest, does not entitle the transferee, during the continuance of the firm, to interfere in the conduct of business, or to require accounts, or to inspect the books of the firm, but entitles the transferee only to receive the share of profits of the transferring partner, and the transferee shall accept the account of profits agreed to by the partners.

Hence, here Mr. Vikas, the transferee in M/S ABC Associates, cannot inspect the books of the firm and the contention of the other partners is right that Mr. Vikas cannot challenge the books of accounts.

35 (MTP2, S25) - On the dissolution of a firm, what are the rights and obligations of partners under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 with respect to:

(i) The right to have the business wound up and surplus distributed,

(ii) The continuing authority of partners for the purpose of winding up and completing unfinished transactions, and

(iii) The application of firm debts and separate debts of partners**(7m)**

Ans - i) Right of partners to have business wound up after dissolution (Section 46 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932): On the dissolution of a firm every partner or his representative is entitled, as against all the other partners or their representative, to have the property of the firm applied in payment of the debts and liabilities of the firm, and to have the surplus distributed among the partners or their representatives according to their rights.

ii) Continuing authority of partners for purposes of winding up (Section 47): After the dissolution of a firm the authority of each partner to bind the firm, and the other mutual rights and obligations of the partners, continue notwithstanding the dissolution, so far as may be necessary to wind up the affairs of the firm and to complete transactions begun but unfinished at the time of the dissolution, but not otherwise:

Provided that the firm is in no case bound by the acts of a partner who has been adjudicated insolvent; but this proviso does not affect the liability of any person who has after the adjudication represented himself or knowingly permitted himself to be represented as a partner of the insolvent.

iii) Payment of firm debts and of separate debts (Section 49): Where there are joint debts due from the firm and also separate debts due from any partner:

(i) the property of the firm shall be applied in the first instance in payment of the debts of the firm, and if there is any surplus, then the share of each partner shall be applied to the payment of his separate debts or paid to him;

(ii) the separate property of any partner shall be applied first in the payment of his separate debts and surplus, if any, in the payment of debts of the firm.

36 (U3-15) Subject to agreement by partners, state the rules that should be observed by the partners in settling the accounts of the firm after dissolution under the provisions of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932. 5)b)i)4m,MDTP5, 5)b)i)MTP1,Sept2024, 6)b)4m,Dec2023, 6)b)4m,MTP2,June2023, 6)b)4m,MTP2,Dec2022, 6)b)4m,MTP1,June2022, 6)b)4m,June2021, 6)b)4m,MTP1,Dec2018

Ans - Mode of Settlement of partnership accounts: As per Section 48 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932, in settling the accounts of a firm after dissolution, the following rules shall, subject to agreement by the partners, be observed:-

(i) Losses, including deficiencies of capital, shall be paid first out of profits, next out of capital, and, lastly, if necessary, by the partners individually in the proportions in which they were entitled to share profits;

(ii) The assets of the firm, including any sums contributed by the partners to make up deficiencies of capital, must be applied in the following manner and order:

- (a) in paying the debts of the firm to third parties;
- (b) in paying to each partner rateably what is due to him from capital;
- (c) in paying to each partner rateably what is due to him on account of capital; and
- (d) the residue, if any, shall be divided among the partners in the proportions in which they were entitled to share profits.

37 (U3-09) - Explain about the registration procedure of a partnership firm as prescribed under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932.

RTP, May 2025, 3) a) 6m, June 2023, RTP, June 2019

Ans - Application for Registration (Section 58 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932): The registration of a firm may be effected at any time by sending by post or delivering to the Registrar of the area in which any place of business of the firm is situated or proposed to be situated, a statement in the prescribed form and accompanied by the prescribed fee, stating-

- a) The firm's name
- b) The place or principal place of business of the firm,
- c) The names of any other places where the firm carries on business,
- d) the date when each partner joined the firm,
- e) the names in full and permanent addresses of the partners, and
- f) the duration of the firm.

The statement shall be signed by all the partners, or by their agents specially authorised in this behalf.

- 1) Each person signing the statement shall also verify it in the manner prescribed.
- 2) A firm name shall not contain any of the following words, namely:-

'Crown', 'Emperor', 'Empress', 'Empire', 'Imperial', 'King', 'Queen', 'Royal', or words expressing or implying the sanction, approval or patronage of Government except when the State Government signifies its consent to the use of such words as part of the firm name by order in writing.

Registration (Section 59): When the Registrar is satisfied that the provisions of section 58 (above mentioned provisions) have been duly complied with, he shall record an entry of the statement in a register called the Register of Firms and shall file the statement.

The Firm when registered shall use the brackets and word (Registered) immediately after its name.

38 (U1-17) - Ram Bilas Yadav is a farmer. Anna Chips Company approached him and entered in a contract to supply 100 quintals of potatoes which to be grown in the fields belonging to Ram Bilas Yadav @ ` 1000/- per quintal. Anna Chips Company made the payment of price but delivery to be made after six months. Before the time of delivery, the whole crop of potatoes was destroyed due to flood. Anna Chips Company demanded the payment of price which is already made by it. Ram Bilas Yadav denied returning the price by saying that contract of sale was already entered and hence crop belongs to Anna Chips Company. Hence loss of crop must be borne by it. Referring to the provisions of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930, whether Anna Chips Company recover amount from Ram Bilas Yadav?

RTP, May 2025, 5)a) 6m, MTP 1, Dec 2023

Ans - As per Section 4(3) of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930, where under a contract of sale, the property in the goods is transferred from the seller to the buyer, the contract is called a sale, but where the transfer of the property in the goods is to take place at a future time or subject to some condition thereafter to be fulfilled, the contract is called an agreement to sell and as per Section 4(4), an agreement to sell becomes a sale when the time elapses or the conditions are fulfilled subject to which the property in the goods is to be transferred.

Further Section 2(6) defines "future goods" means goods to be manufactured or produced or acquired by the seller after making of the contract of sale.

In the instant case, on the basis of above provisions and facts, it can be said that there was an agreement to sell between Ram Bilas Yadav and Anna Chips Company because the goods under agreement was future goods. Even the payment was made by Anna Chips Company, the property in goods can be transferred only after the goods is ascertained. As the goods was not ascertained, property is not passed to buyer. Hence, Ram Bilas Yadav must return the price to Anna Chips Company.

39 (U1-11) Archika went to a jewellery shop and asked the shopkeeper to show the gold bangles with white polish. The shopkeeper informed that he has gold bangles with lots of designs but not in white polish rather if Archika select gold bangles in his shop, he will arrange white polish on those gold bangles without any extra cost. Archika select a set of

designer bangles and pay for that. The shopkeeper requested Archika to come after two days for delivery of those bangles so that white polish can be done on those bangles. When Archika comes after two days to take delivery of bangles, she noticed that due to white polishing, the design of bangles has been disturbed. Now, she wants to avoid the contract and asked the shopkeeper to give her money back but shopkeeper has denied for the same.

(a) State with reasons whether Archika can recover the amount under the Sale of Goods Act, 1930.

(b) What would be your answer if shopkeeper says that he can repair those bangles but he will charge extra cost for same?

Sim, 2)a)7m, MDTP2, 5, Sim, RTP, Jan2025, Sim, 5)a)7m, MTP1, Sept2024, RTP, Dec2023, 5)a)6m, MTP2, Dec2022, 5)a)6m, June2022, RTP, Dec2021

Ans - As per Section 4(3) of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930, where under a contract of sale, the property in the goods is transferred from the seller to the buyer, the contract is called a sale, but where the transfer of the property in the goods is to take place at a future time or subject to some condition thereafter to be fulfilled, the contract is called an agreement to sell and as per Section 4(4), an agreement to sell becomes a sale when the time elapses or the conditions are fulfilled subject to which the property in the goods is to be transferred.

(a) On the basis of above provisions and facts given in the question, it can be said that there is an agreement to sell between Archika and shopkeeper and not a sale. Even the payment was made by Archika, the property in goods can be transferred only after the fulfilment of conditions fixed between buyer and seller. As the white polish was done but original design is disturbed due to polishing, bangles are not in original position. Hence, Archika has right to avoid the agreement to sell and can recover the price paid.

(b) On the other hand, if shopkeeper offers to bring the bangles in original position by repairing, he cannot charge extra cost from Archika. Even he has to bear some expenses for repair; he cannot charge it from Archika.

40 (U1-18) - Samar was in search of a second-hand car. For this purpose, he approached "Car Wala 007", a dealer in pre-owned cars. The sales manager of "Car Wala 007" showed him three cars which were standing in the parking lane just outside the office. Samar finalised red Wagon R car. After completing the documenting formalities and receiving the price of car, sales manager of "Car Wala 007" handed over the key of car to Samar. But when Samar was coming to parking area for picking the car, the electric poll fell on the car which badly damaged the car. Samar claimed that repair expenses of the car should be

borne by "Car Wala 007" as car was not delivered to him. Referring to the provisions of the Sales of Goods Act 1930, state who will be liable to get the car repaired?

5)a)6m,MTP2,Dec2023

Ans - According to the provisions of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930, there are three modes of delivery, (i) Actual delivery, (ii) Constructive delivery and (iii) Symbolic delivery.

Symbolic delivery is a delivery of a thing in token of a transfer of something else, i.e., delivery of goods in the course of transit may be made by handing over documents of title to goods, like bill of lading or railway receipt or delivery orders or the key of a warehouse containing the goods is handed over to buyer.

In the instant case, Samar purchased a pre-owned car from "Car Wala 007" which was standing in the parking lane just outside of office. After completing the documenting formalities, he received the key of car from sales manager of "Car Wala 007". But when he was coming to parking area for picking the car, the car which badly damaged due to fall of the electric poll on the car.

On the basis of above provisions and facts, it is clear that handing over the key of car is the symbolic delivery of car. Hence, Samar being owner of the car must bear the repair expenses of car.

41 - (U2-20) - Mr. X, a retailer is running a shop dealing in toys for children. Once, he purchased from a wholesaler number of toy cars in a sale by sample. A boy came to the retailers shop to buy few toys. The retailer sold one of those toy cars to a boy. When the boy tried to play with it, it broke into pieces because of a manufacturing defect therein and the boy was injured. Mr. X, the retailer was held bound to pay compensation to the boy because the child got injured due to the defective toy in his shop. Due to this incident, the retailer in his turn sued the wholesaler to claim indemnity from him.

With reference to the provisions of Sale of Goods Act, 1930 discuss if the retailer can claim compensation from wholesaler?

5)a)6m,MTP1,Dec2022

Ans - Condition as to merchantability (Section 16(2) of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930):

When goods are sold by description and the seller trades in similar goods, then the goods should be merchantable i.e. the goods should be fit to use or wholesome or for to consume. However, the condition as to merchantability shall consider the following points -

(i) Right to examine the goods by the buyer. The buyer should be given chance to examine the goods.

(ii) The buyer should reject the goods, if there is any defect found in the good. But if the defect could not be revealed even after the reasonable examination and the buyer purchases such goods, then the seller is held liable. Such defects which cannot be revealed by examination are called latent defects. The seller is liable to pay to the buyer for such latent defects in the goods. [Section 17]

In the instant case, the retailer can claim indemnity from the wholesaler because it was found that the retailer had examined the sample before purchasing the goods and a reasonable examination on his part could not reveal this latent defect. Under these circumstances, the wholesaler was bound to indemnify the retailer for the loss suffered by the latter.

42 (U2-14) Mr. P was running a shop selling good quality washing machines. Mr. Q came to his shop and asked for washing machine which is suitable for washing woollen clothes. Mr. P showed him a particular machine which Mr. Q liked and paid for it. Later on, when the machine was delivered at Mr. Q's house, it was found that it was wrong machine and also unfit for washing woollen clothes. He immediately informed Mr. P about the delivery of wrong machine. Mr. P refused to exchange the same, saying that the contract was complete after the delivery of washing machine and payment of price. With reference to the provisions of Sale of Goods Act, 1930, discuss whether Mr. P is right in refusing to exchange the washing machine?

2)a)7m,MDTP5, 2)a)7m,MTP1,Sept2024, 5)a)6m,MTP1,June2023, 5)a)6m,MTP1,Dec2021, ICAI Module

Ans - According to Section 15 of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930, whenever the goods are sold as per sample as well as by description, the implied condition is that the goods must correspond to both sample as well as description. In case the goods do not correspond to sample or description, the buyer has the right to repudiate the contract.

Further under Sale of Goods Act, 1930 when the buyer makes known to the seller the particular purpose for which the goods are required and he relies on his judgment and skill of the seller, it is the duty of the seller to supply such goods which are fit for that purpose.

In the given case, Mr. Q has informed to Mr. P that he wanted the washing machine for washing woollen clothes. However, the machine which was delivered by Mr. P was unfit for the purpose for which Mr. Q wanted the machine.

Based on the above provision and facts of case, we understand that there is breach of implied condition as to sample as well as description, therefore Mr. Q can either repudiate the contract or claim the refund of the price paid by him or he may require Mr. P to replace the washing machine with desired one.

43 (U2-09) - M/s Woodworth & Associates, a firm dealing with the wholesale and retail buying and selling of various kinds of wooden logs, customized as per the requirement of the customers. They dealt with Rose wood, Mango wood, Teak wood, Burma wood etc.

Mr. Das, a customer came to the shop and asked for wooden logs measuring 4 inches broad and 8 feet long as required by the carpenter. Mr. Das specifically mentioned that he required the wood which would be best suited for the purpose of making wooden doors and window frames. The Shop owner agreed and arranged the wooden pieces cut into as per the buyers requirements.

The carpenter visited Mr. Das's house next day, and he found that the seller has supplied Mango Tree wood which would most unsuitable for the purpose. The: carpenter asked Mr. Das to return the wooden logs as it would not meet his requirements.

The Shop owner refused to return the wooden logs on the plea that logs were cut to specific requirements of Mr. Das and hence could not be resold.

(i) Explain the duty of the buyer as well as the seller according to the doctrine of "Caveat Emptor".

(ii) Whether Mr. Das would be able to get the money back or the right kind of wood as required to serve his purpose?

RTP, Sept2024, RTP, June2022, 5)a)6m, MTP1, June2021, 5)a)6m, MTP1, June2020, 5)a)6m, June2019, ICAI Module

Ans - (i) Duty of the buyer according to the doctrine of "Caveat Emptor": In case of sale of goods, the doctrine 'Caveat Emptor' means 'let the buyer beware'. When sellers display their goods in the open market, it is for the buyers to make a proper selection or choice of the goods. If the goods turn out to be defective he cannot hold the seller liable. The seller is in no way responsible for the bad selection of the buyer. The seller is not bound to disclose the defects in the goods which he is selling.

Duty of the seller according to the doctrine of "Caveat Emptor": The following exceptions to the Caveat Emptor are the duties of the seller:

1. Fitness as to quality or use
2. Goods purchased under patent or brand name
3. Goods sold by description
4. Goods of Merchantable Quality

5. Sale by sample
6. Goods by sample as well as description
7. Trade usage
8. Seller actively conceals a defect or is guilty of fraud

(ii) As Mr. Das has specifically mentioned that he required the wood which would be best suited for the purpose of making wooden doors and window frames but the seller supplied Mango tree wood which is most unsuitable for the purpose. Mr. Das is entitled to get the money back or the right kind of wood as required serving his purpose. It is the duty of the seller to supply such goods as are reasonably fit for the purpose mentioned by buyer. [Section 16(1) of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930]

44 (U3-27) - "Explain the rules relating to the delivery of goods under the Sale of Goods Act, 1930" with reference to the following:

(i) Effect of part delivery

(ii) Place of delivery

(iii) Delivery of wrong quantity."

6)c)MTP1, May2025

Ans - i) Effect of part delivery (Section 34 of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930): A delivery of part of goods, in progress of the delivery of the whole has the same effect, for the purpose of passing the property in such goods, as a delivery of the whole; but a delivery of part of the goods, with an intention of severing it from the whole, does not operate as a delivery of the remainder.

ii) Place of delivery [Section 36(1)]: Whether it is for the buyer to take possession of the goods or for the seller to send them to the buyer is a question depending in each case on the contract, express or implied, between the parties. Apart from any such contract,

- ♦ goods sold are to be delivered at the place at which they are at the time of the sale, and
- ♦ goods agreed to be sold are to be delivered at the place at which they are at the time of the agreement to sell or
- ♦ if goods are not then in existence, at the place at which they are manufactured or produced.

iii) Delivery of wrong quantity [Section 37]:

Delivery of wrong quantity [Section 37 of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930]: Where the seller delivers to the buyer a quantity of goods less than he contracted to sell, the buyer may reject

them, but if the buyer accepts the goods so delivered he shall pay for them at the contract rate. [Sub-section (1)]

Where the seller delivers to the buyer a quantity of goods larger than he contracted to sell, the buyer may accept the goods included in the contract and reject the rest, or he may reject the whole. If the buyer accepts the whole of the goods so delivered, he shall pay for them at the contract rate. [Sub-section (2)]

Where the seller delivers to the buyer the goods he contracted to sell mixed with goods of a different description not included in the contract, the buyer may accept the goods which are in accordance with the contract and reject, or may reject the whole. [Sub-section (3)]

The provisions of this section are subject to any usage of trade, special agreement or course of dealing between the parties. [Sub section (4)]

45 (U3-20) J, a wholesaler of premium Basmati rice delivered on approval 100 bags of rice of 10 kg each to a local retailer, on sale or returnable basis within a month of delivery. The next day the retailer sold 5 bags of rice to a regular customer K. A week later K informed the retailer that the quality of rice was not as per the price.

The retailer now wants to return all the rice bags to J, including the 4 bags not used by K. Can the retailer do so?

Also briefly describe the provisions underlying in this context of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930,

6)c)7m,MDTP8,9, 6)c)7m,MTP2,Jan2025, RTP,Jan2025, 6)c)7m,June2024

Ans - According to Section 24 of the Sales of Goods Act, 1930, in case of delivery of goods on approval basis, the property in goods passes from seller to the buyer:-

(i) When the person to whom the goods are given either accepts them or does an act which implies adopting the transaction.

(ii) When the person to whom the goods are given retains the goods without giving his approval or giving notice of rejection beyond the time fixed for the return of goods and in case no time is fixed after the lapse of reasonable time.

In the given case, J (seller) has delivered on approval 100 bags of rice of 10 kg each to local retailer (buyer) on sale or returnable basis within a month of delivery. Out of these 100 bags, the local retailer sold 5 bags to K (customer). It implies that the local retailer has accepted 5 bags out of 100.

A week later, local retailer received the complaint of some defect in the rice bags, so, he wanted to return all the bags to the J (seller).

According to the above provisions, the local retailer is entitled to return only 95 bags to the J (seller) and not those 4 bags which are not used by K. Because, as per clause (i) above, the local retailer has already sold 5 bags, signifying that he has done an act which implies adopting the transaction relating to those 5 bags.

46 (U3-18) X, a furniture dealer, delivered furniture to Y under an agreement of sale, whereby Y had to pay the price of the furniture in three instalments. As per the terms of the agreement, the furniture will become the property of Y on payment of the last instalment. Before Y had paid the last instalment, he sold the furniture to Z, who purchased it in good faith. X brought a suit against Z for the recovery of the furniture on the ground that Z had no title to it. Decide the case on the basis of the provisions as per the Sale of Goods Act, 1930.

5)a)i)4m, Dec2023

Ans - As per section 30(2) of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930, where a buyer with the consent of the seller obtains possession of the goods before the property in them has passed to him, he may sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of the goods to a third person, and if such person obtains delivery of the goods in good faith and without notice of the lien or other right of the original seller in respect of the goods, he would get a good title to them.

In the instant case, furniture was delivered to Y under an agreement that price was to be paid in three instalments; the furniture to become property of Y on payment of third instalment. Y sold the furniture to Z before the third instalment was paid. Here, Z acquired a good title to the furniture, since he purchased the furniture in good faith.

Hence, X will not succeed in his suit for the recovery of the furniture as Z acquired a good title of the furniture.

47 (U3-05) - J the owner of a Fiat car wants to sell his car. For this purpose he hand over the car to P, a mercantile agent for sale at a price not less than ` 50, 000. The agent sells the car for ` 40, 000 to A, who buys the car in good faith and without notice of any fraud. P misappropriated the money also. J sues A to recover the Car. Decide given reasons whether J would succeed.

RTP, Dec2020, RTP, Dec2019, RTP, June2018,

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Ans - The problem in this case is based on the provisions of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930 contained in the proviso to Section 27. The proviso provides that a mercantile agent is one who in the customary course of his business, has, as such agent, authority either to sell goods, or to consign goods, for the purpose of sale, or to buy goods, or to raise money on the security of

goods [Section 2(9)]. The buyer of goods from a mercantile agent, who has no authority from the principal to sell, gets a good title to the goods if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (1) The agent should be in possession of the goods or documents of title to the goods with the consent of the owner.
- (2) The agent should sell the goods while acting in the ordinary course of business of a mercantile agent.
- (3) The buyer should act in good faith.
- (4) The buyer should not have at the time of the contract of sale notice that the agent has no authority to sell.

In the instant case, P, the agent, was in the possession of the car with J's consent for the purpose of sale. A, the buyer, therefore obtained a good title to the car. Hence, J in this case, cannot recover the car from A.

48 (U4-19) PTC Hotels in Bombay decided to sell their furniture by auction sale. For this purpose, they appointed RN & Associates as auctioneer. They invited top ten renowned Architects in Bombay for bidding. A right to bid was not notified by them. Furniture was put up in lots for sale. It was decided that for every lot of furniture there will be a reserve price. On 25th Feb 2024, Auction sale was started at 10.am in the lawn of PTC Hotels Bombay. For a special lot of furniture three parties came for bidding Mr. Neel, Mr. Raj and Mr. Dev on behalf of their respective companies. Bidding was as follows:

Mr. Neel	` 5.70 lakh
Mr. Raj	` 4.85 lakh
Mr. Dev	` 6.10 lakh

The sale was completed in favour of Mr. Neel by RN & Associates by fall of hammer. Mr. Dev's Bid was rejected on ground that Right to bid was reserved and company of Mr. Dev was not invited to bid.

For another bid of Italian Furniture was made by two parties as follows:

Mr. Dheer	` 15 lakh
Mr. Madhu (on behalf of R N & Associates)	` 15.20 lakh

Sale was completed in favour of Mr. Dheer instead of Mr. Madhu.

Mr. Dev and Mr. Madhu argued that auction sale was not lawful. Give your opinion with reference to provisions of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930 whether Auction Sale will be considered lawful or not?

5)a)7m,MDTP9, 5)a)7m,June2024

Ans - An 'Auction Sale' is a mode of selling property by inviting bids publicly and the property is sold to the highest bidder. Section 64 of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930 regulates the legal requirements for the sale by auction.

In terms of the provisions of the above Section, following are some of the requirements, which inter alia are required to be complied with for conduct of a valid auction sale-

(i) Where the goods are sold in lots: Where the goods are put up for sale in lots, each lot is prima facie deemed to be subject of a separate contract of sale.

(ii) Right to bid may be reserved: Right to bid may be reserved expressly by or on behalf of the seller and where such a right is expressly reserved, but not otherwise, the seller or any one person on his behalf may bid at the auction.

(iii) Where the sale is not notified by the seller: Where the sale is not notified to be subject to a right to bid on behalf of the seller, it shall not be lawful for the seller to bid himself or to employ any person to bid at such sale, or for the auctioneer knowingly to take any bid from the seller or any such person; and any sale contravening this rule may be treated as fraudulent by the buyer.

(iv) Reserved price: The sale may be notified to be subject to a reserve or upset price;

In the first Auction sale, the rejection of Mr. Dev's bidding was not justified since the information as to the right to bid was not expressly given. Therefore, this auction sale was unlawful.

In auction sale of lot 2, since right to bid was not notified, it shall not be lawful for the seller to bid himself or to employ any person to bid at such sale. Therefore, auction made in favour of Mr. Dheer will be considered lawful.

49 (U-18) - Mr. Shankar sold 1000 Kgs wheat to Mr. Ganesh on credit of 3 months. Wheat was to be delivered after 10 days of contract. After 5 days of contract, a friend of Mr. Shankar secretly informed him that Mr. Ganesh may default in payment. On the information of friend, Mr. Shankar applied the right to lien and withheld the delivery. With referring to the provisions of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930:

(i) State, whether Mr. Shankar was right in his decision?

(ii) What would be your answer if Mr. Ganesh became insolvent within five days of the contract?
5)a)7m,MTP1,May2025, RTP,June2024

Ans - According to Section 45(1) of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930 the seller of goods is deemed to be an 'Unpaid Seller' when-

(a) The whole of the price has not been paid or tendered.

(b) A bill of exchange or other negotiable instrument was given as payment, but the same has been dishonoured, unless this payment was an absolute, and not a conditional payment.

Further, Section 47 provides about an unpaid seller's right of lien. Accordingly, an unpaid seller can retain the possession of the goods and refusal to deliver them to the buyer until the price due in respect of them is paid or tendered. This right can be exercised by him in the following cases only:

(a) where goods have been sold without any stipulation of credit; (i.e., on cash sale)

(b) where goods have been sold on credit, but the term of credit has expired; or

(c) where the buyer becomes insolvent.

In the instant case, Mr. Ganesh purchased 1000 Kg wheat from Mr. Shankar on 3 month's credit which was to be delivered after 10 days of contract. But, after 5 days of contract, one friend of Mr. Shankar secretly informed him that Mr. Ganesh may default in payment. On the belief of friend, Mr. Shankar applied the right to lien and withheld the delivery.

(i) On the basis of above provisions and facts, it can be said that even Mr. Ganesh was an unpaid seller until the term of credit i.e. has expired, Mr. Shankar had to perform his promise of supplying 1000 Kg of wheat.

(ii) In case Mr. Ganesh became insolvent before the delivery of wheat, Mr. Shankar had the right to apply the lien and he could withhold the delivery.

50 (U-13) - What are the rights of unpaid seller in context to re-sale the goods under Sale of Goods Act, 1930?

6)c)7m,MTP2,May2025, 4)a)6m,MTP1,Dec2023, 4)a)6m,Dec2022

Ans - **Right of re-sale [Section 54 of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930]:** The unpaid seller can exercise the right to re-sell the goods under the following conditions:

(i) **Where the goods are of a perishable nature:** In such a case, the buyer need not be informed of the intention of resale.

(ii) Where he gives notice to the buyer of his intention to re-sell the goods: If after the receipt of such notice the buyer fails within a reasonable time to pay or tender the price, the seller may resell the goods.

It may be noted that in such cases, on the resale of the goods, the seller is also entitled to:

(a) Recover the difference between the contract price and resale price, from the original buyer, as damages.

(b) Retain the profit if the resale price is higher than the contract price.

It may also be noted that the seller can recover damages and retain the profits only when the goods are resold after giving the notice of resale to the buyer. Thus, if the goods are resold by the seller without giving any notice to the buyer, the seller cannot recover the loss suffered on resale. Moreover, if there is any profit on resale, he must return it to the original buyer, i.e. he cannot keep such surplus with him [Section 54(2)].

(iii) Where an unpaid seller who has exercised his right of lien or stoppage in transit resells the goods: The subsequent buyer acquires the good title thereof as against the original buyer, despite the fact that the notice of re-sale has not been given by the seller to the original buyer.

(iv) A re-sale by the seller where a right of re-sale is expressly reserved in a contract of sale: Sometimes, it is expressly agreed between the seller and the buyer that in case the buyer makes default in payment of the price, the seller will resell the goods to some other person. In such cases, the seller is said to have reserved his right of resale, and he may resell the goods on buyer's default.

It may be noted that in such cases, the seller is not required to give notice of resale. He is entitled to recover damages from the original buyer even if no notice of resale is given.

(v) Where the property in goods has not passed to the buyer: The unpaid seller has in addition to his remedies a right of withholding delivery of the goods. This right is similar to lien and is called "quasi-lien".

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51 (U3-35) - State with reason(s) whether the following agreements are valid or void as per the Indian Contract Act, 1872:

i) Where two courts have jurisdiction to try a suit, an agreement between the parties that the suit should be filed in one of those courts alone and not in the other.

ii) X offers to sell his Maruti car to Y. Y believes that X has only Wagon R Car but agrees to buy it.

iii) X, a physician and surgeon, employs Y as an assistant on a salary of ₹ 75,000 per month for a term of two years and Y agrees not to practice as a surgeon and physician during these two years.

RTP, Dec2023

iv) A clause in a contract provided that no action should be brought upon in case of breach.

RTP, Jan2025, 1)a)4m, June2021

Ans - i) The given agreement is valid.

Reason: An agreement in restraint of legal proceeding is the one by which any party thereto is restricted absolutely from enforcing his rights under a contract through a Court (Section 28 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872). A contract of this nature is void. However, in the given statement, no absolute restriction is marked on parties on filing of suit. As per the agreement, suit may be filed in one of the courts having jurisdiction.

ii) The said agreement is void.

Reason: This agreement is void as the two parties are thinking about different subject matters so that there is no real consent, and the agreement may be treated as void because of mistake of fact as well as absence of consensus.

iii) The said agreement is valid.

Reason: An agreement by which any person is restrained from exercising a lawful profession, trade or business of any kind, is to that extent void (Section 27). But, as an exception, agreement of service by which an employee binds himself, during the term of his agreement, not to compete with his employer is not in restraint of trade.

iv) The given agreement is void.

Reason: As per Section 28 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, this clause is in restraint of legal proceedings because it restricts both the parties from enforcing their legal rights.

Note: Alternatively, as per Section 23 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, this clause in the agreement defeats the provision of law and therefore, being unlawful, is treated as void.

52 (U3- 34) Mr. Gaurav and Mr. Vikas entered into a contract on 1st July, 2022, according to which Mr. Gaurav had to supply 100 tons of sugar to Mr. Vikas at a certain price strictly within a period of 10 days of the contract. Mr. Vikas also paid an amount of ₹ 70,000 towards advance as per the terms of the above contract. The mode of transportation available between their places is roadway only. Severe flood came on 2nd July, 2022 and the only road connecting their places was damaged and could not be repaired within fifteen days. Mr. Gaurav offered to supply sugar on 20th July, 2022 for which Mr. Vikas did not agree. On 1st August, 2022, Mr. Gaurav claimed compensation of ₹ 20,000 from Mr. Vikas for refusing to accept the supply of sugar, which was not there within the purview of the contract. On the other hand, Mr. Vikas claimed for refund of ₹ 70,000, which he had paid as advance in terms of the contract. Analyse the above situation in terms of the provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872 and decide on Mr. Vikas contention.

3)b)6m, MTP1, June 2023

Ans - Subsequent or Supervening impossibility (Becomes impossible after entering into contract): When performance of promise become impossible or illegal by occurrence of an unexpected event or a change of circumstances beyond the contemplation of parties, the contract becomes void e.g. change in law etc.

Also, according to section 65 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, when an agreement is discovered to be void or when a contract becomes void, any person who has received any advantage under such agreement or contract is bound to restore it, or to make compensation for it to the person from whom he received it.

In the given question, after Mr. Gaurav and Mr. Vikas have entered into the contract to supply 100 tons of sugar, the event of flood occurred which made it impossible to deliver the sugar within the stipulated time. Thus, the promise in question became void. Further, Mr. Gaurav has to pay back the amount of ₹ 70,000 that he received from Mr. Vikas as an advance for the supply of sugar within the stipulated time. Hence, the contention of Mr. Vikas is correct.

53 (U3-32) Differentiate between Novation and Alteration as per the Indian Contract Act, 1872.

5)c)3m, MDTP2, 6)a)5m, Dec2022

Ans - Novation and Alteration: The law pertaining to novation and alteration is contained in Sections 62 to 67 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872. In both these cases, the original contract need not be performed. Still there is a difference between these two.

1. **Meaning:** Novation means substitution of an existing contract with a new one. But in case of alteration the terms of the contract may be altered by mutual agreement by the contracting parties.
2. **Change in terms and conditions and parties:** Novation may be made by changing in the terms of the contract or there may be a change in the contracting parties. But in case of alteration the terms of the contract may be altered by mutual agreement by the contracting parties but the parties to the contract will remain the same.
3. **Substitution of new contract:** In case of novation, there is altogether a substitution of new contract in place of the old contract. But in case of alteration, it is not essential to substitute a new contract in place of the old contract. In alteration, there may be a change in some of the terms and conditions of the original agreement.

54 (U3-15) - Define Misrepresentation and Fraud. Explain the difference between Fraud and Misrepresentation as per the Indian Contract Act, 1872.

3)c)6m, MDTP3, 3)c)6m, MTP2, June2024, 2)a)7m, Dec2020

Ans - Definition of Fraud :

Definition of Fraud under Section 17: 'Fraud' means and includes any of the following acts committed by a party to a contract, or with his connivance, or by his agent, with an intent to deceive another party thereto or his agent, or to induce him to enter into the contract:

- (1) the suggestion, as a fact, of that which is not true, by one who does not believe it to be true;
- (2) the active concealment of a fact by one having knowledge or belief of the fact;
- (3) a promise made without any intention of performing it;
- (4) any other act fitted to deceive;
- (5) any such act or omission as the law specially declares to be fraudulent.

Definition of misrepresentation:

Misrepresentation: According to Section 18 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, misrepresentation is:

1. When a person positively asserts that a fact is true when his information does not warrant it to be so, though he believes it to be true.
2. When there is any breach of duty by a person, which brings an advantage to the person committing it by misleading another to his prejudice.
3. When a party causes, however, innocently, the other party to the agreement to make a mistake as to the substance of the thing which is the subject of the agreement.

Distinction between fraud and misrepresentation:

Basis	Fraud	Misrepresentation
Intention	To deceive the other party by hiding the truth.	There is no such intention to deceive the other party.
Knowledge of Truth	The person making the suggestion believes that the statement as untrue.	The person making the statement believes it to be true, although it is not true.
Rescission of the contract and claim for damages	The injured party can repudiate the contract and claim damages.	The injured party is entitled to repudiate the contract or sue for restitution but cannot claim the damages.
Means to discover the truth	The party using the fraudulent act cannot secure or protect himself by saying that the injured party had means to discover the truth.	Party can always plead that the injured party had the means to discover the truth.

55 (MTP2, S25) - Tanishka purchased two flats in Ansal VVIP Homes at Greater Noida, one at Block A and another at Block D. She also entered in contract with Sakshi to let out the flat at Block D. At the time of entering into contract, both Tanishka and Sakshi were unaware that Block D is completely destroyed due to earthquake. Afterwards knowing the facts Sakshi requested to transfer the contract in favour of flat at Block A. In the light of provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, whether Tanishka is liable to handover the possession of flat at Block A in place of Block D?

Ans - Section 20 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872 provides, where both the parties to an agreement are under a mistake as to a matter of fact essential to the agreement, there is a

bilateral mistake. In such a case, the agreement is void. Bilateral mistakes may be as to the quality, existence, identity, title, price or quantity of the subject matter.

In the instant case, Tanishka purchased two flats in Ansal VVIP Homes at Greater Noida in Block A and Block D. She also entered in contract with Sakshi to let out the flat at Block D. But at that time the Block D was completely damaged by earthquake unknown to both Tanishka and Sakshi. Sakshi demanded the possession of flat at Block A.

Here, the matter discussed in above problem is concerned with bilateral mistake. As in case of bilateral mistake, contract is void, both Tanishka and Sakshi are not bound with this contract. Hence Sakshi cannot demand the possession of flat at Block A from Tanishka.

56 (U5-17) Seema was running a boutique in New Delhi. She has to deliver some cloth to her friend Kiran who was putting up an exhibition in Mumbai. Seema delivered the sewing machine and some cloth to a railway company to be delivered at a place where the exhibition was to be held. Seema expected to earn an exceptional profit from the sales made at this exhibition however she did not bring this fact to the notice of the railway's authorities. The goods were delivered to the place after the conclusion of the exhibition. On account of such breach of contract by railways authorities, can Seema recover the loss of profits under the Indian Contract Act, 1872?

RTP, Sept 2024, 3)c)6m, MTP1, Dec 2022, RTP, June 2022

Ans - As per Section 73 to 75 of Indian Contract Act, 1872, damage means a sum of money claimed or awarded in compensation for a loss or an injury. Whenever a party commits a breach, the aggrieved party can claim the compensation for the loss so suffered by him. General damages are those which arise naturally in the usual course of things from the breach itself. (Hadley Vs Baxendale).

Therefore, when a breach is committed by a party, the defendant shall be held liable for all such losses that naturally arise in the usual course of business. Such damages are called ordinary damages. However, special damages are those which arise in unusual circumstances affecting the aggrieved party and such damages are recoverable only when the special circumstances were brought to the knowledge of the defendant. If no special notice is given, then the aggrieved party can only claim the ordinary damages.

In the given case, Seema was to earn an exceptional profit out of the sales made at the exhibition, however she never informed about it to the railway authorities. Since the goods were delivered after the conclusion of the exhibition, therefore Seema can recover only the losses arising in the ordinary course of business. Since no notice about special circumstances was given to railways authorities, she could not recover the loss of profits.

57 (U5-13) - Rahul was a Disk Jockey at a five-star hotel. As per the contract, he is supposed to perform every weekend. (i.e. twice a week). Rahul will be paid ` 2,500 per day. However, after a month, Rahul willfully absents himself from the performance. Taking into account the provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, answer the following:

(i) Does the hotel have the right to end the contract?

(ii). If the hotel sends out a mail to Rahul that they are interested to continue the contract and Rahul accepts, can the hotel rescind the contract after a month on this ground subsequently?

(iii) In which of the case - (termination of contract or continuance of contract) can the hotel claim damages that it had suffered as a result of this breach? **RTP, June 2024**

Ans - By analysing Section 39 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, it is understood that when a party to a contract has refused to perform or disabled himself from performing his promise entirely, the following two rights accrue to the aggrieved party (promisee):

(a) To terminate the contract

(b) To indicate by words or by conduct that he is interested in its continuance.

In either of the two cases, the promisee would be able to claim damages that he suffers.

In the given case, (i) Yes, the hotel has the right to end the contract with Rahul, the DJ.

(ii) The hotel has the right to continue the contract with Rahul. But once this right is exercised, it cannot subsequently rescind the contract on this ground subsequently.

(iii) In both the cases, the hotel (promisee) is entitled to claim damages that has been suffered as a result of breach.

58 (U5-10) M Ltd. contract with Shanti Traders to make and deliver certain machinery to them by 30th June 2023 for ` 11.50 lakhs. Due to labour strike, M Ltd. could not manufacture and deliver the machinery to Shanti Traders. Later, Shanti Traders procured the machinery from another manufacturer for ` 12.75 lakhs. Due to this, Shanti Traders was also prevented from performing a contract which it had made with Zenith Traders at the time of their contract with M Ltd. and were compelled to pay compensation for breach of contract. Advise Shanti Traders the amount of compensation which it can claim from M Ltd., referring to the legal provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872.

4)a)7m,MDTP3, 4)a)7m,MTP2,June2024, 3)c)6m,MTP1,Dec2019, 3)c)6m,June2018, RTP,June2018

Ans - Section 73 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872 provides for consequences of breach of contract. According to it, when a contract has been broken, the party who suffers by such breach is entitled to receive from the party who has broken the contract, compensation for any loss or damage caused to him there by which naturally arose in the usual course of things from such breach or which the parties knew when they made the contract, to be likely to result from the breach of it. Such compensation is not given for any remote and indirect loss or damage sustained by reason of the breach. It is further provided in the explanation to the section that in estimating the loss or damage from a breach of contract, the means which existed of remedying the inconvenience caused by the non - performance of the contract must be taken into account.

Applying the above principle of law to the given case, M Ltd. is obliged to compensate for the loss of ` 1.25 lakh (i.e. ` 12.75 minus ` 11.50 = ` 1.25 lakh) which had naturally arisen due to default in performing the contract by the specified date.

Regarding the amount of compensation which Shanti Traders were compelled to make to Zenith Traders, it depends upon the fact whether M Ltd., knew about the contract of Shanti Traders for supply of the contracted machinery to Zenith Traders on the specified date. If so, M Ltd is also obliged to reimburse the compensation which Shanti Traders had to pay to Zenith Traders for breach of contract. Otherwise, M Ltd is not liable.

59 (U5-08) - On 1st March 2023, T Readymade Dress Garments, Shimla enters into a contract with J Readymade Garments, Jaipur for the supply of different sizes of shirts 'S' (Small), 'M' (Medium), and 'L' (Large). As per the terms of the contract, 300 pieces of each category i.e. 'S' @ ` 900; 'M' @ 1,000 and 'L' @ 1,100 per piece have to be supplied on or before 31st May, 2023.

However, on 1st May, 2023, T Readymade Dress Garments, Shimla informed J Readymade Garments, Jaipur that the firm is not willing to supply the shirts at the above rate due to the rise of prices in the raw material cost. In the meantime, prices for similar shirts have gone up in the market to the tune of ` 1,000; ` 1,100; and ` 1,200 for 'S', 'M' and 'L' sizes respectively.

Examine the rights of J Readymade Garments, Jaipur in this regard as per the provisions of the Indian Contract Act, of 1872.

3)b)ii)3m, Dec2023

Ans - As per the provisions of Section 39 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, when a party to a contract has refused to perform, or disabled himself from performing, his promise in its entirety, the promisee may put an end to the contract, unless he has signified, by words or conduct, his acquiescence in its continuance.

J Readymade Garments in the given situation has two options, out of which he has to select any one:

- i) Either to treat the contract as rescinded and sue T Readymade Dress Garments for damages from breach of contract immediately without waiting until the due date of performance or
- ii) He may elect not to rescind but to treat the contract as still operative and wait for the time of performance and then hold the other party responsible for the consequences of non-performance.

Important Note: The answer can also be given as per Section 73 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872 which lays down that when a contract has been broken, the party who suffers by such breach is entitled to receive from the party who has broken the contract, compensation for any loss or damage caused to him thereby which naturally arose in the usual course of things from such breach or which the parties knew when they made the contract to be likely to result from the breach of it.

In the instant case, J Readymade Garments, Jaipur would be entitled to get the damages i.e. difference between the contract price and the market price on the day of default from T Readymade Dress Garments, Shimla. In other words, the amount of damages would be ` 90,000 [300 piece @ ` 100 (Small), 300 piece @ ` 100 (Medium) and 300 piece @ ` 100 (Large)].

60 (U5-06) "Liquidated damage is a genuine pre-estimate of compensation of damages for certain anticipated breach of contract whereas Penalty on the other hand is an extravagant amount stipulated and is clearly unconscionable and has no comparison to the loss suffered by the parties". Explain the statement by differentiating between liquidated damages and penalty with reference to provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872.

6)a)5m, MTP2, Dec2023, 6)a)5m, June2022, RTP, June2021, ICAI Module

Ans - Liquidated damages is a genuine pre-estimate of compensation of damage for certain anticipated breach of contract. This estimate is agreed to between parties to avoid at a later date detailed calculation and the necessity to convince outside parties.

Penalty on the other hand is an extravagant amount stipulated and is clearly unconscionable and has no comparison to the loss suffered by the parties.

Distinction between liquidated damages and penalty

Penalty and liquidated damages have one thing in common that both are payable on the occurrence of a breach of contract. It is very difficult to draw a clear line of distinction between the two but certain principles as laid down below may be helpful.

1. If the sum payable is so large as to be far in excess of the probable damage on breach, it is certainly a penalty.
2. Where a sum is expressed to be payable on a certain date and a further sum in the event of default being made, the latter sum is a penalty because mere delay in payment is unlikely to cause damage.
3. The expression used by the parties is not final. The court must find out whether the sum fixed in the contract is in truth a penalty or liquidated damages. If the sum fixed is extravagant or exorbitant, the court will regard it as a penalty even if, it is termed as liquidated damages in the contract.
4. The essence of a penalty is payment of money stipulated as a *terrorem* of the offending party. The essence of liquidated damages is a genuine pre-estimate of the damage.
5. English law makes a distinction between liquidated damages and penalty, but no such distinction is followed in India. The courts in India must ascertain the actual loss and award the same which amount must not, however exceed the sum so fixed in the contract. The courts have not to bother about the distinction but to award reasonable compensation not exceeding the sum so fixed.

61 (U4-21) Woollen Garments Limited entered into a contract with a group of women in July, 2023 to supply various woollen clothes for men, women and kids like sweaters, monkey caps, mufflers, woollen coats, hand gloves etc. before the commencement of the winter season. The agreement expressly provides that the woollen clothes shall be supplied by the end of October, 2023 before starting of winter season. However, due to the prolonged strike, women group could tender the supplies in March, 2024 when the winter season was almost over. Analysing the situation and answer the following questions in light of the provisions of The Indian Contract Act, 1872:

(A) Whether company can reject the total supply by women group?

(B) Whether company can accept the total supply on request of women group?

4)a)ii)3m,MDTP10, 4)a)ii)3m,Sept2024

Ans - According to section 55 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, when a party to a contract promises to do certain thing at or before the specified time, and fails to do any such thing at or before the specified time, the contract, or so much of it as has not been performed, becomes voidable at the option of the promisee, if the intention of the parties was that time should be of essence of the contract.

Effect of acceptance of performance at time other than agreed upon -

If, in case of a contract voidable on account of the promisor's failure to perform his promise at the time agreed, the promisee accepts performance of such promise at any time other than agreed, the promisee cannot claim compensation for any loss occasioned by the non-performance of the promise at the time agreed, unless, at the time of acceptance, he gives notice to the promisor of his intention to do so.

In the instant case,

(A) Woollen Garments Limited is legally entitled to reject the goods due to the failure to meet the delivery deadline, as time was a crucial term of the contract.

(B) The company cannot accept the total supply on the request of woman group but only when the company i.e. buyer elects to do so. In that case, the company cannot claim compensation for any loss occasioned by the non-performance of the promise (i.e. delay in supply) at the time agreed.

62 (U4-18) T owes G, the following debts as per the table given below:

Amount of the Debt (in `)	Position of Debt
5,000	Time barred on 01st July, 2023 as per the provisions of the Limitation Act, 1963
3,000	Time barred on 01st July, 2023 as per the provisions of the Limitation Act, 1963
12,500	Due on 1st April, 2022
10,000	Due on 15th July, 2023
7,500	Due on 25th November, 2023

G makes payment on 1st April, 2023 mentioned as below without any notice regarding how to appropriate the amount/ payment.

i) A cheque of ` 12,500

ii) A cheque of ` 4,000.

In such a situation how the appropriation of the payment is done against the debts as per the provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872 by assuming that T also has not appropriated the amount received towards any particular debt.

1)a)4m, Dec2023

Ans - As per the provisions of Section 59 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, where a debtor, owing several distinct debts to one person, makes a payment to him, either with express

intimation, or under circumstances implying that the payment is to be applied to the discharge of some particular debt, the payment, if accepted, must be applied accordingly.

As per the provisions of Section 61 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, where neither party makes any appropriation, the payment shall be applied in discharge of the debts in order of time, whether they are or are not barred by the law in force for the time being as to the limitation of suits. If the debts are of equal standing, the payment shall be applied in discharge of each proportionably.

In the present case, G made two payments by way of two cheques. Also, neither G nor T said anything as to the appropriation of the amount towards any particular debt.

Since one of the issued cheques was exactly the amount of the debt due i.e. of ` 12,500, by applying the provisions of Section 59 we can say that this is a circumstance indicating for appropriation against that particular debt.

Cheque of ` 4,000 can be appropriated in terms of the provisions of Section 61 since neither of the parties, have made any appropriation. The amount will be appropriated in discharging of the debts in order of time against any lawful debt whether they are or are not barred by the law in force for the time being as to the limitation of suits.

Hence cheque of ` 12,500 will be appropriated against the debt of ` 12,500 which is due on 1st April, 2022. As per the scenario given in the question, since two debts are persisting in order of time which were treated as time barred on 1st July 2023, the amount of ` 4,000 will be appropriated proportionately, i.e. in proportion of 5,000:3,000. Therefore as per the provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, ` 2,500 will be appropriated for the first debt and ` 1,500 will be appropriated towards the second debt.

63 (U2-11) Shri Shivay Temple Trust decided to get renovation of the temple under trust. For this purpose, the President of the trust discussed the budget with contractor. The contractor provided the budget of ` 5,00,000. After gaining enough membership to support the funds required renovating the temple, the committee entered in a contract with contractor for renovation. The plans for the proposed structure were submitted and passed. But as the membership list increased, the plans also expanded. Hence, the expected cost of construction is increased from ` 5,00,000 to ` 7,00,000. Now, increased amount of ` 7,00,000 stayed approved and obligated by the committee and contractor. Renovation work was completed, and contractor demanded the payment from committee. Meanwhile, new members who promised to contribute did not turnout. President had filed the suit against the members who promised to contribute. Members denied on the views that their contract with committee to contribute was without any consideration hence invalid.

State with reason whether committee will succeed under the provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872?

RTP, May2025

Ans - As per Section 25 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, an agreement made without consideration is void. However, there are certain exceptions to this rule. If a promisee undertakes the liability on the promise of the person to contribute to charity, there the contract shall be valid even without consideration. This was also confirmed in case of Kedarnath vs. Gorie Mahommed.

In the instant case, the Committee of Shri Shivay Temple trust entered into contract for renovation of temple for ` 5,00,000. Some members promised to contribute the funds and on the basis of those promises, the committee has extended the work for which cost was increased from ` 5,00,000 to ` 7,00,000. New members who promised to contribute did not turn up. The committee had filed the suit against the members who promised to contribute. But members denied the view that their contract with the committee to contribute was without any consideration, hence invalid.

Hence, on the basis of the above facts and provisions, the promise made by members to contribute is perfectly valid even without consideration. Therefore, the committee will succeed, and members have to pay the promised amount.

64 (U2-08) Mr. Om Kashyap was a big businessman of Pune City having two sons and one married daughter. He decided to gift his house to his daughter. For this purpose, he called his lawyer at his house and made a written document for such gift. The lawyer advised him to get the transfer document properly registered. When they both were going for registration of document, they met with an accident, and both of them died. Later, the daughter found the document and claimed the house on the basis of that document. Explain, whether she can get the house as gift under the Indian Contract Act, 1872?

**4)a)i)MDTP5, 4)a)i)4m,MTP1,Sept2024, RTP,June2024, RTP,June2023,
1)a)4m,MTP1,Dec2022, RTP,Dec2021**

Ans - Section 25 of Indian Contract Act, 1872 provides that an agreement made without consideration is valid if it is expressed in writing and registered under the law for the time being in force for the registration of documents and is made on account of natural love and affection between parties standing in a near relation to each other. In other words, a written and registered agreement based on natural love and affection between the parties standing in near relation to each other is enforceable even without consideration.

In the instant case, the transfer of house made by Mr. Om Kashyap on account of natural love and affection between the parties standing in near relation to each other is written but not registered. Hence, this transfer is not enforceable

65 (U6-08) What is the meaning of contingent contract? Write briefly its essentials. Also, explain rules relating to enforcement of a contingent contract.

6)b)6m,MDTP8,9, 6)b)6m,MTP2,Jan2025, 6)b)6m,June2024, 2)a)7m,MTP2,June2023, 2)a)7m,MTP1,June2022, 2)a)7m,June2021, 6)a)5m,MTP1,Dec2020, RTP,June2020, RTP,June2019, 2)a)7m,June2018

Ans - Definition of 'Contingent Contract' (Section 31 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872)

"A contract to do or not to do something, if some event, collateral to such contract, does or does not happen". Contracts of Insurance, indemnity and guarantee fall under this category.

Meaning of collateral Event: Collateral event is "an event which is neither a performance directly promised as part of the contract, nor the whole of the consideration for a promise".

Essentials of a contingent contract

- (a) The performance of a contingent contract would depend upon the happening or non-happening of some event or condition. The condition may be precedent or subsequent.
- (b) The event referred to as collateral to the contract. The event is not part of the contract. The event should be neither performance promised nor a consideration for a promise.
- (c) The contingent event should not be a mere 'will' of the promisor. The event should be contingent in addition to being the will of the promisor.
- (d) The event must be uncertain. Where the event is certain or bound to happen, the contract is due to be performed, then it is a not contingent contract.

Rules Relating to Enforcement of a contingent contract:

The rules relating to enforcement of a contingent contract are laid down in sections 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 of the Act.

(a) **Enforcement of contracts contingent on an event happening:** Section 32 says that "where a contingent contract is made to do or not to do anything if an uncertain future event happens, it cannot be enforced by law unless and until that event has happened. If the event becomes impossible, such contracts become void".

(b) **Enforcement of contracts contingent on an event not happening:** Section 33 says that "Where a contingent contract is made to do or not do anything if an uncertain future event does

not happen, it can be enforced only when the happening of that event becomes impossible and not before".

(c) A contract would cease to be enforceable if it is **contingent upon the conduct of a living person when that living person** does something to make the 'event' or 'conduct' as impossible of happening.

Section 34 says that "if a contract is contingent upon as to how a person will act at an unspecified time, the event shall be considered to have become impossible when such person does anything which renders it impossible that he should so act within any definite time or otherwise than under further contingencies".

(d) **Contingent on happening of specified event within the fixed time:** Section 35 says that Contingent contracts to do or not to do anything, if a specified uncertain event happens within a fixed time, becomes void if, at the expiration of time fixed, such event has not happened, or if, before the time fixed, such event becomes impossible.

(e) **Contingent on specified event not happening within fixed time:** Section 35 also says that - "Contingent contracts to do or not to do anything, if a specified uncertain event does not happen within a fixed time, may be enforced by law when the time fixed has expired, and such event has not happened or before the time fixed has expired, if it becomes certain that such event will not happen".

(f) **Contingent on an impossible event (Section 36):** Contingent agreements to do or not to do anything, if an impossible event happens are void, whether the impossibility of the event is known or not to the parties to the agreement at the time when it is made.

66 - Differentiate between Contingent Contract & Wagering Contract (ICAI Module)

Ans -

Basis of difference	Contingent contract	Wagering contract
Meaning	A contingent contract is a contract to do or not to do something with reference to a collateral event happening or not happening.	A wagering agreement is a promise to give money or money's worth with reference to an uncertain event happening or not happening.
Reciprocal promises	Contingent contract may not contain reciprocal promises.	A wagering agreement consists of reciprocal promises.
Uncertain event	In a contingent contract, the event is collateral.	In a wagering contract, the uncertain event is the core factor.
Nature of contract	Contingent contract may not be wagering in nature.	A wagering agreement is essentially contingent in nature.
Interest of contracting parties	Contracting parties have interest in the subject matter in contingent contract.	The contracting parties have no interest in the subject matter.
Doctrine of mutuality of lose and gain	Contingent contract is not based on doctrine of mutuality of lose and gain.	A wagering contract is a game, losing and gaining alone matters.
Effect of contract	Contingent contract is valid.	A wagering agreement is void.

67 (U7-16) "Explain the circumstances under which a surety may be discharged by revocation of the contract of guarantee under the Indian Contract Act, 1872."

6)b)6m,MTP1,May2025

Ans - A surety is said to be discharged when his liability as surety comes to an end.

The various modes of discharge of surety are as below:

- (i) By revocation of the contract of guarantee.
- (ii) By the conduct of the creditor, or
- (iii) By the invalidation of the contract of guarantee.

By revocation of the Contract of Guarantee

(a) Revocation of continuing guarantee by Notice (Section 130 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872): The continuing guarantee may at any time be revoked by the surety as to future transactions by notice to the creditors. Once the guarantee is revoked, the surety is not liable for any future transaction however he is liable for all the transactions that happened before the notice was given. A specific guarantee can be revoked only if liability to principal debtor has not accrued.

(b) Revocation of continuing guarantee by surety's death (Section 131): In the absence of any contract to the contrary, the death of surety operates as a revocation of a continuing guarantee as to the future transactions taking place after the death of surety. However, the surety's estate remains liable for the past transactions which have already taken place before the death of the surety.

(c) By novation [Section 62]: The surety under original contract is discharged if a fresh contract is entered into either between the same parties or between the other parties, the consideration being the mutual discharge of the old contract.

68 (U7-15) - Mr. R extended a loan to Mr. D with X, Y, and Z as sureties. Each surety executed a bond with varying penalty amounts, X with a penalty of ` 10,000, Y with ` 20,000 and Z with ` 40,000, in the event of Mr. D's failure to repay the borrowed money to Mr. R. Examine the liabilities of the sureties in accordance with the Indian Contract Act, 1872, when Mr. D defaults to the tune of ` 42,000. Additionally, assess the situation, if there is no contractual arrangement among the sureties.

4)a)i)MDTP2,7, 4)a)i)4m,MTP1,Jan2025

Ans - As per section 146 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, when two or more persons are co-sureties for the same debt either jointly, or severally and whether under the same or different contracts and whether with or without the knowledge of each other, the co-sureties in the absence of any contract to the contrary, are liable, as between themselves, to pay each an equal share of the whole debt, or of that part of it which remains unpaid by the principal debtor.

Section 147 provides that the principle of equal contribution is, however, subject to the maximum limit fixed by a surety to his liability. Co-sureties who are bound in different sums are liable to pay equally as far as the limits of their respective obligations permit.

In the given question, Mr. D makes a default of ` 42,000, and X, Y and Z as sureties have executed the bond with varying penalty amounts. Hence, X is liable to pay ` 10,000, and Y and Z ` 16,000 each.

In the given case, if there is no contractual arrangement among the sureties, they would be liable for equal contribution. Hence, X, Y and Z will be liable to pay ` 14,000 each.

69 (U7-11) 'Sooraj' guarantees 'Vikas' for the transactions to be done between 'Vikas' & 'Nikhil' during the month of March 2023. 'Vikas' supplied goods of ` 30,000 on 01.03.2023 and of ` 20,000 on 03.03.2023 to 'Nikhil'. On 05.03.2023, 'Sooraj' died in a road accident. On 10.03.2023, being ignorant of the death of 'Sooraj', 'Vikas' further supplied goods of ` 40,000. On default in payment by 'Nikhil' on due date, 'Vikas' sued legal heirs of 'Sooraj' for recovery of ` 90,000. Describe, whether legal heirs of 'Sooraj' are liable to pay ` 90,000 under the provisions of Indian Contract Act, 1872. What would be your answer, if the estate of 'Sooraj' is worth ` 45,000 only? **RTP, Sept2024**

Ans - According to section 131 of Indian Contract Act, 1872, in the absence of a contract to contrary, a continuing guarantee is revoked by the death of the surety as to the future transactions. The estate of deceased surety, however, liable for those transactions which had already taken place during the lifetime of deceased. Surety's estate will not be liable for the transactions taken place after the death of surety even if the creditor had no knowledge of surety's death.

In this question, 'Sooraj' was surety for the transactions to be done between 'Vikas' & 'Nikhil' during the month of March, 2023. 'Vikas' supplied goods of ` 30,000, ` 20,000 and of ` 40,000 on 01.03.2023, 03.03.2023 and 10.03.02023 respectively. 'Sooraj' died in a road accident, but this was not in the knowledge of 'Vikas'. When 'Nikhil' defaulted on payment, 'Vikas' filed suit against legal heirs of 'Sooraj' for recovery of full amount i.e. ` 90,000.

On the basis of above, it can be said in case of death of surety ('Sooraj'), his legal heirs are liable only for those transactions which were entered before 05.03.2023 i.e. for ` 50,000. They are not liable for the transaction done on 10.03.2023 even though Vikas had no knowledge of death of Sooraj.

Further, if the worth of the estate of deceased is only ` 45,000, the legal heirs are liable for this amount only.

70 (U8 - 07) Examine whether the following constitute a contract of 'Bailment' under the provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872:

(i) Vikas parks his car at a parking lot, locks it, and keeps the keys with himself.

(ii) Seizure of goods by customs authorities.

RTP, June2024, ICAI Module

Ans - As per Section 148 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, bailment is the delivery of goods by one person to another for some purpose, upon a contract, that the goods shall, when the purpose is accomplished, be returned or otherwise disposed of according to the directions of the person delivering them.

For a bailment to exist, the bailor must give possession of the bailed property and the bailee must accept it.

- i) No. Mere custody of goods does not mean possession. In the given case, since the keys of the car are with Vikas, Section 148, of the Indian Contract Act, 1872 shall not be applicable.
- ii) Yes, the possession of the goods is transferred to the custom authorities. Therefore, bailment exists, and section 148 is applicable.

71 (U8-12) - Explain the circumstances under which a contract of bailment may be terminated under the Indian Contract Act, 1872.

6)b)6m,MTP2,May2025

Ans - A contract of bailment shall terminate under the Indian Contract Act, 1872 in the following circumstances:

- 1) On expiry of stipulated period: If the goods were given for a stipulated period, the contract of bailment shall terminate after the expiry of such period.
- 2) On fulfillment of the purpose: If the goods were delivered for a specific purpose, a bailment shall terminate on the fulfillment of that purpose.
- 3) By Notice:
 - (a) Where the bailee acts in a manner which is inconsistent with the terms of the bailment, the bailor can always terminate the contract of bailment by giving a notice to the bailee.
 - (b) A gratuitous bailment can be terminated by the bailor at any time by giving a notice to the bailee. However, the termination should not cause loss to the bailee in excess of the benefit derived by him. In case the loss exceeds the benefit derived by the bailee, the bailor must compensate the bailee for such a loss (Sec. 159).
- 4) By death: A gratuitous bailment terminates upon the death of either the bailor or the bailee.
- 5) Destruction of the subject matter: A bailment is terminated if the subject matter of the bailment is destroyed or there is a change in the nature of goods which makes it impossible to be used for the purpose of bailment.

72 (U9-12) - Answer the following as per the provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872:

- i) 'Agent cannot personally enforce, nor be personally bound by, contracts on behalf of the principal' however there are some exceptions to this general rule, explain.

6)b)i)4m,MDTP10, 6)b)i)4m,MTP2,Jan2025, 6)b)i)4m,Sept2024

Ans - Agent cannot personally enforce, nor be bound by, contracts on behalf of principal.

EXCEPTIONS: In the following exceptional cases, the agent is presumed to have agreed to be personally bound:

(1) Where the contract is made by an agent for the sale or purchase of goods for a merchant resident abroad/foreign principal: - When an agent has entered into a contract for the sale or purchase of goods on behalf of a principal resident abroad, the presumption is that the agent undertakes to be personally liable for the performances of such contract.

(2) Where the agent does not disclose the name of his principal or undisclosed principal; (Principal unnamed): when the agent does not disclose the name of the principal then there arises a presumption that he himself undertakes to be personally liable.

(3) Non-existent or incompetent principal: Where the principal, though disclosed, cannot be sued, the agent is presumed to be personally liable.

(4) Pretended agent - if the agent pretends but is not an actual agent, and the principal does not rectify the act but disowns it, the pretended agent will be himself liable.

(5) When agent exceeds authority- When the agent exceeds his authority, misleads the third person in believing that the agent he has the requisite authority in doing the act, then the agent can be made liable personally for the breach of warranty of authority.

73 (U9 -01) Bhupendra borrowed a sum of ` 3 lacs from Atul. Bhupendra appointed Atul as his agent to sell his land and authorized him to appropriate the amount of loan out of the sale proceeds. Afterward, Bhupendra revoked the agency.

Decide under the provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872 whether the revocation of the said agency by Bhupendra is lawful. **ICAI Module**

Ans - According to Section 202 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872 an agency becomes irrevocable where the agent has himself an interest in the property which forms the subject-matter of the agency, and such an agency cannot, in the absence of an express provision in the contract, be terminated to the prejudice of such interest.

In the instant case, the rule of agency coupled with interest applies and does not come to an end even on death, insanity or the insolvency of the principal.

Thus, when Bhupendra appointed Atul as his agent to sell his land and authorized him to appropriate the amount of loan out of the sale proceeds, interest was created in favor of Atul and the said agency is not revocable. The revocation of agency by Bhupendra is not lawful.

74 (U1-15) - Ashok goes to super market to buy a Air Conditioner. He selects a branded Air Conditioner having a price tag of ` 40,000 after a discount of ` 3000. Ashok reaches at cash counter for making the payment, but cashier says, "Sorry sir, the discount was upto yesterday. There is no discount from today. Hence you have to pay ` 43,000." Ashok got angry and insists for ` 40,000. State with reasons whether under Indian Contract Act, 1872, Ashok can enforce the cashier to sell at discounted price i.e. ` 40,000.

1)a)i)4m,MDTP6, 1)a)i)4m,MTP2,Sept2024, 1)a)4m,MTP1,June2023,
Sim,1)a)4m,MTP1,Dec2021

Ans - An invitation to offer is different from offer. Quotations, menu cards, price tags, advertisements in newspaper for sale are not offer. These are merely invitations to public to make an offer. An invitation to offer is an act precedent to making an offer. Acceptance of an invitation to an offer does not result in the contract and only an offer emerges in the process of negotiation.

In the instant case, Ashok reaches to super market and selects a Air Conditioner with a discounted price tag of ` 40,000 but cashier denied to sell at discounted price by saying that discount is closed from today and request to make full payment. But Ashok insists to purchase at discounted price.

On the basis of above provisions and facts, the price tag with Air Conditioner was not offer. It is merely an invitation to offer. Hence, it is the Ashok who is making the offer not the super market. Cashier has right to reject the Ashok's offer. Therefore, Ashok cannot enforce cashier to sell at discounted price.

75 (U1-20) Radha invited her ten close friends to celebrate her 25th birthday party on 1st January, 2023 at 7.30 P.M. at a well-known "Hi-Fi Restaurant" at Tonk Road, Jaipur. All invited friends accepted the invitation and promised to attend the said party. On request of the hotel manager, Radha deposited ` 5,000/- as non-refundable security for the said party. On the scheduled date and time, three among ten invited friends did not turn up for the birthday party and did not convey any prior communication to her. Radha, enraged with the behaviour of the three friends, wanted to sue them for loss incurred in the said party. Advise as per the provisions of the Indian Contract Act, 1872.

Would your answer differ if the said party had been a "Contributory 2023 New Year celebration Party" organized by Radha?

1)a)4m,June2023

Ans - As per one of the requirements of Section 10 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, there must be an intention on the part of the parties to create legal relationship between them. Social

or domestic agreements are not enforceable in court of law and hence they do not result into contracts.

In the instant case, Radha cannot sue her three friends for the loss incurred in the said party as the agreement between her and her ten friends was a social agreement, and the parties did not intend to create any legal relationship.

If the said party organised by Radha had been a "Contributory 2023 New year celebration party", then Radha could have sued her three friends for the loss incurred in the said party as the agreement between her and her friends would have legal backing; on the basis of which Radha deposited the advance amount and the parties here intended to create legal relationship.