

Paper 5- Financial Accounting

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Full Marks : 100

Time allowed: 3 hours

Section - A

1. Answer the following questions

(a) Multiple choice questions:

[10x1=10]

- (i) In the case of non-profit organization donations received by the organization are reflected in
- (a) **Income and Expenditure Account**
 - (b) Capital Account
 - (c) Receipts and Payments Account
 - (d) None of the above.
- (ii) Noting charges on bills receivable dishonoured will appear on the _____side of General Ledger Adjustment Account under _____ Ledger.
- (a) Debit side, Debtors' Ledger
 - (b) **Credit side, Debtors' Ledger**
 - (c) Debit side, Creditors' Ledger
 - (d) Credit side, Creditors' Ledger
- (iii) Capital Accounts of the co-venturers are of the nature of
- (a) **Personal Account**
 - (b) Nominal Account
 - (c) Real Account
 - (d) None of the above
- (iv) Which account is used for transactions concerned with head office supplying resources to the branch?
- (a) Capital account
 - (b) Current account
 - (c) **Branch account**
 - (d) Joint venture account
- (v) _____ A/c is used for the reassessment of the assets and liabilities.
- (a) General Reserve
 - (b) Profit & Loss
 - (c) **Revaluation**
 - (d) Both (b) & (c)
- (vi) Repairs and Maintenance of Delivery Trucks is
- (a) Selling and Distribution Expenses
 - (b) Indirect Expenses
 - (c) Administration Expenses
 - (d) **Both (a) & (b)**
- (vii) Internal Liability represents _____.
- (a) **Proprietor's Equity**
 - (b) Loans from Banks
 - (c) Debtors
 - (d) None of the above

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(viii) The cost of a Fixed Assets of a business has to be written off over its

- (a) Natural Life
- (b) Accounting Life
- (c) Physical Life
- (d) **Estimated Economic Life**

(ix) Excess of minimum rent over royalty is known as

- (a) Maximum rent
- (b) Excess workings
- (c) **Short workings**
- (d) Deficiency of actual royalty

(x) In Hire Purchase system cash price plus interest is known as

- (a) Capital value of asset
- (b) Book value of asset
- (c) **Hire purchase price of asset**
- (d) Hire purchase charges

(b) Match the following:

[5x1=5]

	Column 'A'		Column 'B'
1.	Consumable stores	A	Expenditure for Business
2.	Trial Balance	B	State of deterioration due to old age
3.	Dilapidation	C	Journal Proper
4.	Opening Entry	D	Not a part of the final statements
5.	Interest on Capital	E	Revenue Expenditure

Answer:

	Column 'A'		Column 'B'
1.	Consumable stores	E	Revenue Expenditure
2.	Trial Balance	D	Not a part of the final statements
3.	Dilapidation	B	State of deterioration due to old age
4.	Opening Entry	C	Journal Proper
5.	Interest on Capital	A	Expenditure for Business

(c) Fill in the blanks:

[5x1=5]

- (i) Every debit must have its corresponding and equal _____.
- (ii) _____ is drawn to settle a trade transaction.
- (iii) _____ is the agent to whom goods are sent for selling.
- (iv) If the credit side of Trading Account is greater than its debit _____ will arise.
- (v) _____ is a summary of Cash Book.

Answer:

- (i) Credit;
- (ii) Trade Bill;
- (iii) Consignee;
- (iv) Gross Profit;
- (v) Receipts and Payments Account.

(d) State whether the following statements are true or false:

[5x1=5]

- (i) Bad debt recovery will not appear in self balancing ledger system.

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- (ii) Book-keeping is considered as the end and Accountancy is considered as the beginning.
- (iii) Drawee is the buyer or debtor, he has to pay the amount of the bill to the drawer on the due date.
- (iv) Legacy received is a kind of donation.
- (v) All capital incomes and expenditures are excluded from Income and Expenditure Account.

Answer:

- (i) True;
- (ii) True;
- (iii) True;
- (iv) True;
- (v) True.

Section - B

Answer any five from the following. Each question carries 15 marks (5x15=75)

2. (a) Mr. Mitra could not tally his Trial Balance on 31.3.2017. He transferred ₹596 being excess of debit side to Suspense Account, The following errors were subsequently discovered:
- (i) Sales Book was overcast by ₹500.
 - (ii) Purchases of Machinery ₹730 passed through Purchases Day Book.
 - (iii) An amount of ₹99 received from Mr. Young was posted to his account as ₹990.
 - (iv) A cash sale of ₹2,235 duly entered in Cash Book but posted to Sales Account ₹235.
 - (v) Salary Account was debited with ₹3,000 in place of ₹2,000.

Rectify the above errors through the Journal Entries.

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Answer:

Date	Particulars	Dr.(₹)	Cr.(₹)
	Sales A/c Dr. To Suspense A/c (Being Sales Book overcast, now rectified)	500	500
	Machinery A/c Dr. Creditors A/c Dr. To Purchases A/c To Creditors for Machinery A/c (Being purchases of machinery wrongly passed through Purchases Day Book, now rectified)	730 730	730 730
	Mr. Young A/c Dr. To Suspense A/c (Being amount received from Mister Young Y of ₹99, wrongly posted to his account as ₹990, now rectified)	891	891
	Suspense A/c Dr. To Sales A/c (Being cash sale of ₹2,235 duly entered in Cash Book but posted to Sales Account as ₹235, now rectified)	2,000	2,000
	Suspense A/c Dr. To Salaries A/c (Being Salaries A/c wrongly debited with ₹3,000 in place of ₹2,000, now rectified)	1,000	1,000

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(b) S Ltd. of Surat consigned 5,000 litres of liquor costing ₹32 each to M Ltd. of Mumbai on 01.02.17. S Ltd. paid ₹5,000 as freight and insurance charges. During transit 200 litres were destroyed for which the insurance company agreed to pay ₹5,000 in full settlement.

M Ltd. paid clearing charges ₹6,100; godown rent ₹300 and Salesman's salary ₹900. It was entitled to 6% ordinary commission and 4% del credere commission on sales.

On 30.6.17 M Ltd. reported that 4,000 litres were sold at ₹1,65,000 and 100 litres were lost due to evaporation. A customer who bought liquor for ₹1,500 could pay only 40% of his amount. M Ltd. paid its balance due by a cheque.

Show the Consignment Account in the books of S. Ltd.

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Answer:

Books of S. Ltd.					
Dr.	Consignment to Mumbai Account				Cr.
Date	Particulars	₹	Date	Particulars	₹
01.2.17	To Goods sent on Consignment A/c [₹5,000 × ₹32]	1,60,000	30.6.17	By M. Ltd. A/c [Sale]	1,65,000
01.2.17	To Bank A/c [Expenses incurred] - Freight and Insurance charges	5,000	30.6.17	By Goods Destroyed-in-Transit A/c [WN:1]	6,600
30.6.17	To M. Ltd. A/c [Expenses incurred by consignee] - Clearing Charges 6,100 - Godown Rent 300 - Salesman's salaries 900	7,300	30.6.17	By Consignment Stock A/c [WN: 1]	24,500
30.6.12	To M. Ltd. A/c [Commission due] - Ordinary commission [1,65,000 X 6%] 9,900 - Del credere commission [1,65,000 X 4%] 6,600	16,500			
30.6.12	To P/L A/c [Profit on consignment — transferred]	7,300			
		1,96,100			1,96,100

WORKINGS:

1. Value of Goods Destroyed-in-Transit and Unsold Stock

Particulars	Litres	Amount (₹)
Cost of goods sent [₹5,000 × ₹32]	5,000	1,60,000
Add: Consignor's expenses (being, freight and insurance charges)		5,000
	5,000	1,65,000
Less: Goods destroyed -in-transit [₹1,65,000 × 200/5,000]	200	6,600
Goods received by consignee	4,800	1,58,400
Add: Non-recurring expenses incurred by consignee (being, clearing charges)		6,100
	4,800	1,64,500
Less: Normal loss	100	
Unsold Stock = [5,000 - 200 - 100 - 4,000] = 700 litres	4,700	1,64,500
Hence, Value of 700 litres		24,500
$1,64,500 \times \frac{700}{4,700}$		

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3. Namita started a grocery business on Jan. 1, 2017 with a capital of ₹ 10,000. She spent ₹1,500 on furniture and fixtures in cash. She maintains her books under single entry. Following figures are extracted from her books:

Sales [inclusive of cash sales ₹8,000] ₹20,000 Bad debts written off ₹750

Purchase [inclusive of cash purchases ₹2,500] ₹12,000 Business expenses ₹1,050

Namita used groceries worth ₹1,500 and took ₹13,000 in cash for personal use. On Dec. 31, 2017 her Sundry Debtors were ₹1,250 and Sundry Creditors were ₹1,500, Stock-in-hand on Dec. 31, 2017 was ₹1,500.

Prepare a Trading and Profit & Loss Account for the year ended on 31st December, 2017 and Balance Sheet as on that date after writing off 10% Depreciation on furniture and fixtures.

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Answer:

Books of Namita						
Dr.	Trading and Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31.12.2017				Cr.	
Particulars	₹	₹	Particulars	₹	₹	
To Purchases:			By Sales: Cash	8,000		
Cash	2500		Credit	<u>12,000</u>	20,000	
Credit	<u>9,500</u>		By Closing Stock		1,500	
	12,000					
Less: Drawings	<u>1,500</u>	10,500				
[Groceries used for personal use]						
To Gross Profit c/d		11,000				
		<u>21,500</u>			<u>21,500</u>	
To Business Expenses		1,050	By Gross Profit b/d		11,000	
To Bad debts		750				
To Depreciation on furniture		150				
[₹1,500 X 10%]						
To Capital		9,050				
[Net Profit transferred]		<u>11,000</u>			<u>11,000</u>	

Balance Sheet as on 31.12.2017

Liabilities	₹	₹	Assets	₹	?
Capital	10,000		Furniture & Fixture	1,500	
Add: Net profit	<u>9,050</u>		Less: Depreciation @10%	<u>150</u>	1,350
	19,050		Stock-in-Trade Sundry		1,500
Less: Drawings	<u>14,500</u>	4,550	Debtors		1,250
[₹1,500 + 13,000]			Cash [WN:3]		1,950
Sundry Creditors		1,500			
		<u>6,050</u>			<u>6,050</u>

Collection form Debtors

Dr.	Sundry Debtors Account		Cr.
Particulars	₹	Particulars	₹
To Sales [₹20,000 - ₹8,000]	12,000	By Cash [B/Fig.]	10,000
		By Bad Debts A/c	750
		By Balance c/f	1,250
	<u>12,000</u>		<u>12,000</u>

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Payment to Creditors			
Dr.		Cr.	
Sundry Creditors Account			
Particulars	₹	Particulars	₹
To Cash [B/Fig.]	8,000	By Purchases [₹12,000 - ₹2,500]	9,500
To Balance c/f	1,500		
	9,500		9,500

Cash balance on 31.12.2017			
Dr.		Cr.	
Cash Account			
Particulars	₹	Particulars	₹
To Capital [Capital introduction]	10,000	By Furniture & Fixture	1,500
To Sales	8,000	By Purchases	2,500
To Debtors [WN: 1]	10,000	By Creditors [WN: 2]	8,000
		By Business Expenses	1,050
		By Drawings	13,000
		By Balance c/f [B/Fig.]	1,950
	28,000		28,000

4. A, B and C are partners in a firm sharing profits and losses as to 5 : 3 : 2. Their Balance Sheet as on 31st March, 2017 was as follows:

Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2017

	₹		₹
Sundry Creditors	3,00,000	Cash in hand	80,000
General Reserve	1,60,000	Bills Receivable	1,00,000
Partners' Loan Accounts:		Sundry Debtors	1,20,000
A	80,000	Stock-in-trade	2,40,000
B	60,000	Furniture	40,000
Partners' Capital Accounts:		Buildings	5,20,000
A	2,00,000		
B	1,60,000		
C	1,40,000		
	11,00,000		11,00,000

They agree to change their profit sharing ratio as 6:5:5 from April 1, 2017. For this purpose, it is decided that:

- (i) Furniture and Buildings be valued at ₹ 30,000 and ₹ 6,50,000 respectively.
- (ii) A provision for bad debts be made @ 3 per cent on Sundry debtors and 6 per cent of bills receivable
- (iii) The value of stock be reduced to ₹ 1,60,000.
- (iv) The Goodwill of the firm is to be valued at two years' purchase of average net profits of the last five years, profit for these years being ₹ 40,000, ₹ 52,000, ₹ 64,000, ₹ 78,000 and ₹ 86,000 respectively.

The book value of the assets and liabilities is not to be altered.

Required:

- (i) Pass Journal Entries to make adjustments in the partners' accounts.
- (ii) Prepare the partner's Capital Accounts.
- (iii) Prepare the New Balance Sheet as on April 1, 2017.

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Answer:

AB & C Partnership Firm Journal Entries

Date	Particulars	Dr. (₹)	Cr. (₹)
2017 April 1	Memorandum Revaluation A/c Dr. To Provision for Bad Debts A/c (3600+6000) To Furniture A/c To Stock in Trade A/c (Provision for bad debts made and decrease in value of furniture and stock)	99,600	9,600 10,000 80,000
April 1	Buildings A/c Dr. To Memorandum Revaluation A/c (Increase in value of Buildings)	1,30,000	1,30,000
April 1	Memorandum Revaluation A/c Dr. To A's Capital A/c To B's Capital A/c To C's Capital A/c (Profit on revaluation of assets credited to partners' capital A/c's in old ratio)	30,400	15,200 9,120 6,080
April 1	A's Capital A/c Dr. B's Capital A/c Dr. C's Capital A/c Dr. To Memorandum Revaluation A/c (Memorandum Revaluation Account closed by transferring the amounts to partners' capital accounts in new profit-sharing ratio)	11,400 9,500 9,500	30,400
April 1	Goodwill A/c Dr. To A's Capital A/c To B's Capital A/c To C's Capital A/c (Goodwill account raised in books by by transferring the amounts to partners' capital accounts in old profit-sharing ratio)	1,28,000	64,000 38,400 25,600
April 1	A's Capital A/c Dr. B's Capital A/c Dr. C's Capital A/c Dr. To Goodwill A/c (Goodwill account closed by by transferring the amounts to partners' capital accounts in new profit-sharing ratio)	48,000 40,000 40,000	1,28,000
April 1	B's Capital A/c Dr. C's Capital A/c Dr. To A's Capital A/c (Adjustment for general reserve made on account of change in profit-sharing ratio)	2,000 18,000	20,000

(ii)

Partners' Capital Accounts

Dr.				Cr.			
Particulars	A	B	C	Particulars	A	B	C
To Memorandum Revaluation A/c	11,400	9,500	9,500	By Balance b/d	2,00,000	1,60,000	1,40,000
To Goodwill A/c	48,000	40,000	40,000	By Memorandum Revaluation A/c	15,200	9,120	6,080
To A's capital A/c	-	2,000	18,000	By Goodwill A/c	64,000	38,400	25,600
To Balance c/d	2,39,800	1,56,020	1,04,180	By B's Capital A/c	2,000	-	-
				By C's Capital A/c	18,000	-	-
	2,99,200	2,07,520	1,71,680		2,99,200	2,07,520	1,71,680

(iii)

Balance Sheet as at April 1, 2017

Liabilities	₹	Assets	₹
Sundry Creditors	3,00,000	Cash in hand	80,000
General Reserve	1,60,000	Bills receivable	1,00,000

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Partners' Loan Accounts		Sundry debtors	1,20,000
A	80,000	Stock in trade	2,40,000
B	60,000	Furniture	40,000
Partners' Capital Accounts		Buildings	5,20,000
A	2,39,800		
B	1,56,020		
C	1,04,180		
	11,00,000		11,00,000

Working Notes:

(1) Valuation of Goodwill:

$$\text{Average profit} = \frac{(40,000 + 52,000 + 64,000 + 78,000 + 86,000)}{5} = ₹ 64,000.$$

$$\text{Goodwill} = ₹ 64,000 \times 2 = ₹ 1,28,000.$$

(2) Amount adjustable for General Reserve:

Particulars	A (₹)	B (₹)	C (₹)
General Reserve ₹1,60,000 credited in old ratio (Cr.) 5:3:2	80,000	48,000	32,000
Less: General Reserve debited in new ratio (Dr.) 6:5:5	60,000	50,000	50,000
Net adjustment for General Reserve.	20,000	2,000	18,000
	(Cr.)	(Dr.)	(Dr.)

5. (a) Avishkar Ltd. carried on a retail business opened a branch A on 1st April, 2017 where all sales were on credit basis. All goods required by the branch were supplied from the head office and were invoiced to the branch at 10% above cost. The following were the transactions:

	April ₹	May ₹	June ₹
Goods sent to Branch (Cost to H.O)	80,000	1,00,000	1,20,000
Sales as shown by the branch monthly report	76,000	84,000	1,10,000
Cash received from Debtors and remitted to H.O.	40,000	1,02,000	70,000
Returns to H.O. (Cost to Branch)	2,400	1,200	4,800

The stock of goods held by the branch on June 30, amounted to ₹ 1,06,800 at invoice price to branch. Record these transactions in the Head Office books, showing balances as on 30th June, 2017 and the branch gross profit for the three months ended on that date. [7]

Answer:

Dr.	Branch Account in the Books of Head Office		Cr.
Particulars	₹	Particulars	₹
To Goods Sent to Branch A/c (₹ 3,00,000 × 110%)	3,30,000	By Bank A/c (remittance)	2,12,000
To Stock Reserve A/c (₹ 1,06,800 × 10/110)	9,709	By Goods Sent to Branch A/c	8,400
To Net Profit t/f to General P & L A/c	74,727	By Goods Sent to Branch A/c (Loading on net goods sent) [(₹ 3,30,000 – ₹ 8,400) × 10/110]	29,236
		By Balance c/d	
		Debtors (₹2,70,000 – ₹2,12,000)	58,000
		Stock	1,06,800
	4,14,436		4,14,436

Note : Branch debtors = Sales – Remittance = ₹2,70,000 - ₹2,12,000 = ₹58,000

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(b) The following information is available from the books of the trader for the period 1st January to 31st March 2017.

- a) Total sales amounted to ₹1,52,000 including the sale of old furniture for ₹20,000 (book value is ₹24,600). The total cash sales were 80% less than total credit sales.
- b) Cash collection from Debtors amounted to 75% of the aggregate of the opening Debtors and Credit sales for the period. Discount allowed to them amounted to ₹5,200
- c) Cheques received from customer of ₹10,000 were dishonoured; a sum of ₹2,000 is irrecoverable.
- d) Bad Debts written-off in the earlier year realized ₹5,000.
- e) Sundry debtors on 1st January stood at ₹80,000.

You are required to show the Debtors' Ledger Adjustment Account in the General Ledger.

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Answer:

In the General Ledger					
Debtors' Ledger Adjustment Account					
Dr.			Cr.		
Date	Particulars	Amount (₹)	Date	Particulars	Amount (₹)
01.01.17	To Balance b/d	80,000	31.03.17	By General Ledger Adjustment A/c (In Debtors Ledger)	
31.03.17	To General Ledger Adjustment A/c (In Debtors Ledger)			Cash collected	1,42,500
	Sales	1,10,000		Discount Allowed	5,200
	Cheque dishonoured	10,000		Bad debts	2,000
				By balance c/d	50,300
			31.03.17		
		2,00,000			2,00,000

Workings:

1. Computation of credit sales:

Cash sales were 80% less than credit sales. So, if credit sale is ₹ 100 cash sales are ₹20.

Hence, total sale is ₹120.

Here, total sales = ₹(1,52,000 – 20,000) = ₹1,32,000.

Amount of credit sales = ₹1,32,000 × 100/120 = ₹1,10,000.

2. Cash received:

Cash received is 75% of opening debtors plus credit sales i.e. ₹(80,000 + 1,10,000) = ₹1,90,000

So, Cash received = 75% of ₹1,90,000 = ₹1,42,500.

6. (a) The following entries without narration have been recorded. Please write the entries with complete narration. Marks will be awarded only for complete narration. 6

			Dr. ₹	Cr. ₹
1st year	1. Royalty A/c	Dr.	16,000	
Dec. 31	Short working A/c	Dr.	4,000	
	To Landlord A/c			20,000
	2. Landlord A/c	Dr.	20,000	
	To Bank A/c			20,000
	3. P and L A/c	Dr.	20,000	
	To Royalty A/c			20,000
2nd year	1. Royalty A/c	Dr.	22,000	
Dec. 31	To Landlord A/c			22,000

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2. Landlord A/c To Bank A/c To Short working A/c	Dr.	22,000	20,000 2,000
3. P and L A/c To Royalty A/c To Short working A/c	Dr.	24,000	22,000 2,000
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Answer:

				Dr. ₹	Cr. ₹
1st year Dec. 31	1.	Royalty A/c Short working A/c To Landlord's A/c (Royalty amounting of ₹16,000 credited to landlord's account subject to minimum rent of ₹20,000)	Dr. Dr.	16,000 4,000	20,000
	2.	Landlord's A/c To Bank A/c (Payment of the sum due to landlord)	Dr.	20,000	20,000
	3.	P and L A/c To Royalty A/c (Transfer of royalty to the profit and loss A/c)	Dr.	20,000	20,000
2nd year Dec. 31	1.	Royalty A/c To Landlord A/c (Royalty amounting to ₹22,000 credited to landlord's A/c)	Dr.	22,000	22,000
	2.	Landlord's A/c To Bank A/c To Short working A/c (Payment of the amount due to landlord after recovery of ₹2,000 against short working)	Dr.	22,000	20,000 2,000
	3.	Profit and Loss A/c To Royalty A/c To Short working A/c (Royalty amounting to ₹22,000 and irrecoverable short working of ₹2,000 transferred to profit and loss A/c).	Dr.	24,000	22,000 2,000

Note: In entry 1 of first year, royalty has been debited with ₹ 16,000 whereas in entry 3, transfer of royalty to Profit and Loss Account has been recorded at ₹ 20,000. This implies that another royalty of ₹4,000 (paid/payable) relates to the year 1 which has not been given in the question.

- (b) From the following details find out the amount to be debited to Profit and Loss A/c as fresh provision for doubtful debts during 2017-18. Debtors was ₹ 1,20,000 as on 31.03.2018; Bad debt during the year ₹ 6,000; Provision for bad debts as on 01.04.2017 ₹ 8,000; Provision for doubtful debts to be kept at 5% of total debtors. [3]**

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Answer:

Provision for Bad Dept is ₹1,20,000×5% = ₹6,000

Provision for Bad Debts Account			
Dr.			Cr.
Particulars	Amount (₹)	Particulars	Amount (₹)
To, Bad Debt A/c	6,000	01.04.2017 By, Balance c/d	8,000
31.03.2018 To, Balance c/f	6,000	31.03.2018 By, Profit and Loss A/c [Balancing Figure]	4,000
	12,000		12,000

7. (a) On December 1, 2017, PP Ltd. purchased ₹8,00,000 worth of land for a factory site. PP Ltd. razed an old building on the property and sold the materials it salvaged from the demolition. PP Ltd. incurred additional costs and realized salvage proceeds during December 2017 as follows:

	₹
Demolition of old building	1,00,000
Legal fees for purchase contract and recording ownership	20,000
Title guarantee insurance	24,000
Proceeds from sale of salvaged materials	16,000

In its December 31, 2017 Balance Sheet, PP Ltd. should report a balance in the land account. [6]

Answer:

As per AS-10, the cost of land should include all expenditure incurred to prepare it for its ultimate use (such as factory site) is considered part of the cost of land. Before the land can be used as a building site, it must be purchased (which involves costs such as purchase price, legal fees etc.) and the old building must be razed (cost of demolition less proceeds from sale of scrap). The total balance in the land account should be ₹ 9,28,000.

Particulars	₹
Purchase price	8,00,000
Legal Fees	20,000
Title Insurance	24,000
Net cost of demolition (₹1,00,000 – ₹16,000)	84,000
	9,28,000

- (b) Discuss the disadvantages of customized accounting package. [9]

Answer:

Following are the disadvantages of customized accounting package:

1. Requirement specifications are incomplete or ambiguous resulting in a defective or incomplete system.

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2. Bugs may remain in the software because of inadequate testing.
3. Documentation may not complete.
4. Frequent changes made to the system with inadequate change management procedure may result in system compromise.
5. Vendor may not be unwilling to give support of the software due to other commitments.
6. Vendor may not be willing to part with the source code or enter into an escrow agreement.
7. Control measures may be inadequate.
8. There may be delay in completion of the software due to problems with the vendor or inadequate project management.

The choice of customised accounting packages is made on the basis of evaluation of vendor proposals. The proposals are evaluated as to the suitability, completeness, cost and vendor proposals. Generally preference is given to a vendor who has a very good track record of deliverables

8. Write short notes on any three of the following:

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- (a) Advantages of Self-Balancing System;**
- (b) Differences between Branch Account and Departmental Account.**
- (c) GAAP**
- (d) Weaknesses of Single Entry System**

Answer:

(a) Advantages of Self-Balancing System:

The advantages of Self-Balancing system are:

- (a) If ledgers are maintained under self-balancing system it becomes very easy to locate errors.
- (b) This system helps to prepare interim account and draft final accounts as a complete trial balance can be prepared before the abstraction of individual personal ledger balances.
- (c) Various works can be done quickly as this system provides sub-division of work among the different employees.
- (d) This system is particularly useful
 - (i) where there are a large number of customers or suppliers; and
 - (ii) where it is desired to prepare periodical accounts.

(b) Differences between Branch Account and Departmental Account:

Points	Branch Account	Departmental Account
Allocation of expenses	In case of branch accounting allocation of common expenses does not arise.	Allocation of common wealth is the fundamental consideration here.
Result of the operation	It shows that trading result of each individual branch.	It shows the trading result of each individual department.
Maintenance of	Method of Branch Accounting	It is centrally maintained.

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accounts	depends on the nature and type of branch whether dependent or independent.	
Types of accounting	It is practically a condensation of accounts.	It is a segment of accounts.
Control	It is not possible to control all branch by the Head Office	Effective control is possible by the departmental supervisors who is closely related and who is to keep a constant watch over the departments.

(c) GAAP :

A widely accepted set of rules, conventions, standards, and procedures for reporting financial information, as established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board are called Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). These are the common set of accounting principles, standards and procedures that companies use to compile their financial statements. GAAP are a combination of standards (set by policy boards) and simply the commonly accepted ways of recording and reporting accounting information.

GAAP is to be followed by companies so that investors have a optimum level of consistency in the financial statements they use when analyzing companies for investment purposes. GAAP cover such aspects like revenue recognition, balance sheet item classification and outstanding share measurements.

(d) Weaknesses of Single Entry System

- (a) As principle of double entry is not followed, the trial balance cannot be prepared. As such, arithmetical accuracy cannot be guaranteed.
- (b) Profit or loss can be found out only by estimates as nominal accounts are not maintained.
- (c) It is not possible to make a balance sheet in absence of real accounts.
- (d) It is very difficult to detect frauds or errors.
- (e) Valuation of assets and liabilities is not proper.
- (f) The external agencies like banks cannot use financial information. A bank cannot decide whether to lend money or not.
- (g) It is quite likely that the business and personal transactions of the proprietor get mixed.