

REVISION TEST PAPER, MAY 2012 – OBJECTIVE & APPROACH

(Students are advised to go through the following paragraphs carefully to derive maximum benefit out of this RTP)

I Objective of Revision Test Paper

Revision Test Papers are one among the many educational inputs provided by the Board of Studies (BOS) to its students. Popularly referred to as RTP by the students, it is one of the very old publications of the BOS whose significance and relevance from the examination perspective has stood the test of time.

RTPs provide glimpses of not only the desirable ways in which examination questions are to be answered but also of the professional quality and standard of the answers expected of students in the examination. Further, aspirants can assess their level of preparation for the examination by answering various questions given in the RTP and can also update themselves with the latest developments in the various subjects relevant from the examination point of view.

The primary objectives of the RTP are:

- To help students get an insight of their preparedness for the forthcoming examination;
- To provide an opportunity for a student to find all the latest developments relevant for the forthcoming examination at one place;
- To supplement earlier studies;
- To enhance the confidence level of the students adequately; and
- To leverage the preparation of the students by giving guidance on how to approach the examinations.

RTPs contain the following:

- (i) Planning and preparing for examination
- (ii) Subject-wise guidance – An overview
- (iii) Updates applicable for a particular exam in the relevant subjects
- (iv) Topic-wise questions and detailed answers thereof in respect of each paper
- (v) Relevant publications/announcement applicable for the particular examination

Students must bear in mind that the RTP contains a variety of questions based on different sections of the syllabi and thus a comprehensive study of the entire syllabus is a pre-requisite before answering the questions of the RTP. In other words, in order to derive maximum benefit out of the RTPs, it is advised that before proceeding to solve the

questions given in the RTP, students ought to have thoroughly read the Study Materials, solved the questions given in the Practice Manual and gone through the Suggested Answers of the earlier examinations. It is important to remember that there can be large number of other complex questions which are not covered in the RTP. In fact, questions contained herein are only illustrative in nature.

The topics on which the questions are set herein have been carefully selected and meticulous attention has been paid in framing different types of questions. Detailed answers are provided to enable the students to do a self-assessment and have a focused approach for effective preparation.

Students are welcome to send their suggestions for fine tuning the RTP to the Director, Board of Studies, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, A-29, Sector-62, Noida 201 309 (Uttar Pradesh). RTP is also available on the Institute's website www.icai.org under the BOS knowledge portal in students section for downloading.

II. Planning and preparing for examination

Ideally, when you receive the RTP, you should have completed the entire syllabus of all the subjects at least once. RTP is an effective tool to revise and refresh your concepts and knowledge gained through the first round of study of the whole course. When the RTP reaches your hand, your study plan should have been completed as under:

v Study Materials

You must have finished reading the relevant Study Materials of all the subjects. The Study Materials relevant in each paper are announced well in advance by the BOS through Students Journal and Institute's website. Make sure you go through the Study Material as they cover the syllabus comprehensively.

v Other Educational Inputs

In case of papers on Taxation, you must have carefully perused the Supplementary Study paper containing the latest amendments made through the relevant Finance Act and notifications and circulars issued from time to time which are applicable for the forthcoming examinations.

v Practice Manuals

Practice Manuals are an excellent medium of understanding the practical aspects of the various provisions learnt through the Study Materials. Solving the Practice Manual at least once before proceeding to the RTP will ensure that you have a grasp of the application and computational aspect of the syllabus as well.

v *Suggested Answers*

Giving an honest attempt to solve the previous attempts suggested answers on your own, will give you a flavour of the pattern of question paper and type of questions which are being asked in the examination.

After completing the above process, you should go through the Updates provided in the RTP and then proceed to solve the questions given in the RTP on your own. RTPs are provided to you to check your preparation standards and hence it must be solved on your own in a time-bound manner.

The stratagem and the fine points requiring careful consideration in respect of preparation for the CA examinations are explained in comprehensive details in BOS' publication "How to face CA Examinations? A Matrix of Winning Strategies". The publication may be referred to when you start preparing for a subject.

Examination tips

How well a student fares in the examination depends upon the level and depth of his preparation. However, there are certain important points which can help a student better his performance in the examination. These useful tips are given below:

- Reach examination hall well in time.
- As soon as you get the question paper, read it carefully and thoroughly. You are given separate 15 minutes for reading the question paper.
- Plan your time so that appropriate time is awarded for each question. Keep sometime for revision as well.
- First impression is the last impression. The question which you can answer in the best manner should be attempted first.
- Always attempt to do all questions. Remember that six average answers fetch more marks than five best answers. Therefore, it is important that you must finish each question within allocated time.
- Read the question carefully more than once before starting the answer to understand very clearly as to what is required.
- Answer all parts of a question one after the other; do not answer different parts of the same question at different places.
- Write in a neat and legible hand-writing.
- Always be concise and write to the point and do not try to fill pages unnecessarily.
- There must be logical expression of the answer.
- In case a question is not clear, you may state your assumptions and then answer the question.

- While writing answers in respect of essay-type questions, try to make sub-headings so that it catches the examiner's eye.
- Revise your answers carefully and underline important points before leaving the examination hall.

III. Subject-wise Guidance – An Overview

PAPER 5: ADVANCED ACCOUNTING (IPCC)

The Revisionary Test Paper (RTP) of Advanced Accounting is divided into two parts viz Part I - Relevant Announcements, Amendments and Notifications for May, 2012 examination and Part II –Questions and Answers.

Part I of the Revisionary Test Paper consists of the amendments and notifications, which are applicable in the May, 2012 examination. It consists of the 'Relevant Announcements, Amendments and Notifications applicable and not applicable' for May, 2012 examination. The purpose of this information in the RTP is to apprise the students with the latest developments applicable for May, 2012 examination. The brief summary of the same has been given as under:

A. Applicable for May, 2012 examination:

Announcement

Limited Revisions due to Issuance of AS 30 and 31

Amendments and Notifications

1.	Amendment to Accounting Standard 11 of Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2006
2.	Sale of Investments held under Held to Maturity (HTM) category
3.	Enhancement of Rates of Provisioning for Non-Performing Assets and Restructured Advances

B. Not applicable for May 2012 examination:

- (i) Schedule VI revised by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- (ii) Ind ASs issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Part II of the Revisionary Test Paper carries twenty questions and their answers. First sixteen questions are based on different topics discussed in the study material. Last 4 questions (i.e questions 17 to 20, carries 2 to 3 sub-parts in each question) are based on Accounting Standards. For easy reference the topic name / accounting standard number has also been quoted at the top of each question. Also, at the end of each question on Accounting Standard, hints have been provided. These hints are basically the particular

paragraph numbers of the Accounting Standards, the provisions of which can be referred while answering the questions. The details of topics, on which questions in the RTP are based are tabulated as under:

Question No.	Topic
1	Employee Stock Option Plan
2	Buy –Back of Shares
3	Underwriting of Shares
4	Redemption of Debentures
5	Amalgamation of Companies
6	Internal Reconstruction of a Company
7	Liquidation of a Company
8	Financial Statements of Banking Companies
9	Financial Statements of Insurance Companies
10	Financial Statements of Electricity Companies
11	Departmental Accounts
12	Branch Accounts
13	Accounting for Foreign Branch
14	Partnership: Dissolution of a Firm
15	Partnership: Amalgamation of Firms
16	Partnership: Conversion of a Firm
17 to 20 (consisting of 9 sub-parts)	Accounting Standards

Answers to the questions have been given in detail along with the working notes for easy understanding and comprehending the steps in solving the problems. The answers to the questions have been presented in the manner which is expected from the students in the examination. The students are expected to solve the questions under examination conditions and then compare their solutions with the solutions given in the Revisionary Test Paper and further strategize their preparation for scoring more marks in the examination.

PAPER – 6 : AUDITING AND ASSURANCE

The Revisionary Test Paper (RTP) of Auditing and Assurance carries twenty questions and their answers. These questions have been taken from the entire syllabus which are divided into nine chapters alongwith engagement and quality control standards, Statement on CARO, 2003, Guidance notes etc discussed in the study material.

The various topics as mentioned above are Standards on Auditing, Statements and Guidance notes, Nature of Auditing, Basic Concepts in Auditing, Preparation for an Audit, Internal Control, Vouching, Verification of Assets and Liabilities, The Company Audit-I, The Company Audit-II, Special Audits. Some of the questions given in the RTP are descriptive i.e. direct theory questions whereas some of them are practical case studies based i.e. application oriented theory question. Three short notes type questions are also given in this RTP. The chapter's name is also clearly indicated before each question. The questions in the RTP have been arranged in the same sequence as prescribed in the study material to facilitate easy revision by the students. An attempt has been made to cover the syllabus comprehensively by giving questions from each and every topic.

RTP is a tool to refresh your knowledge which you have acquired while doing your conceptual study from Study Material, Practice Manual and other modes of knowledge like students journal, bare acts etc.

PAPER – 7: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT**Section – A : Information Technology**

The Revision Test Paper on Information Technology describes the comprehensive view of the syllabus with special emphasis on CA examination at PCC/IPCC level. The topic-wise questions and answers are given so that student could understand what type of questions being asked in the examination. The RTP is prepared based on the existing study material provided to the student. It also includes latest development in the field Information Technology that is required to know by the students. Similar nature type questions and answers are included in RTP which were asked in previous examinations. Full answers to each questions is given so that students would be benefited without searching the answers from various sources. Total 20 questions have been given out of which first 3 questions and answers are based on short description of related terms in the form of short answer type, distinguishing between two concepts and conversion of numbers. Rest 17 questions and answers are given topic-wise. Questions have been selected from various chapters/topics uniformly keeping in view that the questions in last two RTPs should not be repeated. Some new questions have also been included based on updated study material from chapter 1 and 2. A complete question on flowchart is given in the RTP to test the analytical and logical skill of the student which is based on the question generally asked in the examination. The answers to the short type questions

are expended. Finally, question and answer on decision table have been included so that student should understand the relevance of using decision table over flowchart.

Section – B : Strategic Management

The Revision Test Paper in the subject of Strategic Management for the May 2012 examination contains 20 questions. The nature and kind of questions have been kept similar to the previous examination. Broadly, the questions included are of two categories - short answer type questions and long answer type questions. The first six questions are in the nature of short answer type questions. Each question is further subdivided into different parts which extensively covers each chapter of the syllabus.

In the first short answer type question, statements are given and the student has to opine its correctness or incorrectness with reasons. In the second question student has to fill in the blank with an appropriate word. In the third question student has to explain the meaning of the concepts followed by the fourth question in which a student has to distinguish between two concepts. Afterwards, fifth question is based on the short notes and finally, in the sixth question short answer type questions are asked.

Subsequently, 14 long answer type questions have been included which covers all the seven chapters of the syllabus. Chapter names have been mentioned before questions.

The students should take up this Revision test paper as a tool to check their preparedness in the subject. To properly self assess the preparation in the subject, students must attempt the questions on their own. Mere reading will not be helpful. Compare your answers with the suggested answers and hints given to assess the present status and identify what else can be done to improve your answers. Work hard and perform well in the examination.