

REVISION TEST PAPER, NOVEMBER, 2013 – 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:

❖ Study Materials

You must have finished reading the relevant Study Materials of all the subjects. Make sure you go through the Study Material as they cover the syllabus comprehensively.

❖ 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.

❖ 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.

❖ 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 the 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 checking the paper 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. 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.
- Check your answers carefully and underline important points before leaving the examination hall.

III. Subject-wise Guidance – An Overview

PAPER 5: ADVANCED ACCOUNTING

The Revisionary Test Paper (RTP) of Advanced Accounting is divided into two parts viz Part I - Relevant Announcements, Amendments and Notifications for November, 2013 examination and Part II –Questions and Answers.

Part I of the Revisionary Test Paper consists of the 'Relevant Amendments and Notifications -applicable and not applicable' for November, 2013 examination. The purpose of this information in the RTP is to apprise the students with the latest developments applicable for November, 2013 examination. The brief summary of the same has been given as under:

A. Applicable for November, 2013 examination:

Revision in the Criteria for classifying Level II Non-Corporate Entities

Presentation of Foreign Currency Monetary Item Translation Difference Account (FCMITDA)

Notifications/Amendments

Notification/Circular No.	Date	Topic
DBOD.No.BP.BC.63/21.04.048/2012-13	November 26, 2012	Review of the Prudential Guidelines on Restructuring of Advances by Banks/Financial Institutions
04/2013	11 February, 2013	Clarification on Debenture Redemption Reserve (DRR)
	28th February, 2011	Schedule VI revised by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs
G.S.R 913(E)	29th December, 2011	Amendment to Para 46 of Accounting Standard 11 of the Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2006
G.S.R 914(E)	29th December, 2011	Insertion of Para 46A in Accounting Standard 11 of the Companies (Accounting Standards) Rules, 2006.
Circular No. 25/2012	9 th August, 2012	Clarification on Para 46A on AS11.
DBOD.No.Ret.BC.48/12.02.001/2012-13	28 th September, 2012	Section 24 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 - Maintenance of Statutory

		<i>Liquidity Ratio (SLR) - Local Area Banks.</i>
DBOD.No.Ret.BC.76 /12.01.001/2012-13	January 29, 2013.	<i>Maintenance of Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR).</i>

B. Not applicable for November, 2013 examination:

Ind ASs issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Part II of the Revisionary Test Paper consists of twenty questions together with their answers. First fifteen questions are based on different topics discussed in the study material. Last 5 questions of this RTP are based on Framework and Accounting Standards containing two sub-parts each. For easy reference the topic / accounting standard number on which the question is based has been quoted at the top of each question. The details of topics, on which questions in the RTP are based, are as under:

Question No.	Topic
1	Amalgamation of Partnership firms
2	Dissolution of a Partnership firm
3	Schedule VI
4	Employee Stock Option Plans
5	Buy –Back of Shares
6	Underwriting of Shares
7	Redemption of Debentures
8	Amalgamation of companies
9	Internal Reconstruction of a Company
10	Liquidation of a company
11	Financial Statements of Insurance Companies
12	Financial Statements of Banking Companies
13	Financial Statements of Electricity Company
14	Departmental Accounts
15	Branch Accounting
16 to 20 (consisting of 10 sub-parts)	Framework and 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 for November, 2013 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 & Revised Schedule VI. 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. 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 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 of 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.

The RTP does not include the questions based on the exclusion of some topics in Information Technology for November 2013 examination. The detailed announcement is available on the link: http://icai.org/new_post.html?post_id=9102&c_id=342

Total 15 questions have been given out of which first 2 questions and answers are based on short description of related terms in the form of short answer type, and conversion of numbers. Rest 13 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. 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.

Section – B : Strategic Management

The Revision Test Paper in the subject of Strategic Management for the November, 2013 examination contains 19 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 five questions are in the nature of short answer type questions. Each question is further subdivided into different parts which extensively covers different 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 explain the meaning of the concepts followed by the third question in which a student has to distinguish between two concepts. Afterwards, fourth question is based on the short notes and finally, in the fifth 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.