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Commerce – Finance and Accounting

Paper 2.1 – CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN ACCOUNTING

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks: 70

Instructions to Candidates : Answer all Sections.

SECTION - A ·

1. Answer any **SEVEN** questions out of Ten. Each question carries **2** marks :

 $(7 \times 2 = 14)$

- (a) What is environmental reporting?
- (b) What are the objectives of Human Resources Accounting?
- (c) Illustrate defined contribution plan.
- (d) What are the approaches to inflation accounting?
- (e) Define accounting.
- (f) What is Social Audit?
- (g) Who are stake holders? Give examples.
- (h) Mention any two characteristics of financial lease.
- (i) Mention two reasons for interim reporting.
- (j) Outline the importance of financial reporting.

SECTION - B

Answer any FOUR questions out of Six. Each question carries 5 marks :

 $(4 \times 5 = 20)$

- 2. Briefly explain segment reporting.
- 3. Discuss in brief 'Defined Benefit Plan'.
- 4. Explain any two methods of 'Brand' Valuation.

- 5. Discuss the need for adopting inflation accounting.
- 6. Draw a chart illustrating the details of Corporate Reporting in India.
- 7. From the following extracts of Balance Sheet of AB Co. Ltd. Compute the net purchasing power gain or loss on monetary items.

Balances on 1.4.2018

Balances on 31.3.2019

| 1,50,000 | Cash & Bank balances | 3,10,000 |
|----------|----------------------|----------|
| 4,25,000 | Sundry debtors | 8,00,000 |
| 3,15,000 | Lóan | 4,75,000 |
| 2,85,000 | Trade creditors | 5,25,000 |
| 240 | Retail Price Index | 370 |

(Average for 2018 - 19 = 305)

SECTION - C

Answer any **THREE** questions out of Five. Each question carries **12** marks : (3 × **12** = **36**)

- 8. Discuss the latest provisions and schedules regarding .Corporate Social Responsibility Accounting as per Companies Act, 2013.
- 9. Explain in detail different approaches to Human Resources Accounting bringing in their relative merits and limitations.
- 10. What is balanced score card? Elaborate and illustrate different steps involved in the approach.
- 11. Describe inflation accounting practices followed in UK, USA and India.
- 12. ABC Ltd. started a business 1.1.2018 with an initial investment of Rs. 28,00,000 which comprised Rs. 24,00,000 as capital by the owners of the company and Rs. 4,00,000 as loan from the bank at 12% interest.

On the same day, the company purchased a machine costing Rs. 20,00,000 and the goods worth Rs. 8,00,000. It is decided to depreciate machine at 10%. On 30th June of the same year, one - half of the goods were sold for Rs. 12,00,000.

The movements in the price index numbers during the year was as under :

| | 1.1.2018 | 30.6.2018 | 31.12.2018 |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Index of General Prices | 100 | 130 * | 142 |
| Index of Specific Prices | 100 | 170 | 190 |

Assuming that the movements in the prices of goods and machine were similar. Prepare an income statement and balance sheet of the company according to the following methods.

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(a) Historical cost accounting

(b) Replacement cost accounting

(c) General purchasing power accounting (Ignore income tax)

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Paper 2.2 – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks: 70

Instructions to Candidates : Answer all Sections.

SECTION – A

1. Answer any **SEVEN** questions out of Ten. Each question carries **2** marks :

 $(7 \times 2 = 14)$

- (a) Define Batch Processing.
- (b) What is MIS?
- (c) Define GDSS..
- (d) What is ERP?
- (e) What is GRC?
- (f) What is COBIT?
- (g) What is Cyber Stalking?
- (h) Define Database.
- (i) What do you mean by Cell Address?
- (j) Define Cell in MS- Excel.

SECTION - B

Answer any **FOUR** questions out of Six. Each question carries **5** marks :

 $(4 \times 5 = 20)$

- 2. Explain Transaction processing system and its categories.
- 3. Explain SDLC and its steps.
- 4. What is HIPAA? Explain its concepts.

- 5. How cyber forensics is executed? Explain.
- 6. Explain 3 structure of database.
- 7. What are the types of graphs available in MS-Excel? Explain.

SECTION - C

Answer any **THREE** questions out of Five. Each question carries **12** marks : (3 × 12 = 36)

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What is GRC?

Explain Transaction processing system

What is HIPAA? Explain its concepts

- 8. Explain MIS block diagram and its reports.
- 9. Explain manufacturing and production information system with a diagram.
- 10. Explain few sections and penalties in IT ACT 2008.
- 11. Explain any 5 financial functions in MS-Excel.
- 12. Explain any six statistical functions of MS-Excel.

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Paper 2.3 – DIRECT TAXES PLANNING

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks: 70

Instructions to Candidates : Answer all Sections.

SECTION - A

1. Answer any **SEVEN** questions out of Ten. Each question carries 2 marks :

 $(7 \times 2 = 14)$

- (a) Differentiate between voluntary return and revised return.
- (b) State the procedure for claiming refund of tax.
- (c) Mention any four section 25 companies.
- (d) What do you mean by specified business? Name any two business.
- (e) Differentiate between Real Profit and Notional Profit.
- (f) Name any four donations which qualify for 50% deduction under Section 80 G.
- (g) State the carry forward provisions for loss from speculation business.
- (h) Differentiate between Exemption and Deduction.
- (i) What do you understand by prior tax ruling?
- (j) What do you mean slump sale?

SECTION - B

Answer any **FOUR** questions out of Six. Each question carries **5** marks : (4 × 5 = 20)

- 2. Write a note on Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements entered by India with other countries.
- 3. Discuss the main ingredients which make tax planning a legitimate exercise.
- 4. Briefly discuss the provisions regarding set off and carry forward of losses.
- 5. Compute depreciation allowance from following particulars & WDV on 1st April 2018 and capital gains if any for AY 2018 19.

W.D.V. on 1.4.2017 Rate of dep.

| | Ámount (Rs.) | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Building 1 | 10,80,000 | 5% |
| Building 2 | 8,20,000 | 10% |
| Building 3 | 9,70,000 | 10% |
| Furniture of building 1 | 14,000 | 10% |
| Furniture of building 2 | 24,500 | . 10% |
| Other furniture's | 54,500 | 10% |
| Plant and machinery A | 12,60,000 | . 30% |
| Plant and machinery B | 6,20,000 | 15% |
| Copy rights • | 3,75,000 | Not yet given |
| Patents | 2,50,000 | Not yet given |

Following assets have been purchase on 5.4.2017 and put to use on the following dates during the previous year.

| | Date put to use | Amount ₹ | Rate of dep. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| Plant C | 10.09.2017 | 5,65,000 | 15% |
| Plant D | 01.04.2018 | 6,25,000 | 15% |
| Building 4 | 01.12.2017 | 4,25,000 | 10% |
| Building 5 | 11.04.2017 | 3,90,000 | 5% |
| Furniture for new buildings | 01.12.2017 | 20,000 | 10% |
| Books | 06.04.2017 | 1,50,000 | 40% |

Following assets have been sold during the previous year.

| | Date of sale | Sale consideration (Rs. |
|------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Building 2 | 25.10.2017 | 12,80,000 |
| Building 3 | 30.03.2017 | 9,50,000 |
| Plant A | 08.05.2017 | 10,80,000 |

₹ 1,90,000 were also spent to renovate and modify Building 1. ₹ 1,20,000 also been spent in June 2017 on machinery B to make it suitable for the new system of production.

6. Srujana Limited is engaged in selling of mobile phones. The following details are extracted from the books of accounts. The net profit for the year is ₹ 9,00,000. It is calculated by adjusting the following :

- Income tax provision ₹ 60,000
- Depreciation (revaluation depreciation ₹ 50,000) ₹ 1,50,000
- Amount transferred to general reserve ₹ 50,000
- Long term capital gain liable for STT u/s 111A ₹ 60,000
- Amount withdrawn from revaluation reserve ₹ 60,000
- Profit from sick industrial unit ₹ 90,000
- Provision for Loss of subsidiary company ₹ 30,000
- Deferred tax provision ₹ 48,000
- Dividend received from domestic company ₹ 46,000
- ➢ Expenditure incurred to collect the above dividend ₹ 10,000
- Income tax paid ₹ 20,000
- Reserve for known liability ₹ 32,000

Compute the book profit and tax liability for the AY 2018-19.

- 7. Compute the advance tax liability payable by East-West Ltd. for the AY 2018-19. The estimated income for the financial year 2017-18 is as follows :
 - Estimated income from let out commercial property ₹ 10,00,000
 - Estimated income from non-speculative business ₹ 25,00,000
 - Income from interest.on government securities ₹ 6,50,000

SECTION - C

Answer any **THREE** questions out of Five. Each question carries **12** marks : (3 × 12 = 36)

8. Explain the scope of Tax planning with respect to

- (a) Amalgamation and Mergers
- (b) Capital structure decision
- 9. The books of accounts of East Coast Mills reveals the following data. You are required to compute total income as per Income tax act and tax liability for the AY 2018-19. The book profit calculated u/s 115 JB is ₹ 14,80,000.

Trading and Profit & Loss account for the year ending 31/3/2018

| Particulars | Amount (₹) | Particulars | Amount (₹) |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---|---------------|
| To Opening Stock | 2,89,000 | By Sales | 33,00,000 |
| To Purchases | 15,95,000 | By Dividend from | |
| To Advertisement exp. | | Domestic company | 15,000 |
| (₹ 35,000 given to BJP party) | 1,35,000 | By Long term capital gain | 90,000 |
| To Technical fees paid outside | | By Bad debts recovered | |
| India (TDS is not made) | 80,000 | disallowed earlier | *30,000 |
| To Travelling expenses | 1,05,000 | By Amount withdrawn from | IA A A A A A |
| · To Depreciation | 4,25,000 | Revaluation reserves | 2,00,000 |
| To Income Tax | 2,35,000 | By Closing stock | 6,04,000 |
| To Wealth Tax | 1,22,500 | in the second second second second second | |
| To Dividend distribution tax | 75,000 | | |
| To Entertainment expenses | 25,500 | | |
| To Outstanding Sales Tax | 22,000 | | |
| To Provision for unascertained | NID QUODS B | sendimine incorried to collect th | |
| Liability | 60,000 | | |
| To Income tax proceeding exp. | 12,500 | | |
| To Salaries and wages | 2,80,000 | | |
| To Auditor's fees | 20,000 | te the book profile and usy lists | geneo) |
| To Provision for loss of | | | |
| subsidiary company | · 37,500 | | |
| To Proposed dividend | 2,00,000 | | |
| To Sundry expenses | 1,30,000 | insted brome road at gat con | NA AL |
| To Net Profit | 3,90,000 | i. and mount had the second | 1.4 |
| | 42,39,000 | | 42,39,000 |

Additional information :

- (a) Depreciation allowable u/s 32 is ₹ 6,60,000.
- (b) Sundry expenses include an item of ₹ 35,000 paid in cash.
- (c) Closing stock was overvalued by ₹ 25,000 and opening stock was overvalued by ₹ 60,000.
- (d) Out of the O/s amount of GST ₹ 20,000 was paid before due date of filing of return of income.
- (e) The company declared dividend of ₹ 2,00,000 and it has paid ₹ 1,50,000 to its shareholder before filing the return of income.
- 10. ABC Company Limited needs a component in an assembly operation. It is contemplating the proposal to either make or buy the aforesaid component.
 - (a) If the company decides to make the product itself, then it would need to buy a new machine for ₹ 32 lakhs which would be used for 5 years. Manufacturing costs in each of the five years would be ₹ 48 lakhs, ₹ 56 lakhs, ₹ 64 lakhs, ₹ 80 lakhs and ₹ 1 crore respectively. The relevant depreciation rate is 15 per cent. The machine will be sold for ₹ 5 lakhs at the beginning of the sixth year.
 - (b) If the company decides to buy the component from a supplier the component would cost ₹ 72 lakhs, ₹ 80 lakhs, ₹ 88 lakhs ₹ 112 lakhs and ₹ 138 lakhs respectively for each of the five year.

The relevant discounting rate is 10%. Tax rate is as applicable :

| Year : | 1 | 2 | 3. | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| PV factor @ 10% : | 0.909 | 0.826 | 0.751 | 0.683 | 0.621 | 0.564 |

Should ABC Limited 'Make' the component or 'Buy' from the market?

11. Answer both the Parts (A & B)

- A. Lehman Limited has is involved in scientific research and has incurred the following expenditures for the financial year 2017-18 :
 - Contribution made to Mysore University for statistical research ₹ 70,000
 - Salaries paid to employees working in scientific research ₹ 4,60,000.
 - Water and electricity of the building ₹ 28,000
 - Contribution to IIT, Rothak ₹ 98,000
 - Construction of building ₹ 10,00,000
 - Acquisition of land ₹ 20,45,000
 - Purchase of furniture ₹ 2,58,000

- Purchase of Plant and Machineries ₹ 3,45,000
- Maintenance of machineries ₹ 49,000
- ➤ Contribution to ISAAC Limited (National Laboratory) ₹ 68,000
- Contribution to M/s Penna Limited (Approved Research Institute) ₹ 96,000

You are required to compute allowable amount of deduction u/s 35 of Income Tax Act, 1961.

- B. List out any five incomes on which tax is deducted at sources by the company assessee with percentage of tax deducted.
- 12. Discuss the income tax provisions for the following :
 - (a) Deductions in respect of certain undertakings in North-Eastern states .
 - (b) Donations u/s 80GGB
 - (c) Deductions in respect of 80JJA
 - (d) Deductions in respect of 80JJAA

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Paper 2.4 – SECURITIES ANALYSIS AND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks: 70

Instructions to Candidates : Answer all Sections.

SECTION – A

1. Answer any **SEVEN** questions. Each question carries **2** marks : (7 × **2** = **14**).

- (a) Define investment management.
- (b) What is meant by Warrant?
- (c) Give the meaning of Economic value added.
- (d) What is intrinsic value?
- (e) Define Derivative.
- (f) Distinguish between EPF and PPF.
- (g) Give the formula for calculating current yield.
- (h) What are support and resistance levels in technical analysis?
- (i) What is Efficient frontier?
- (j) Distinguish between Sharpe's and Treynor's performance Index.

SECTION - B

Answer any **FOUR** questions. Each question carries **5** marks : (4 × 5 = 20)

- 2. "Investment management is a process." Elucidate.
- 3. Briefly explain the qualitative factors that affect a company's performance.
- 4. Write a note on arbitrage pricing theory.

- 5. XYZ Company declared a dividend of Rs.2 per share. XYZ officially expects that the dividend will grow at a 12% for the next 4 years. At the end of 4 years the dividends growth rate shows declining trend at 6% for the foreseeable future. Determine the value of stock assuming 16% required rate of return.
- 6. The following parameters apply to stock A and B :

| | Stock A | STOCK B |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Expected return (%) | 20 | 30 |
| Expected variance | 16 | 25 |
| Covariance AB | 20 | |

Is there any advantage to holding a combination of A and B stocks?

7. An investor has two alternative securities P and Q. He requested you to determine which security is more risky.

| | Security P | Security Q |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Rate of return (%) | 15 | 20 |
| Standard Deviation | 10 | 07 |

SECTION - C

Answer any **THREE** questions. Each question carries **12** marks :: (3 × 12 = 36)

- 8. Critically analyse any five investment alternatives available for an investor.
- 9. Explain the various valuation models available for valuation of equity stock.
- 10. Describe various patterns of charts used by technical analysts in predicting movement of stock price with charts.
- 11. Consider the following information on two stocks X and Y :

| : | Return on X | Return on Y |
|-----|-------------|-------------|
| | (%) | ∞(%) |
| 017 | 10 | 12 |
| 018 | 16 | 18 |
| : | | |

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You are required to determine : .

- (a) The expected return on portfolio containing stock X and Y in the proportion of investment 40% and 60% respectively.
- (b) The standard deviation of return from each of the two stocks.
- (c) The covariance of the returns from the two stocks.
- (d) Correlation co-efficient between the returns of the two stocks.
- (e) The risk of portfolio containing X and Y in the proportion of 40% and 60%.
- 12. The following are the information pertaining three portfolios P1, P2 and P3 :

| Portfolio | Average Annual Return (%) | Standard Deviation | Correlation co-efficient market and portfolio | |
|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| P1 | 18 | 27 | 0.8 | |
| P2 | . 14 | 18 | 0.6 | , |
| P3 | 15 | 08 | 0.9 | |
| Market | 13 | 12 | _ | • |
| | | | | |

Risk-free rate of interest is 9%

- (a) Rank these portfolios using Sharpe's and Treynor's performance evaluation methods.
- (b) Compare both the indices and interpret the results.

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Paper 2.5 - STRATEGIC COST AND MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks: 70

Instructions to Candidates : Answer all Sections.

SECTION - A

1. Answer any **SEVEN** questions. Each question carries **2** marks :

 $(7 \times 2 = 14)$.

- (a) What is strategic cost?
- (b) What is standard costing?
- (c) Differentiate marginal cost and differential cost.
- (d) Give the meaning of value engineering.
- (e) Define activity based costing.
- (f) Give the meaning of pricing strategy.
- (g) What is penetration pricing policy?
- (h) What is life cycle costing?
- (i) List out the types of pricing methods.
- (j) What is cost of lost opportunity?

SECTION'-B

Answer any **FOUR** questions. Each question carries **5** marks : (4 × 5

 $(4 \times 5 = 20)$

- 2. How cost accounting is useful in strategic planning?
- 3. Describe the different elements of cost.
- 4. Write a note on Kaplan and Cooper's approach to ABC.

5. Division Z is a profit center which produces four products A, B, C and D. Each product is sold in the external market also. Data for the period is :

| | А | В | С | D |
|--|-------|-------|-----|-----|
| Market price per unit (Rs.) : | , 150 | 146 | 140 | 130 |
| Variable cost of production per unit (Rs.) : | 130 | . 100 | 90 | 85 |
| Labour hours required per unit : | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 |

Product D can be transferred to Division Y, but the maximum quantity that may be required for transfer is 2,500 units of D.

The maximum sales in the external market are :

- A 2,800 units
- B 2,500 units
- C 2,300 units
- D 1,600 units

Division Y can purchase the same product at a price of Rs. 125 per unit from outside instead of receiving transfer of product D from Division Z.

Required :

What should be the transfer price for each unit for 2,500 units of D, if the total labour hours available in Division Z are 20,000 hours?

- 6. Discuss the concept of BPR.
- 7. Discuss the stages in product life cycle and its pricing strategies.

SECTION - C

Answer any **THREE** questions. Each question carries **12** marks : (3 × 12 = 36)

8. Write a note on :

- (a) JIT and its applicability in manufacturing sectors in India.
- (b) Total quality management
- 9. Green Piston Ltd. produces 60,000 pistons/Annam for its parent company, Environment Motors Ltd. The pistons are sold to Environment Motors at Rs.200/unit. The variable cost/piston is Rs.180. The annual fixed cost of Environment Piston Ltd., is Rs.15 lakhs and it is currently operating at 60% capacity. The company desires to respond to an export enquiry for 30,000 pistons of the type it is currently manufacturing. The company's aim is to improve capacity utilization and avoid loss.

You have to take note of the following benefits that will accrue to the export transaction. While determining the FOB price to be quoted :

- (a) Export incentive by way of cash assistance at 10% of FOB value of export.
- (b) Reimbursement of excise duty on manufacturing inputs by way of 5% draw backs of duty on FOB value of exports.
- (c) Entitlement of import license to the extent of 10% on FOB value of exports. The import license can either be sold at a premium of 100% or it can be utilized to improve certain critical auto components that will yield a 30% profit on cost.

Recommend the bare minimum price that the company should quote, in order to break even, assuming :

- It sells the import license in the market.
- It imports components against the license and sell them for profit.
- 10. Why techniques of cost management to be implemented in the business organisation? Explain.
- 11. Briefly discuss the concept of business process re-engineering with a suitable example.
- 12. The Best Manufacturers Ltd. manufactures four products, namely M, N, O and P using the same plant and process. The following information relates to a production period :

| Product | М | N | 0 | Р |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Output (units) | 720 | 600 | 480 | 504 |
| Cost per unit : | | | | |
| Direct material (Rs.) | 42 | 45 | 40 | 48 |
| Direct labour (Rs.) | 10 | 9 | 7 | 8 |
| Machine hours per unit (hours) | 4. | 3 | 2 | 1 |

The four products are similar and are usually produced in production runs of 24 units and sold in batches of 12 units. Using machine hour rate currently absorbs the production overheads. The total overheads incurred by the company for the period is as follows :

| Answer any PODE questions, have garation | Rs. |
|--|--------|
| Machine operation and maintenance cost | 63,000 |
| Set up cost | 20,000 |
| Store receiving cost | 15,000 |
| Inspection | 10,000 |
| Material handling and dispatch | 2,592 |

| During the period the following of | cost drivers are to be used for the overhead cos | st: |
|------------------------------------|--|-----|
| Cost | Cost driver | |
| Set-up cost | - No. of production runs | |
| Store receiving | - Requisition raised | |
| Inspection | - No. of production runs | |
| Material handling and dispatch | - Order executed | |

It is also determined that :

- Machine operation and maintenance cost should be apportioned between set-up cost, store receiving and inspection activity in 4:3:2.
- Number of requisitions raised on store is 50 for each product and the number of orders executed is 192, each order being for a batch of 12 of a product.

Required :

- (a) Calculate the total cost of each product, if all overhead costs are absorbed on machine hour rate basis.
- (b) Calculate the total cost of each product using activity base costing.
- (c) Comment briefly on differences disclosed between overheads traced by present system and those traced by activity base costing.

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Paper 2.6 - ASSET LIABILITY MANAGEMENT IN BANKS

Time : 3 Hours] [Max. Marks : 70

SECTION – A \cdot

1. Answer any **SEVEN** of the following. Each question carries 2 marks : (7 × 2 = 14)

- (a) Define the "time value" of money.
- (b) Money deposited in a bank is doubled in 5 years. Find out the interest rate.
- (c) Define the principle of "profitability".
- (d) Prove that $G = P(1+i)^t$.
- (e) What are "shoulders" in a graph?
- (f) How do you identify "flags"?
- (g) Enlist any four types of risk.
- (h) Define the term "liability".
- (i) Prove that $G = P(e)^{rt}$.
- (j) How do you compute continuous compounding rate of return?

SECTION - B

Answer any **FOUR** questions. Each question carries **5** marks : (4 × **5** = **20**)

2. Write a note on contemporary scenario of interest rates in India.

- 3. Distinguish between systematic and unsystematic risk with examples.
- 4. Enlist liquidity ratios and enumerate few advantages of it.
- 5. How do you measure the behaviour of investors? Explain.
- 6. What is exchange rate mechanism? Enumerate the role exchange rates for banking industry.
- 7. Examine the legal framework of Indian Banking Industry.

 $(4 \times 5 = 20)$

SECTION - C

Answer any **THREE** questions. Each question carries **12** marks : (3 × **12** = **36**)

8. Explain the methods of managing pure risk.

- 9. Explain the role of internal risk reduction in loss control.
- 10. What is the expected value of property and liability losses for a firm which is having the following distribution?

| Property Losses ₹ | Probability | Liability Losses ₹ | Probability |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 22,00,000 | 0.001 | 55,00,000 | 0.002 |
| 12,00,000 | 0.005 | 25,00,000 | 0.006 |
| 2,00,000 | 0.010 | 5,00,000 | 0.009 |
| Ο · | 0.984 | 0 | 0.983 |
| | | | |

- 11. Critically examine the ALM guidelines prevailing in Indian banks.
- 12. Explain the various macro economic factors influencing the fluctuating interest rates in India.

Write a note on contemporary scenario of interest rates in lifeia

Distinguish between systematic and unsystematic risk with exan

Define the term "liability"

Examine the legal framework of Indian Barking Industry

is exchange rate mechanism? Enumerate the role exchange

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Paper 2.7 (Soft Core) – BUSINESS RESEARCH METHODS

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks: 70

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SECTION - A ·

1. Answer any **SEVEN** questions out of Ten. Each question carries 2 marks :

 $(7 \times 2 = 14)$

- (a) Define business research.
- (b) What is a research design? OF OB3
- (c) State the nature of exploratory research.
- (d) Give the meaning of a research problem.
- (e) What is stratified random sampling?
- (f) What is a pilot-study?
- (g) State any two tools of collecting primary data.
- (h) Define hypothesis.
- (i) What is a Z-test?
- (j) State any two essentials of an ideal research report.

SECTION - B

Answer any **FOUR** questions out of Six. Each question carries **5** marks :

 $(4 \times 5 = 20)$

- 2. Describe the scope of business research.
- '3. Explain the process of selecting research problem.
- 4. Distinguish between Type-I and Type-II errors.
- 5. Complete the following table :

| | Grade on Business Research | Frequency | Relative |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Methods Exam | | Frequency |
| | A : 90-100 | ? | .08 |
| | B:80-89 | 36 | ? |
| | C:65-79 | 90 | ? |
| | D:50-64 | 30 | ? |
| | E: Below 50 | 28 | ? |
| | Total | 200 | 1.00 |
| | | | |

6. Assume a population of size four : 18, 20, 22 and 24. If all the possible samples of size two each are drawn with replacement, compute :

- (a) the mean of each sample
- (b) sample variance
- (c) modified sample variance

7. The shopping bills of customers of a departmental store are known to follows the normal distribution with mean as Rs. 2,000 and variance as Rs. 2,50,000. One day, the first 100 customers' bills are found to have on average of Rs. 2,200.

Can the first 100 customers be regarded as a truly representative or random sample of the population of all customers?

SECTION - C

Answer any **THREE** questions out of Five. Each question carries **12** marks : (3 × 12 = 36)

- 8. Explain the steps involved in testing a hypothesis.
- 9. Describe the tools of data processing.
- 10. Give an outline of a research report.
- 11. In a business institute, the A+, A and B grades allocated to the students in their final examination, were as follows :

| Specialisation | Grades | | |
|--------------------|--------|----|-------|
| | A+ | А | В |
| Finance | 20 | 25 | 10 |
| Marketing | 15 | 20 | 8 |
| Accounting and Tax | 5 | 15 | 7 9 7 |

Using 5% level of significance, determine whether the grading scale is independent of the specialisation.

12. In a departmental store, 380 customers out of a random sample of 800 customers were found to be the users of Visa credit cards.

Test whether this information supports the view that the majority of the customers of the stores are using other cards other than visa credit cards.