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CHAPTER	<h1 style="margin: 0;">Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting Under Indian Accounting Standards (IND AS)</h1>
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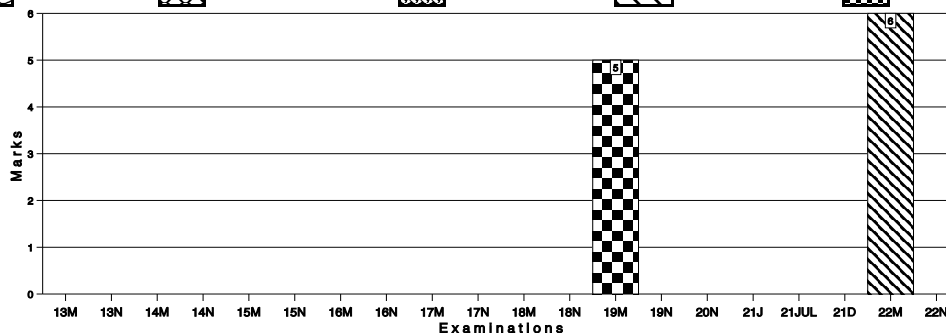
THIS CHAPTER COMPRISES OF

- ☞ Understand the objectives of general purpose financial reporting
- ☞ Apply qualitative characteristics of useful financial information
- ☞ Appreciate the concept of financial statements and the reporting entity
- ☞ Learn the various elements of financial statements i.e. asset, liability, income and expenses
- ☞ Understand the criteria for including assets and liabilities in financial statements (recognition) and when to remove them (derecognition)
- ☞ Understand measurement bases and when to use them
- ☞ Understand the concept of presentation and disclosure and its importance as communication tools
- ☞ Apprehend the concept of capital and capital maintenance, and how it links to the concept of profit

Marks of Objective, Short Notes, Distinguish Between, Descriptive & Practical Questions

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 Objective
  Short Notes
  Distinguish
  Descriptive
  Practical



DESCRIPTIVE QUESTIONS

2022 - May [4] (b) Discuss the following in the context of 'Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting under Indian Accounting Standards' :

- (i) The cost constraint on useful financial information
- (ii) Executory contracts. (6 marks)

Answer:

- (i) **The cost constraint on useful financial information:**

Cost is a pervasive constraint on the information that can be provided by financial reporting. Reporting financial information imposes costs, and it is important that those costs are justified by the benefits of reporting that information.

Both the providers and users of financial information incur costs in reporting and analysing financial information. In applying the cost constraint, the ICAI assesses whether the benefits of reporting particular information are likely to justify the costs incurred to provide and use that information.

When applying the cost constraint in formulating a proposed Ind AS, the ICAI seeks information from providers of financial information, users, auditors, academics and others about the expected nature and quantity of the benefits and costs of that Ind AS. In most situations, assessments are based on a combination of quantitative and qualitative information.

Because of the inherent subjectivity, different individuals assessments of the costs and benefits of reporting particular items of financial information will vary. Therefore, the ICAI seeks to consider costs and benefits in relation to financial reporting generally, and not just in relation to individual reporting entities.

- (ii) **Executory Contracts:**

An executory contract is a contract, or a portion of a contract, that is equally unperformed-neither party has fulfilled any of its obligations, or both parties have partially fulfilled their obligations to an equal extent.

An executory contract establishes a combined right and obligation to exchange economic resources. The right and obligation are interdependent and cannot be separated. Hence, the combined rights and obligation constitute a single asset or liability.

The entity has an asset if the terms of the exchange are currently favourable; it has a liability if the terms of the exchange are currently unfavourable.

Whether such an asset or liability is included in the financial statements depends on both the recognition criteria and the measurement basis selected for the asset or liability, including, if applicable, any test for whether the contract is onerous.

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PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

2019 - May [2] (b) Mr. Unique commenced business on 01/04/17 with ₹ 20,000 represented by 5,000 units of the product @ ₹ 4 per unit. During the year 2017-18, he sold 5,000 units @ ₹ 5 per unit. During 2017-18, he withdraw ₹ 4,000.

- 31/03/18 : Price of the product @ ₹ 4.60 per unit
- Average price indices : 1/4/17 : 100 & 31/3/18 : 120

Find Out:

- Financial capital maintenance at Historical Cost
- Financial capital maintenance at Current Purchasing Power
- Physical Capital Maintenance (5 marks)

Answer:

- Financial Capital Maintenance at Historical Costs**

	₹	₹
Closing capital (At historical cost)		21,000
Less: Capital to be maintained opening capital (At historical cost)	20,000	
Introduction (At historical cost)	Nil	(20,000)

Retained Profit		1,000
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(ii) **Financial Capital Maintenance at Current Purchasing Power**

Opening equity at closing price = ₹ 20,000 × $\frac{120}{100}$ = ₹ 24,000

Closing equity at closing price = (₹ 25,000 - ₹ 4,000) = ₹ 21,000

Retained Profit = ₹ 21,000 - ₹ 24,000 = - ₹ 3,000 (Loss)

	₹	₹
Closing capital (At closing cost price)		21,000
Less: Capital to be maintained opening capital (At closing price)	₹ 24,000	
Introduction (At closing price)	Nil	(24,000)
Retained Profit		(3,000)

(iii) **Physical Capital Maintenance:**

Current Cost of opening stock = (5,000 units × 4.60)
= ₹ 23,000

Current Cost of closing cash = ₹ 21,000 (25,000 - 4,000)

Opening Equity at closing current costs = ₹ 23,000

Closing Equity at closing current costs = ₹ 21,000

Retained Profit = ₹ 21,000 - ₹ 23,000 = - ₹ 2,000

	₹	₹
Closing capital (At Current Cost)		21,000
Less: Capital to be maintained opening capital (At Current Cost)	23,000	
Introduction (At Current Cost)	Nil	(23,000)
Retained Profit		(2,000)

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Topic not yet asked but equally important for examination

DESCRIPTIVE QUESTIONS

Q1. What is the purpose of Framework?

Answer:

The purpose of the framework is to:

1. Set out the concepts that underlie the preparation and presentation of financial statements in accordance with the Ind AS for external users.
2. Assist in the development of future Ind AS and in its review of existing Ind AS.
3. Assist in promoting harmonization of regulations, accounting standards and procedures relating to the presentation of financial statements.
4. Providing a basis for reducing the number of alternative accounting treatments permitted by Ind AS.
5. Assist preparers of financial statements in applying Ind AS and in dealing with topics that have yet to form the subject of an Ind AS.
6. Assist auditors in forming an opinion as to whether financial statements conform with Ind AS.
7. Assist users of financial statements in interpreting the information contained in financial statements prepared in conformity with Ind AS; and
8. Provide those who are interested in Ind AS with information about approach to their formulation.

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Q2. What are the underlying assumptions in Financial Statements?

Answer:

The underlying assumptions in Financial Statements are:

1. Accrual Basis:

The effects of transactions and other events are recognised when they occur (and not as cash or its equivalent is received or paid) and they are

recorded in the accounting records and reported in the Financial Statements of the periods to which they relate.

2. Going Concern:

- The Financial Statements are normally prepared on the assumption that an entity is a going concern and will continue in operation for the foreseeable future.
- It is assumed that the entity has neither the intention nor the need to liquidate or curtail materially the scale of its operations, if such an intention or need exists, the Financial Statements may have to be prepared on a different basis and, if so, the basis used is disclosed.

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Q3. How are Assets and Liabilities recognised?

Answer:

Recognition of Assets

- **An asset is recognised in the Balance Sheet** when it is probable that the future economic benefits will flow to the entity and the asset has a cost or value that can be measured reliably.
- **An asset is not recognised in the Balance Sheet** when expenditure has been incurred for which it is considered improbable that economic benefits will flow to the entity beyond the current accounting period. Instead such a transaction results in the recognition of an expense in the statement of profit and loss.

Recognition of Liabilities

- **A liability is recognised in the Balance Sheet** when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will result from the settlement of a present obligation and the amount at which the settlement will take place can be measured reliably.
- **In practice**, obligations under contracts that are equally proportionately unperformed (for example, liabilities for inventory ordered but not yet received) are generally not recognised as liabilities in the Financial Statements. However, such obligations may meet the definition of liabilities and, provided the recognition criteria are met in the particular

circumstances, may qualify for recognition. In such circumstances, recognition of liabilities entails recognition of related assets or expenses.

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Q4. What is the concept of materiality?

Answer:

- Information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decision that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements, which provide financial information about a specific reporting entity.
- Materiality depends on the nature or magnitude of information, or both. An entity assesses whether information, either individually or in combination with other information, is material in the context of its financial statements taken as a whole.
- Information is obscured if it is communicated in a way that would have a similar effect for primary users of financial statements to omitting or misstating that information.

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Q5. Elucidate the concept of True & Fair under the framework of Financial Statement under Ind AS.

Answer:

- The Framework does not directly address the True and Fair View or Fair Presentation.
- If the Qualitative Characteristics are applied along with the appropriate Accounting Standards this normally results in Financial Statements that convey what is generally understood as a True and Fair View of such information.
- Ind AS-1 states that presentation of a True and Fair View is achieved by compliance with applicable Ind AS.

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