

THE COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF JAMAICA ASSOCIATE DEGREE EXAMINATIONS

SUMMER/ SUPPLEMENTAL - AUGUST 2008

PROGRAMME: BUSINESS STUDIES

COURSE NAME: AUDITING I (ACCT3301)

YEAR GROUP: TWO

DATE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2008

TIME: 9:00 – 12:00 NOON

DURATION: 3 HOURS

EXAMINATION TYPE: FINAL

INSTRUCTIONS:

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION.

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Instructions: Answer any two (2) questions from this section.

Question 1

a) How do the duties of an internal auditor and an external auditor differ in relation to levels of independence and scope of work?

(4 marks)

b) Briefly explain <u>three (3)</u> limitations that an auditor may have in reaching conclusions with absolute certainty.

(6 marks)

- c) In the context of rules of professional conduct and independence issues, state whether the following situations are acceptable:
 - i. An audit partner is the close personal friend of the chief accountant of a client firm Con Company Limited. The audit partner is not responsible for the audit of Con Limited.
 - ii. The audit fee from Esop ltd is \$150 000. The total audit fee of the audit firm is \$650 000.
 - iii. The audit senior in charge of the audit of Midland Bank PLC has a personal loan from the bank he pays interest rate of 6 % (regular rates of interest average 15 %).
 - iv. The audit staff of RobU garages receive free servicing of motor vehicles three (3) times per year.
 - v. The cousin of an audit assistant owns a shareholding of minimal value in a company audited by that assistant.

(15 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

Question 2

a) Why does an auditor assess the effectiveness of a company's internal control system?

(3 marks)

b) Describe fully **four (4)** types of internal control procedures giving an example of each.

(16 marks)

c) Discuss three (3) reasons why management may implement a system of internal controls. (6 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

Question 3

a) Discuss **four (4)** factors that auditors should take into consideration when deciding to what extent reliance can be placed on evidence obtained.

(12 marks)

- b) Discuss verification procedures an auditor could carry out to test the following:
 - i. Ownership of premises
 - ii. Valuation of land
 - iii. Existence of fixed assets

(9marks)

c) Distinguish between a qualified and an unqualified audit report

(4 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

Question 4

a) What are considered 'material items'? Why is calculation of materiality important?

(5 marks)

- b) Describe some essential activities that are involved in the following stages of conducting an audit:
 - i. Background research
 - ii. Preparation of the audit plan
 - iii. Internal control system review
 - iv. Substantive testing
 - v. Preparation and signing of the report

(20 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

END OF EXAMINATION