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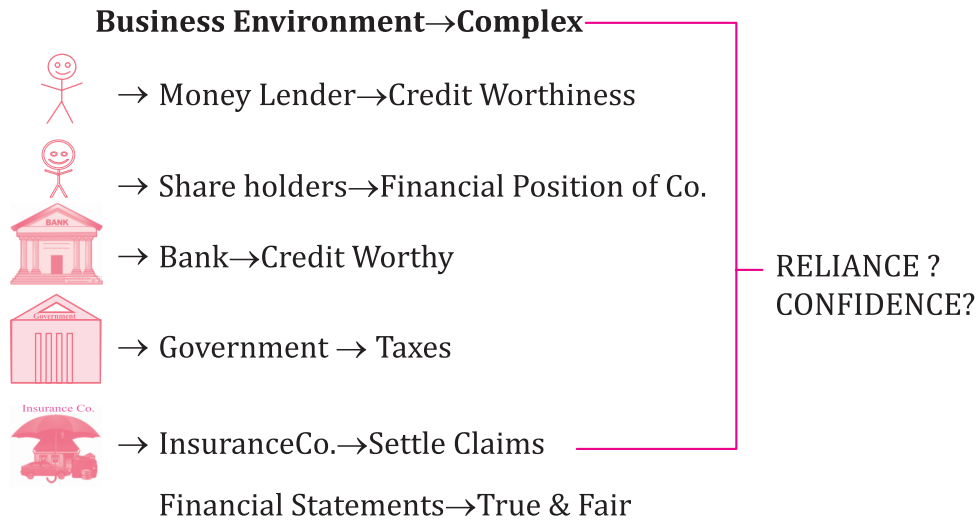
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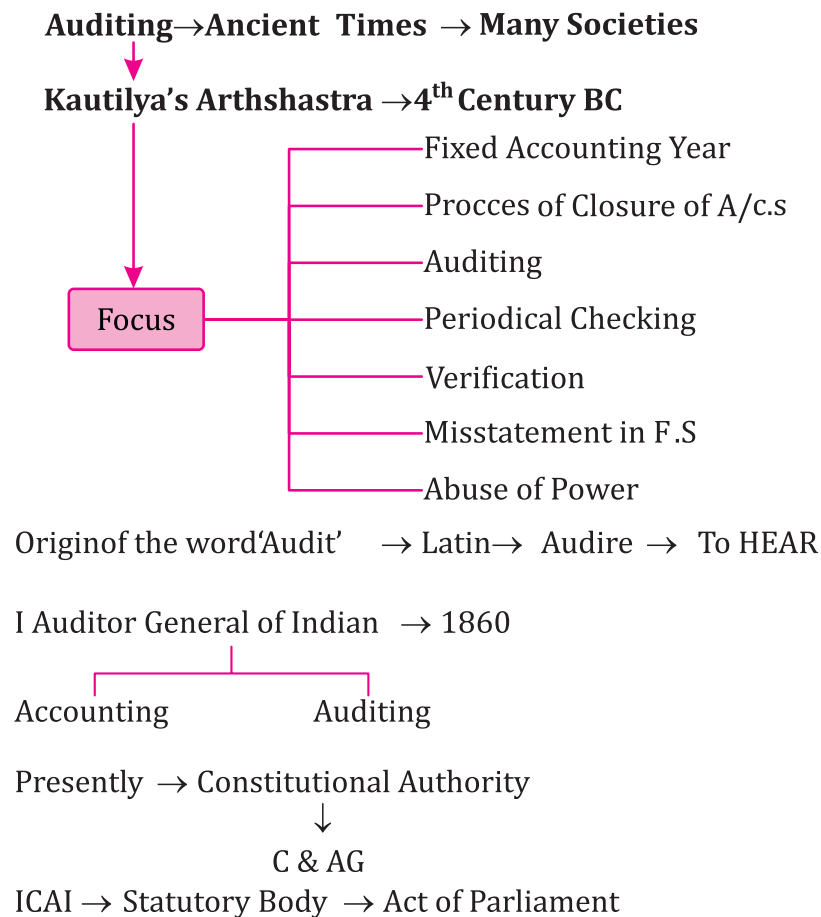
Nature, Objectives and Scope of Audit

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26.	Why are Standards needed?			
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■ INTRODUCTION



■ ORIGIN OF AUDITING



What do such real-life situations highlight? Such instances underline importance of auditing in today's complex business environment. Be it investors desirous of investing their money in companies, shareholders anxious to know financial position of companies they have invested in, banks or financial institutions willing to lend funds to credit-worthy organizations, governments desirous of collecting taxes from trade and industry in accordance with applicable laws, trade unions negotiating with corporate managements for better wages or insurance companies wanting to settle property claims caused by fire or other disasters- range of diverse users in equally diverse fields rely upon audited financial statements.

Can you figure out reason behind such reliance? It is due to the fact that audited financial statements provide confidence to users of financial statements; audited financial statements provide assurance to users who may take their decisions on the basis of such audited financial statements.

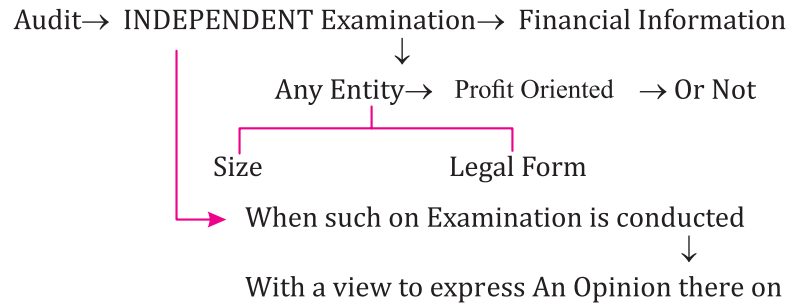
Herein lies the importance of auditing. You can very well understand how significant is role of auditing profession and auditors in modern world involving multitude of economic activities being carried out in equally dynamic legal and regulatory environments.

Here, comes a vital question. What do we mean by auditing? What is its nature and scope? What it includes and What it does not? What are its limitations? We shall try to find out answers to these questions in succeeding paras.

Before we get to understand meaning and nature of auditing, let's travel back in time to know about origin of auditing. Auditing has existed even in ancient times in many societies of world including India. The reference to auditing is found in Kautilya's Arthshastra even in 4th century BC. It talks about fixed accounting year, a process for closure of accounts and audit for the same. Concepts of periodical checking and verification existed even in those times. Even there are references in his monumental work to misstatements in financial statements due to abuse of power. Wasn't he far ahead of his times? The word "audit" originates from Latin word "audire" meaning "to hear". In medieval times, auditors used to hear the accounts read out to them to check that employees were not careless and negligent. Industrial revolution in Europe led to astronomical expansion in volume of trade and consequently demand of auditors. Coming to more recent history, the first Auditor General of India was appointed in British India in 1860 having both accounting and auditing functions. Later on, office of Auditor General was given statutory recognition. Presently, Comptroller and Auditor General of India is an independent constitutional authority responsible for auditing government receipts and expenditures. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India was established as a statutory body under an Act of Parliament in 1949 for regulating the profession of Chartered Accountancy in the country.

Notes to Add

■ MEANING AND NATURE OF AUDITING



Auditor to Ensure

- (1) F.S.
 - Does not mislead
 - As per → Books of A/c.
 - Amount → Properly
 - True + Fair
 - Classified
 - Described
 - Disclosed

As per AS
- (2) Entries
 - Supported by → Suff. + Appro. A.E.
 - Not omitted
- (3) Information
 - Clear
 - Unambiguous

Auditing → Provides → Assurance → To user → F.S.

 - Credibility
 - Relied Upon

Notes to Add

QUESTIONS

Theory Questions

1. Explain clearly meaning of Auditing. How would you as an auditor perform the audit.

Ans. “An audit is an independent examination of financial information of any entity, whether profit oriented or not, and irrespective of its size or legal form, when such an examination is conducted with a view to expressing an opinion thereon.”

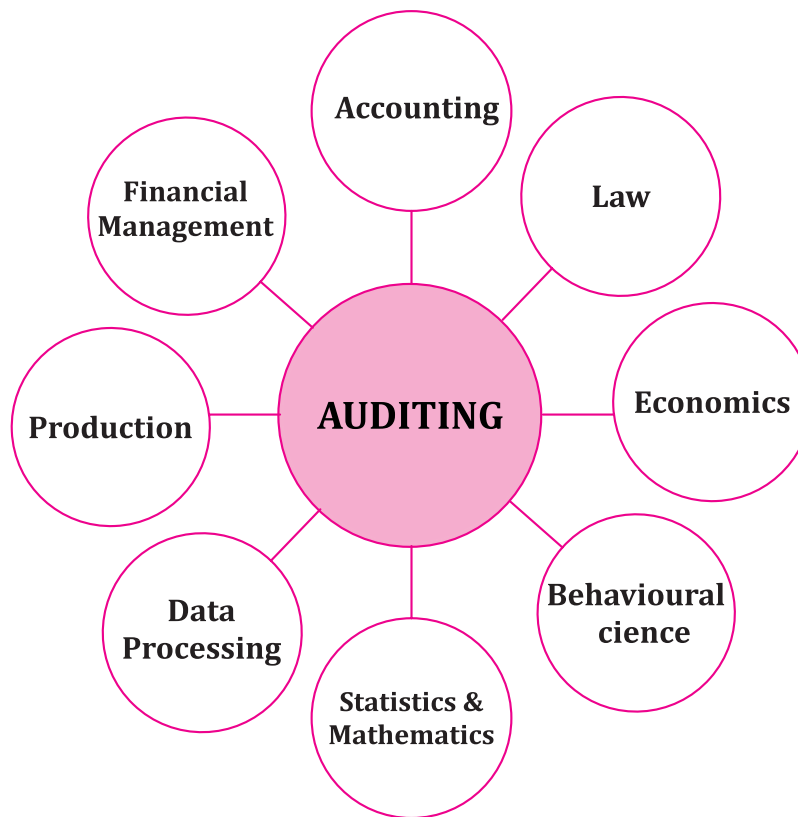
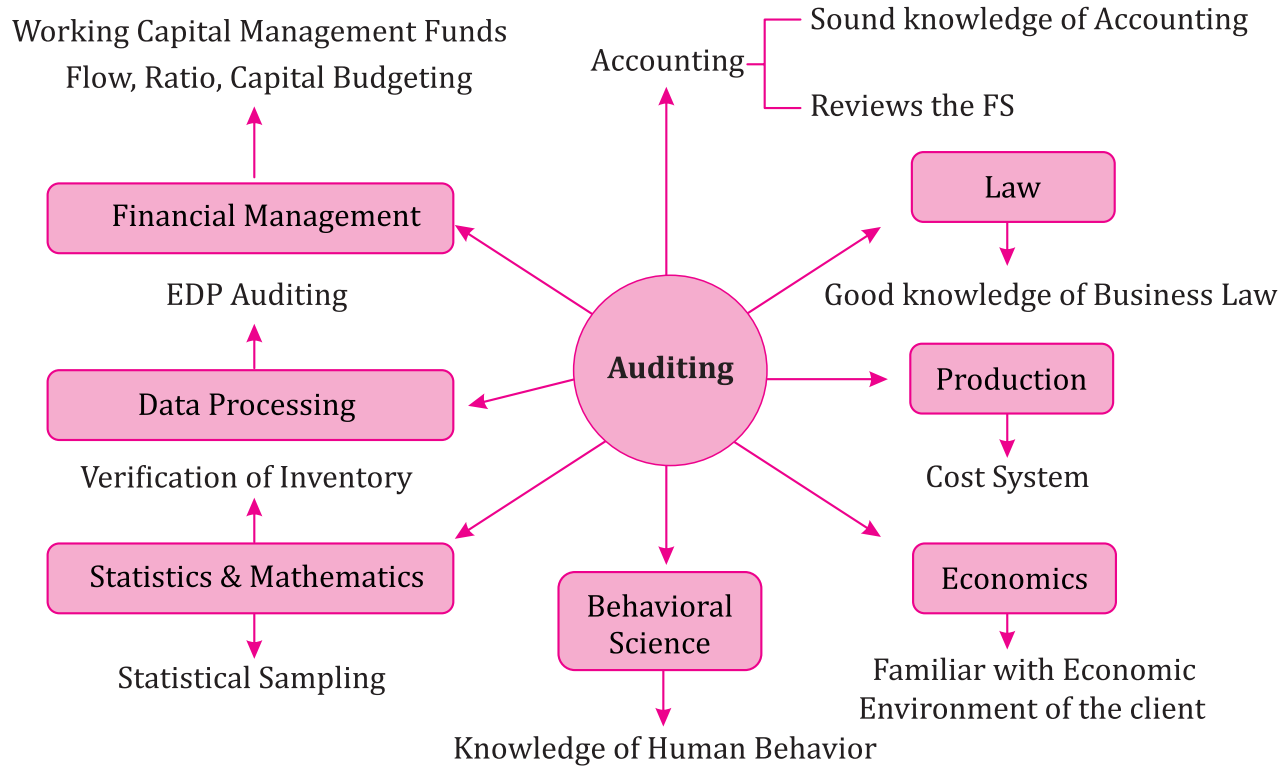
The person conducting this task should take care to ensure that financial statements would not mislead anybody. This he can do honestly by satisfying himself that:

- (i) The accounts have been drawn up with reference to entries in the books of account;
- (ii) The entries in the books of account are adequately supported by sufficient and appropriate evidence;
- (iii) None of the entries in the books of account has been omitted in the process of compilation and nothing which is not in the books of account has found place in the statements;
- (iv) The information conveyed by the statements is clear and unambiguous;
- (v) The financial statement amounts are properly classified, described and disclosed in conformity with accounting standards; and
- (vi) The statement of accounts present a true and fair picture of the operational results and of the assets and liabilities.

Notes to Add

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■ INTERDISCIPLINARY NATURE OF AUDITING-RELATIONSHIP WITH DIVERSE SUBJECTS



QUESTIONS

Correct/Incorrect

State with reasons (in short) whether the following statements are correct or incorrect:

2. According to Mr. H, one of the team members of the auditor of Very Essential Limited was of the view that no relation exists between accounting and auditing from the point of view of a company.

Ans. Incorrect: The viewpoint of Mr. H is incorrect because there exists a proper relation between accounting and auditing from the point of view of a company. Audit is conducted for financial statements of a company and those financial statements are prepared with the help of books of accounts of that company. In order to properly conduct an audit of a company, an auditor is required to be aware of accounting principles and accounting policies of that company.

3. Mr. S, one of the new team members of the auditor of Extremely Effective Limited was of the view that for the purpose of conducting an audit, only knowledge of direct tax is required whereas no knowledge of indirect tax is required.

Ans. Incorrect: The viewpoint of Mr. S is incorrect because for the purpose of conducting an audit, proper knowledge of both direct tax as well as indirect tax is required.

Theory Questions

4. “The independent audit of an entity’s financial statements is a vital service to investors, trade payables, and other participants in economic exchange”. Explain

Ans. Auditing along with other disciplines such as accounting and law, equips you with all the knowledge that is required to enter into auditing as a profession. No business or institution can effectively carry on its activities without the help of proper records and accounts, since transactions take place at different of time with numerous persons and entities. The effect of all transactions has to be recorded and suitably analysed to see the results as regards the business as a whole. Periodical statements of account are drawn up to measure the success of whole. Periodical statements of account are drawn up to measure the success or failure of the activities in achieving the objective of the organization. This would be impossible without a systematic record of transactions. Financial statements are often the basis for decision making by the management and for corrective action so as to even closing down the organization or a part of it. All this would be possible only if the statements are reliable; decisions based on wrong accounting statements may prove very harmful or even fatal to the business. For example, if the business has really earned a profit but because of wrong accounting, the annual accounts show a loss, the proprietor may take the decision to sell the business at a loss. Thus from the point of view of the management itself, authenticity of financial statements is essential. It is more essential for those who have invested their money in the business but cannot take part in its management, for example, shareholders in a company, such persons certainly need an assurance that the annual statements of accounts sent to them are fully reliable. It is auditing which ensures that the accounting statements are authentic. In today’s economic environment, information and accountability have assumed a larger role than ever before. As a result, the independent audit of an entity’s financial statements is a vital service to investors, trade payable, and other participants in economic exchange.

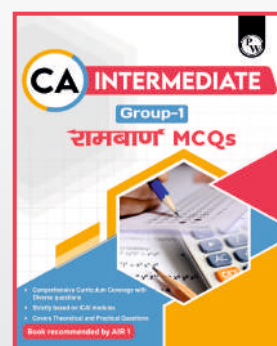
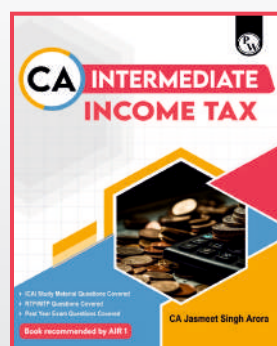
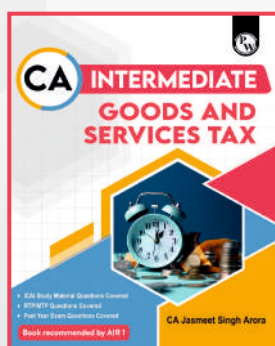
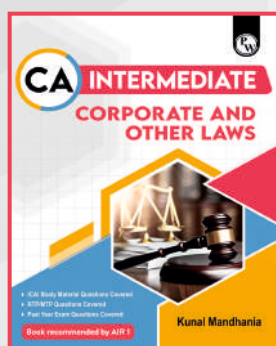
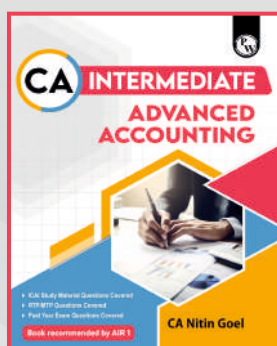
5. Mr. G, one of the team members of audit team of Different and Capable Limited was of the view that role of computers and data processing in auditing is increasing with each passing day. Explain how computers and data processing helps in conducting audit of a company.

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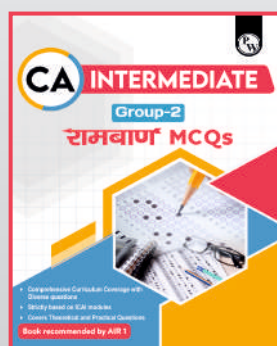
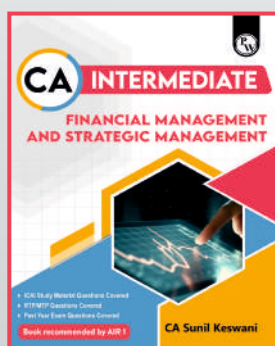
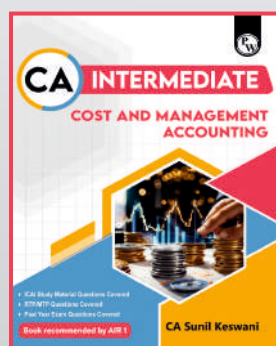
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