Intermediate Course Study Material (Modules 1 to 3)

PAPER 4

Taxation

Section – A: Income-tax Law [As amended by the Finance (No.2) Act, 2019]
Assessment Year 2020-21

(Relevant for May, 2020 and November, 2020 examinations)

MODULE – 1



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BEFORE WE BEGIN.....

Evolving role of a CA - Shift towards strategic decision making

The traditional role of a chartered accountant restricted to accounting and auditing, has now changed substantially and there has been a marked shift towards strategic decision making and entrepreneurial roles that add value beyond traditional financial reporting. The primary factors responsible for the change are the increasing business complexities on account of plethora of laws, borderless economies consequent to giant leap in e-commerce, emergence of new financial instruments, emphasis on corporate social responsibility, significant developments in information technology, to name a few. These factors necessitate an increase in the competence of chartered accountants to take up the role of not merely an accountant or auditor, but a global solution provider. Towards this end, the scheme of education and training is being continuously reviewed so that it is in sync with the requisites of the dynamic global business environment; the competence requirements are being continuously reviewed to enable aspiring chartered accountants to acquire the requisite professional competence to take on new roles.

Skill requirements at Intermediate Level

Under the Revised Scheme of Education and Training, at the Intermediate Level, you are expected to not only acquire professional knowledge but also the ability to apply such knowledge in problem solving. The process of learning should also help you inculcate the requisite professional skills, i.e., the intellectual skills and communication skills, necessary for achieving the desired professional competence.

Income-tax law: Dynamic & Interesting

Taxation is one of the core competence areas of chartered accountants. The subject of "Taxation" at the Intermediate level is divided into two sections, namely, Section A: Income-tax law and Section B: Indirect Taxes. Income-tax is a direct tax i.e., it is a tax levied directly on the income of a person. Income-tax law, at the Intermediate level, largely involves application of provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961 in problem solving. The tax laws of the country undergo significant changes every year on the passing of the annual Finance Act. Apart from these significant amendments ushered in every year through the Finance

Act, notifications and circulars are also issued from time to time by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the statutory authority in charge with the administration of direct taxes, to implement the provisions of the Act and clarify issues regarding the meaning and scope of certain provisions. Owing to the dynamic nature of income-tax law, learning, understanding and applying the provisions of this law in problem solving is very interesting and challenging.

Know your Syllabus - Read the same along with Study Guidelines

The syllabus of income-tax law is divided into ten topics. The Study Material has also been divided into ten chapters in line with the syllabus. For understanding the coverage of syllabus, it is important to read the Study Material along with the Study Guidelines. The concept of Study Guidelines has been introduced in the Revised Scheme of Education and Training in this subject, in line with international best practices, to specify the topic-wise exclusions from the syllabus. Therefore, the Study Guidelines contain the detailed topic wise exclusions from the syllabus. The provisions of these excluded sections are, accordingly, not discussed in the Study Material. However, while discussing the relevant applicable provisions, a reference may have been made to these sections at certain places either by way of a footnote or otherwise. It may be noted that the concept and application of provisions relating to alternate minimum tax would be applicable for students at intermediate level. The same has been discussed in Chapter 8.

The relevant Finance Act and Assessment Year

This Study Material on Income-tax law is based on the provisions of income-tax law as amended by the Finance Act, 2019, Finance (No.2) Act, 2019 and the significant notifications and circulars issued upto 31st July, 2019. The computational problems have been solved on the basis of the provisions of income-tax law applicable for A.Y.2020-21. The Study Material is, therefore, relevant for May 2020 and November, 2020 examinations. The amendments made by the Finance Act, 2019, Finance (No.2) Act, 2019 and latest notifications/circulars are indicated in italics/**bold italics** in the Study Material.

Applicability of the Study Material for IIPCC (Old) Paper 4 Taxation Section A: Income-tax

This Study Material is also relevant for IIPCC (Old) Paper 4 Taxation Section A: Income-tax. However, the topic "Tax Collection at Source – Basic Concept" in Chapter 9 and the topic "Self-assessment" in Chapter 10 are **not** relevant for IIPCC Paper 4A. The remaining topics in these chapters, i.e., Chapters 9 and 10,

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and the entire content of chapters 1 to 8 are relevant and applicable for IIPCC (Old) Paper 4A: Income-tax.

Framework of Chapters – Uniform Structure comprising of specific components

Efforts have been made to present the complex law of income-tax in a lucid manner. Care has been taken to present the chapters in a logical sequence to facilitate easy understanding by the students. The Study Material is divided into three modules for ease of understanding by the students.

The various chapters/units of each subject at the Intermediate level have been structured uniformly and comprises of the following components:

	Components of each Chapter	About the component	
1.	Learning Outcomes	Learning outcomes which you need to demonstrate after learning each topic have been detailed in the first page of each chapter/unit. Demonstration of these learning outcomes would help you to achieve the desired level of technical competence	
2.	Chapter Overview	As the name suggests, the flow chart/table/diagram given at the beginning of each chapter would give a broad outline of the contents covered in the chapter	
3.	Content	The concepts and provisions of income-tax law are explained in student-friendly manner with the aid of examples/illustrations/diagrams/flow charts. Diagrams and Flow charts would help you understand and retain the concept/provision learnt in a better manner. Examples and illustrations would help you understand the application of concepts/provisions. These value additions would, thus help you develop conceptual clarity and get a good grass of the topic.	
4.	Exercise Questions with answers	The exercise questions and answers would help you to apply what you have learnt in problem solving, and, thus, sharpen your application skills. In effect, it would test your understanding of concepts/provisions as well as your	

		ability to apply the concepts/provisions learnt in solving problems and addressing issues.
5.	Let us Recapitulate	A summary of the chapter is given at the end to help you revise what you have learnt. It would especially facilitate quick revision of the chapter the day before the examination.
6.	Test Your Knowledge	This primarily comprises of Multiple Choice Questions which test the breadth and depth of your understanding of the topic.

We hope that these student-friendly features in the Study Material makes your learning process more enjoyable, enriches your knowledge and sharpens your application skills.

Happy Reading and Best Wishes!

SYLLABUS

PAPER – 4: TAXATION

(One paper — Three hours – 100 Marks)

Objective:

To develop an understanding of the provisions of income-tax law and goods and services tax law and to acquire the ability to apply such knowledge to make computations and address application oriented issues.

SECTION A: INCOME TAX LAW (60 MARKS)

Contents:

- 1. Basic Concepts
 - (i) Income-tax law: An introduction
 - (ii) Important definitions in the Income-tax Act, 1961
 - (iii) Concept of previous year and assessment year
 - (iv) Basis of Charge and Rates of Tax
- 2. Residential status and scope of total income
 - (i) Residential status
 - (ii) Scope of total income
- 3. Incomes which do not form part of total income (other than charitable trusts and institutions, political parties and electoral trusts)
 - (i) Incomes not included in total income
 - (ii) Tax holiday for newly established units in Special Economic Zones
- 4. Heads of income and the provisions governing computation of income under different heads
 - (i) Salaries
 - (ii) Income from house property
 - (iii) Profits and gains of business or profession

- (iv) Capital gains
- (v) Income from other sources

5. Income of other persons included in assessee's total income

- (i) Clubbing of income: An introduction
- (ii) Transfer of income without transfer of assets
- (iii) Income arising from revocable transfer of assets
- (iv) Clubbing of income of income arising to spouse, minor child and son's wife in certain cases
- (v) Conversion of self-acquired property into property of HUF

6. Aggregation of income; Set-off, or carry forward and set-off of losses

- (i) Aggregation of income
- (ii) Concept of set-off and carry forward and set-off of losses
- (iii) Provisions governing set-off and carry forward and set-off of losses under different heads of income
- (iv) Order of set-off of losses

7. Deductions from gross total income

- (i) General provisions
- (ii) Deductions in respect of certain payments
- (iii) Specific deductions in respect of certain income
- (iv) Deductions in respect of other income
- (v) Other deductions

8. Computation of total income and tax liability of individuals

- (i) Income to be considered while computing total income of individuals
- (ii) Procedure for computation of total income and tax liability of individuals

9. Advance tax, tax deduction at source and introduction to tax collection at source

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) Direct Payment

- (iii) Provisions concerning deduction of tax at source
- (iv) Advance payment of tax
- (v) Interest for defaults in payment of advance tax and deferment of advance tax
- (vi) Tax collection at source Basic concept
- (vii) Tax deduction and collection account number

10. Provisions for filing return of income and self-assessment

- (i) Return of Income
- (ii) Compulsory filing of return of income
- (iii) Fee and Interest for default in furnishing return of income
- (iv) Return of loss
- (v) Provisions relating to belated return, revised return etc.
- (vi) Permanent account number
- (vii) Persons authorized to verify return of income
- (viii) Self-assessment

SECTION B – INDIRECT TAXES (40 MARKS)

Contents:

1. Concept of indirect taxes

- (i) Concept and features of indirect taxes
- (ii) Principal indirect taxes

2. Goods and Services Tax (GST) Laws

- (i) GST Laws: An introduction including Constitutional aspects
- (ii) Levy and collection of CGST and IGST
 - a) Application of CGST/IGST law
 - b) Concept of supply including composite and mixed supplies
 - c) Charge of tax including reverse charge
 - d) Exemption from tax
 - e) Composition levy

- (iii) Basic concepts of time and value of supply
- (iv) Input tax credit
- (v) Computation of GST liability
- (vi) Registration
- (vii) Tax invoice; Credit and Debit Notes; Electronic way bill
- (viii) Returns
- (ix) Payment of tax

Note – If any new legislation(s) is enacted in place of an existing legislation(s), the syllabus will accordingly include the corresponding provisions of such new legislation(s) in place of the existing legislation(s) with effect from the date to be notified by the Institute. Similarly, if any existing legislation ceases to have effect, the syllabus will accordingly exclude such legislation with effect from the date to be notified by the Institute. Students shall not be examined with reference to any particular State GST Law.

Consequential/ corresponding amendments made in the provisions of the Income-tax law and Goods and Services Tax laws covered in the syllabus of this paper which arise out of the amendments made in the provisions not covered in the syllabus will not form part of the syllabus. Further, the specific inclusions/ exclusions in the various topics covered in the syllabus will be effected every year by way of Study Guidelines. The specific inclusions/ exclusions may also arise due to additions/ deletions every year by the annual Finance Act.

STUDY GUIDELINES

New Intermediate Paper 4: Taxation Section A: Income-tax Law

List of topic-wise exclusions from the syllabus

Topics of the Syllabus		Exclusions (Provisions which are excluded from the corresponding topic of the Syllabus)		
1.	Basic Concepts	-		
2.	Residential status and scope of total income	Section 9A - Certain activities not to constitute business connection in India		
3.	Incomes which			
	do not form part of total income (other than charitable trusts and institutions, political parties and electoral trusts)	Clause of section 10	Particulars	
		4C	Interest income of a non-corporate non- resident or foreign company on specified off- shore Rupee Denominated Bonds issued by an Indian company or business trust	
		4D	Income accrued or arising to or received by specified fund on transfer of a capital asset, being a bond of an Indian Company or GDR or rupee denominated bond or derivative, on a recognized stock exchange located in any IFSC and where the consideration is paid/payable in convertible foreign exchange, to the extent such income accrues or arises to or is received in respect of units held by a non-resident	
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			State or an international organization
		6BB	Tax paid on behalf of foreign state or foreign enterprise on amount paid as consideration of acquiring aircraft, etc. on lease
		6C	Income from projects connected with the security of India arising to a notified foreign company
		8 & 9	Remuneration and certain income of individuals who are assigned duties in India in connection with any co-operative technical assistance programmes and income of any member of the family of such individual accompanying them to India.
		8A & 8B	Any remuneration or fee received by a consultant, directly or indirectly, out of the funds made available to an international organisation (agency) under a technical assistance grant agreement with the agency and Government of a foreign State
			Any remuneration received by an individual who is assigned to duties in India in connection with any technical assistance program from such consultant
		15A	Any payment made by an Indian company engaged in the business of operation of aircraft to acquire an aircraft on lease from the government of a foreign State or a foreign enterprise
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			• Income received on behalf of any

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- Income of institution established for development of Khadi and Village Industries [Section 10(23B)]
- Income of authorities set up under State or Provincial Act for promotion of Khadi and Village Industries [Section 10(23BB)]
- Income of any body or authority set up to administer religious or charitable trusts [Section 10(23BBA)
- Income of European Economic Community (EEC) [Section 10(23BBB)]
- Income derived by the SAARC Fund for Regional Projects [Section 10(23BBC)]
- Income of the IRDA [Section 10(23BBE)]
- Income of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission [Section 10(23BBG)]
- Income of Prasar Bharati (Broadcasting Corporation of India) [Section 10(23BBH)]
- Income of certain funds or institutions [Section 10(23C)]
- Income of Mutual Fund [Section 10(23D)]
- Income of a securitization trust from the activity of securitization [Section 10(23DA)]
- Income of Investor Protection Funds [Section 10(23EA)]
- Specified income of Investor Protection

	Fund set up by commodity exchanges
	[Section 10(23EC)]
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	 Income of corporation established by a Central, State or Provincial Act for welfare of ex-servicemen [Section 10(26BBB)]
	 Income of a co-operative society formed for promoting the interests of Scheduled

	Control Colonial In Till In Indian
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	• Income received by certain foreign companies in India in Indian currency from sale of crude oil to any person in India [Section 10(48)]
	• Income arising to a foreign company on

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		Section	Particulars	
		hereunde	r:	
	profession	·	ons contained in the following sections given	
	gains of business or	notified under section 145 and the related provisions in the Income-tax Act, 1961;		
	Profits and		omputation and disclosure standards (ICDSs)	
	Income from house property	- -		
	Salaries	-		
	computation of income under different heads			
	income and the provisions governing			
4.	Heads of			
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		•	Income of the National Financial Holdings company Limited [Section 10(49)]	
		•	Income arising to a foreign company on account of sale of leftover stock of crude oil [Section 10(48B)]	
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		telecommunication services
	35DD	Amortisation of expenditure in case of amalgamation or demerger
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		 Deduction for Special Reserve created and maintained by Specified Entities engaged in eligible business [Section 36(1)(viii)]
		Deduction for expenditure incurred by entities established under any Central, State or Provincial Act [Section 36(1)(xii)]
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		 Deduction of expenditure incurred by a co-operative society for purchase of sugarcane at price fixed by the Government [Section 36(1)(xvii)]
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	Section	Particulars
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	period of holding of share(s) of a company acquired by non-resident on redemption of GDRs referred to in section 115AC(1)(b)
47(viab)/(viab)/(vicb) (vica)/(vicb) (vicc)/(viia) (viiab)/(xa) (xii)/(xiii)/ (xiiia)/(xiiib) (xiv)/(xv)/ (xvii)	share or shares held in an Indian company, in a scheme of amalgamation, by amalgamating foreign company to the amalgamated foreign company [Section 47(via)] • Any transfer of a capital asset, in a

- capital asset, being a share of a foreign company [Section 47(vicc)]
- Any transfer of bonds of an Indian company or Global Depository Receipts purchased in foreign currency referred to in section 115AC(1) [Section 47(viia)]
- Any transfer of a capital asset, being GDR, rupee denominated bonds or derivative by a non-resident in foreign currency on a recognized stock exchange located in any IFSC [Section 47(viiab)]
- Any transfer of by way of conversion of Foreign Currency Exchangeable Bonds into shares or debentures of a company [Section 47(xa)]
- Any transfer of land under a scheme prepared and sanctioned under section 18 of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, by a sick industrial company which is managed by its workers' cooperative [Section 47(xii)]
- Any transfer of a capital asset or intangible asset by a firm to a company, where a firm is succeeded by a company, or any transfer of a capital asset where an AOP or BOI is succeeded by a company consequent to demutualisation or corporatisation of a recognised stock exchange in India [Section 47(xiii)]
- Any transfer of a membership right by a member of recognised stock exchange in India for acquisition of shares and trading or clearing rights in

47A 49	 demutualization or corporatisation approved by SEBI [Section 47(xiiia)] Any transfer of a capital asset or intangible asset by a private company or unlisted public company to a LLP [Section 47(xiiib)] Any transfer of a capital asset or intangible asset where a sole proprietary concern is succeeded by a company [Section 47(xiv)] Any transfer in a scheme for lending of any securities under an agreement or arrangement which is subject to SEBI guidelines [Section 47(xv)]. Any transfer of a capital asset being share of a SPV to a business trust in exchange of units allotted by the trust to the transferor [Section 47(xvii)] Withdrawal of exemption in certain cases Sub-sections consequent to excluded
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Note- As far as the Income-tax Rules, 1962 are concerned, only the significant Rules included in the respective chapters of the Study Material as well as in the Statutory Update given in the Revision Test Papers (RTPs) for May, 2020 and November, 2020 Examinations are relevant at the Intermediate level.

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