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PAPER – 2: CORPORATE AND OTHER LAWS

ANSWER TO PART – I CASE SCENARIO BASED MCQS

1. (b)
2. (a)
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5. (c)
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8. (a)
9. (a)
10. (d)
11. (c)
12. (c)
13. (b)
14. (d)
15. (c)

ANSWERS OF PART – II DESCRIPTIVE QUESTIONS

1. (a) As per the provisions of sub-section (2) of section 42 of the Companies Act, 2013, private placement shall be made only to a select group of persons who have been identified by the Board (herein referred to as "identified persons"), whose number shall not exceed 50 or such higher number as may be prescribed, in a financial year subject to such conditions as may be prescribed.

It is also provided that any offer or invitation made to qualified institutional buyers, or to employees of the company under a scheme of employees' stock option as

per provisions of section 62(1)(b) shall not be considered while calculating the limit of two hundred persons.

According to Rule 14 (2) of the Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014, an offer or invitation to subscribe securities under private placement shall not be made to persons more than two hundred in the aggregate in a financial year.

As per Explanation given in this Rule, it is clarified that the restrictions aforesaid would be reckoned individually for each kind of security that is equity share, preference share or debenture.

Referring to the above mentioned provisions of sub-section (2) of section 42 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 14 the Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014, we can conclude as follows:

- (i) The company is correct in proposing that private placement shall be made only to a select group of identified persons not exceeding 200 in a financial year. This part of the proposal is correct.

The company is also correct in proposing that the aforesaid ceiling of identified persons shall not apply to offer made to the qualified institutional buyers, but the company is not correct in saying that the said ceiling is applicable to employees covered under the Company's Employee Stock Option Scheme. Hence, the second part of the proposal is only partially correct.

- (ii) The Companies (Prospectus and Allotment of Securities) Rules, 2014 provides that an offer or invitation to subscribe securities under private placement shall not be made to persons more than 200 in aggregate in a financial year.

Keeping the ceiling of 200 persons in aggregate during a financial year, offer of private placement can be made more than once in a financial year. Therefore, the second statement is not fully correct.

- (b) (i) As per the provisions of section 141 (3) of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Rule 10 of Companies (Audit and Auditors) Rule 2014, a body corporate other than a limited liability partnership registered under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 shall not be qualified for appointment as auditor of a company.

In the given case, proposal of ZR Ltd. to appoint ASK & Associates LLP as auditors of the company is valid as the restriction marked for appointment as auditor for a body corporate is not applicable to Limited Liability Partnership.

- (ii) According to section 134(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, the financial statement, including consolidated financial statement, if any, shall be approved by the Board of Directors before they are signed on behalf of the Board by the chairperson of the company where he is authorised by the Board or by two directors out of which one shall be managing director, if any, and the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and the company secretary of the company, wherever they are appointed, or in the case of One Person Company, only by one director, for submission to the auditor for his report thereon.

In the instant case, the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account have been signed only by Mr. Mehra and Ms. Singh, the directors. In view of section 134(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, Mr. Verma, the Managing Director should have been one of the two signing directors.

Further, since the company has also employed a full- time Secretary, he should also sign the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Profit and Loss.

- (c) The investment in immovable properties in India by Pujari Sharma, a resident outside India, is a Capital Account Transaction which is permissible as per Schedule II of the Foreign Exchange Management (Permissible Capital Account Transactions) Regulations, 2000 which permits Acquisition and Transfer of Immovable Property in India by a Person Resident Outside India.

According to Schedule III to Foreign Exchange Management (Current Account Transactions) Rules, 2000, remittances by persons other than individuals shall require prior approval of the Reserve Bank of India if Commission, per transaction, to agents abroad for sale of residential flats or commercial plots in India exceeds USD 25,000 or five percent of the inward remittance whichever is more.

As per the facts of the question and mentioned provisions, the following are the answers to the questions asked:

- (i) Yes, the investment by Pujari Sharma and payment of commission on this transaction is permissible.
- (ii) Calculation of maximum commission that can be paid without the approval of RBI.

The maximum amount of commission that can be paid to each broker for each transaction, without RBI approval is, more of- USD 25,000 or ` 6 lakh [i.e. 5% of (60% of 2 crore)].

Thus, ` 6,00,000 can be paid to each broker as commission without taking any prior approval of the RBI.

2. (a) (i) According to section 123(3) of the Companies Act, 2013, the Board of Directors of a company may declare interim dividend during any financial year or at any time during the period from closure of financial year till holding of the annual general meeting out of the surplus in the profit and loss account or out of profits of the financial year for which such interim dividend is sought to be declared or out of profits generated in the financial year till the quarter preceding the date of declaration of the interim dividend.

In the instant case, Sun Light Limited has complied due diligence in declaring interim dividend as it was declared by Board of Directors at their meeting held on 7th July, 2025 before holding its first Annual General Meeting. Also, the financial statement revealed net profit so the interim dividend can be paid out of profits of the financial year ending 31st March, 2025.

- (ii) According to section 8(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, a company having licence under Section 8 (Formation of companies with charitable objects, etc.) is prohibited from paying any dividend to its members. Its profits are intended to be applied only in promoting the objects for which it is formed.
- (b) Section 50 of the Companies Act, 2013, deals with acceptance of call money in advance by a company which requires that such acceptance can be made only if the company is authorised by its articles to do so.

According to section 6 of the Companies Act, 2013,

‘Save as otherwise expressly provided in this Act—

- (a) the provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the memorandum or articles of a company, or in any agreement executed by it, or in any resolution passed by the company in general meeting or by its Board of Directors, whether the same be registered, executed or passed, as the case may be, before or after the commencement of this Act; and
- (b) any provision contained in the memorandum, articles, agreement or resolution shall, to the extent to which it is repugnant (in conflict) to the provisions of this Act, become or be void, as the case may be.’

In simple words, the provisions of this Act shall have overriding effect. It is also to be noted that section 6, starts with “Save as otherwise”. It means that if any other section of the Act says that article is superior then we will treat it accordingly.

Here, in the given case, articles of Shree Private Limited provide that the company shall not be permitted to accept or keep advance subscription or call money in

advance and accordingly here, such provision contained in the articles of association will prevail and cannot be considered as void.

- (c) According to section 10 of the General Clauses Act, 1897, where by any legislation or regulation, any act or proceeding is directed or allowed to be done or taken in any court or office on a certain day or within a prescribed period then, if the Court or office is closed on that day or last day of the prescribed period, the act or proceeding shall be considered as done or taken in due time if it is done or taken on the next day afterwards on which the Court or office is open.

In the given question, the court fixed the date of hearing of dispute between Prem and Vicky, on 27th October 2025, which was subsequently announced to be a holiday.

Applying the above provisions we can conclude that the hearing date of 27th October 2025, shall be extended to the next working day.

3. (a) According to Rule 2(1)(e) of the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014 "eligible company" means a public company as referred to in sub-section (1) of section 76 of the Companies Act, 2013, having a net worth of not less than one hundred crore rupees or a turnover of not less than five hundred crore rupees and which has obtained the prior consent of the company in general meeting by means of a special resolution and also filed the said resolution with the Registrar of Companies before making any invitation to the Public for acceptance of deposits.

Provided that an eligible company, which is accepting deposits within the limits specified under clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 180, may accept deposits by means of an ordinary resolution.

Maximum Amount of Deposits: As per Rule 3(4)(b) of the Companies (Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 2014, an eligible company is permitted to accept or renew deposits from persons other than its members. As per the law the amount of such deposit together with the amount of outstanding deposits (excluding deposits from members) on the date of acceptance or renewal can be maximum twenty-five per cent. of the aggregate of its paid-up share capital, free reserves and securities premium account of the company.

- (b) **Casual vacancy:** According to section 139(8) of the Companies Act, 2013,

- (1) In the case of a company whose accounts are subject to audit by an auditor appointed by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, casual vacancy of an auditor shall be filled by the CAG within 30 days.

- (2) In case the CAG does not fill the vacancy within the said period, the Board of Directors shall fill the vacancy within next 30 days.

XYZ Ltd. can follow the above provisions for filling of its casual vacancy of its auditor.

In case, XYZ Ltd. would have been a company other than a government company, the following provisions would be applicable for filling of its casual vacancy:

- (a) The Board may fill any casual vacancy in the office of an auditor within 30 days but where such vacancy is caused by the resignation of an auditor, such appointment shall also be approved by the company at a general meeting convened within three months of the recommendation of the Board.
- (b) Any auditor appointed in a casual vacancy shall hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting.
- (c) (i) **“Affidavit”**: According to section 3(3) of the General Clauses Act, 1897, ‘Affidavit’ shall include affirmation and declaration in the case of persons by law allowed to affirm or declare instead of swearing.

The above definition is inclusive in nature. It states that Affidavit shall include affirmation and declarations. This definition does not define affidavit. However, we can understand this term in general parlance. Affidavit is a written statement confirmed by oath or affirmation for use as evidence in Court or before any authority.

- (ii) **“Good Faith”**: According to section 3(22) of the General Clauses Act, 1897, a thing shall be deemed to be done in “good faith” where it is in fact done honestly, whether it is done negligently or not.

The question of good faith under the General Clauses Act is one of fact. It is to be determined with reference to the circumstances of each case. Thus, anything done with due care and attention, which is not malafide, whether it is done negligently or not is presumed to have been done in good faith.

4. (a) A company filing a shelf prospectus shall be required to file an information memorandum with the Registrar within the prescribed time, prior to the issue of a second or subsequent offer of securities under the shelf prospectus containing;
- a. All material facts relating to new charges created,

- b. Changes in the financial position of the company as have occurred between the first offer of securities or the previous offer of securities and the succeeding offer of securities, and
 - c. Such other changes as may be prescribed.
- (b) According to section 92(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, every company shall prepare a return (referred to as the Annual Return) in the prescribed form containing the specified particulars as they stood on the close of the financial year. In terms of Second Proviso to section 91 (1), the Central Government may prescribe abridged form of annual return for One Person Company, small company and such other class or classes of companies as may be prescribed. Accordingly, as per Rule 11 (1), One Person Company and small company shall file the annual return from the financial year 2020-2021 onwards in Form No. MGT-7A. However, in relation to One Person Company and small company, the annual return shall be signed by the company secretary, or where there is no company secretary, by the director of the company.

Accordingly, following are the advise given by the expert:

- (i) As per section 92 and Rule 11(1), since ABC Pvt. Ltd. is a One Person Company (OPC), it should file its annual return in Form MGT-7A (abridged form) for the financial year 2024-25.
 - (ii) In the absence of a company secretary, the annual return should be signed by the sole director of the company as per the provisions applicable to One Person Companies.
- (c) **Associated Words to be Understood in Common Sense Manner:** When two words or expressions are coupled together one of which generally excludes the other, obviously the more general term is used in a meaning excluding the specific one. On the other hand, there is the concept of '*Noscitur A Sociis*' ('it is known by its associates'), that is to say 'the meaning of a word is to be judged by the company it keeps'. When two or more words which are capable of analogous (similar or parallel) meaning are coupled together, they are to be understood in their cognate sense (i.e. akin in origin, nature or quality). They take, as it were, their colour from each other, i.e., the more general is restricted to a sense analogous to the less general. It is a rule wider than the rule of *ejusdem generis*, rather *ejusdem generis* is only an application of the *noscitur a sociis*. It must be borne in mind that *nocitur a sociis*, is merely a rule of construction and it cannot prevail in cases where it is clear that the wider words have been deliberately used in order to make the scope of the defined word correspondingly wider.
5. (a) According to section 114 of the Companies Act, 2013, a resolution shall be a special resolution when the votes cast in favour of the resolution, whether on a

show of hands, or electronically or on a poll, as the case may be, by members who, being entitled so to do, vote in person or by proxy or by postal ballot, are required to be not less than three times the number of the votes, if any, cast against the resolution by members so entitled and voting.

Thus, in terms of the requisite majority, votes cast in favour have to be compared with votes cast against the resolution. Abstentions or invalid votes, if any, are not to be taken into account.

Accordingly, in the given problem, the votes cast in favour (15) being not more than 3 times of the votes cast against (6), therefore the decision of the chairman is not in order.

- (b) According to section 25 of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008,
- (1) Every partner shall inform the LLP of any change in his name or address within a period of 15 days of such change.
 - (2) A LLP shall—
 - (a) where a person becomes or ceases to be a partner, file a notice with the Registrar within 30 days from the date he becomes or ceases to be a partner; and
 - (b) where there is any change in the name or address of a partner, file a notice with the Registrar within 30 days of such change.
 - (3) A notice filed with the Registrar under sub-section (2)—
 - (a) shall be in such form and accompanied by such fees as may be prescribed;
 - (b) shall be signed by the designated partner of the LLP and authenticated in a manner as may be prescribed; and
 - (c) if it relates to an incoming partner, shall contain a statement by such partner that he consents to becoming a partner, signed by him and authenticated in the manner as may be prescribed.
- (i) **Priya's Address Change:** Under the provision, Priya was required to inform XYZ LLP of her address change within 15 days of the move. Following that, XYZ LLP was required to file a notice with the RoC within 30 days of being notified of Priya's new address. As Priya did not inform the LLP about change of address and consequently LLP did not file a notice regarding the change in address of Priya with the Registrar, XYZ LLP is not in compliance with the required timeline.

- (ii) **Ramesh's Admission as a Partner:** For new partners, XYZ LLP must file a notice with the RoC within 30 days of a person becoming a partner. This notice should include Ramesh's consent statement, signed by him and authenticated as prescribed. The delay in filing means XYZ LLP did not meet the 30 day requirement.
- (c) External aids are the factors that help in interpreting/ construing an Act and have been given the convenient nomenclature of 'External Aids to Interpretation'. Apart from the statute itself there are many matters which may be taken into account when the statute is ambiguous. These matters are called external aids.

Dictionary Definitions: Dictionary Definitions is one of the External Aids to interpretation. First we have to refer to the Act in question to find out if any particular word or expression is defined in it. Where we find that a word is not defined in the Act itself, we may refer to dictionaries to find out the general sense in which that word is commonly understood. However, in selecting one out of the several meanings of a word, we must always take into consideration the context in which it is used in the Act. It is the fundamental rule that the meanings of words and expressions used in an Act must take their colour from the context in which they appear. Further, judicial decisions laying down the meaning of words in construing statutes in '*pari materia*' will have greater weight than the meaning furnished by dictionaries. However, for technical terms reference may be made to technical dictionaries.

- 6. (a) (i) Where an application is made by a company or body corporate, which is a holding company or a subsidiary or associate company of a company incorporated outside India and which is required to follow a different financial year for consolidation of its accounts outside India, the Central Government may, on the basis of such application made in such form and manner as may be prescribed, allow any period as its financial year, whether or not that period is a year.

Meadow Limited is advised to follow the above procedure accordingly.

- (ii) According to section 128(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, every company shall prepare "books of account" and other relevant books and papers and financial statement for every financial year. These books of account should give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company, including that of its branch office(s). These books of account must be kept on accrual basis and according to the double entry system of accounting. Hence, maintenance of books of account under Singly Entry System of Accounting by Sunrise Enterprises Limited is not permitted.

- (b) As per section 389 of the Companies Act, 2013, no person shall issue, circulate or distribute in India any prospectus offering for subscription in securities of a company incorporated or to be incorporated outside India, whether the company has or has not established, or when formed will or will not establish, a place of business in India, unless before the issue, circulation or distribution of the prospectus in India, a copy thereof certified by the chairperson of the company and two other directors of the company as having been approved by resolution of the managing body has been delivered for registration to the Registrar and the prospectus states on the face of it that a copy has been so delivered, and there is endorsed on or attached to the copy, any consent to the issue of the prospectus required by section 388 and such documents as may be prescribed under Rule 11 of the Companies (Incorporated outside India) Rules, 2014.

Accordingly, the Arbrush Limited a foreign company shall proceed with the issue of prospectus in compliance with the above stated provisions of section 379 of the Act.

- (c) As per section 3(27) of the General Clauses Act, 1897, the term imprisonment means imprisonment of either description as defined in the Indian Penal Code. Under the Indian Penal Code, imprisonment is of two types:
1. Rigorous imprisonment – imprisonment with hard labour, and
 2. Simple imprisonment – imprisonment without hard labour.

Therefore, when an Act provides that an offence is punishable with imprisonment, the Court may, in its discretion, award either rigorous or simple imprisonment.