

Haryana State SAS-I(LAD) Examination, March 2024
Paper: Audit and Accounts (With Books)

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 150

- Note:** 1. Question number 1,2,3 and 10 are compulsory. Attempt any four of the remaining.
2. Please quote reference to rules/articles, wherever necessary.
3. All parts of the question should be attempted together.

Q. 1 Mr. A is holding the post Joint Director, Agriculture, Haryana. His particulars, for the purpose of drawal of Pay Bill for the month of September, 2023 and calculations of TDS for Income Tax for the Assessment Year 2024-25 are as under:-

- i. Drawing pay of Rs 78,500 with effect from 01.07.22 in the Pay Matrix Level – 11 with date of next increment as 01.07.2023
- ii. Incremental stages in the Pay-Matrix are calculated by adding 3% increase subject to rounding off to nearest hundred.
- iii. DA @ 42% from 01.01.2023 and @ 46% from 01.07.2023.
- iv. Transport Allowance Rs. 1,600 p.m. plus DA thereon.
- v. House Rent Allowance @ 20% of Basic Pay
- vi. Fixed Medical Allowance @ Rs. 1,000 p.m.
- vii. Rent paid/payable by Mr A for residential accommodation @ Rs 15,000 p.m. from 01.01.2023 and increased by Rs. 2,000 p.m. from 01.10.2023.
- viii. Interest on loan from Indian Overseas bank for the purpose of higher education of his son: Rs. 7,000.
- ix. Amount spent on treatment of a dependent who is a person with severe disability: Rs. 65000.
- x. Donation to the Prime Minister National Relief Fund: Rs 6,000 through internet banking.
- xi. Income from other sources (including interest on saving bank accounts: Rs. 12,000), as declared by Mr. A: Rs.2,10,000.
- xii. Repayment of House Building Advance: Rs. 96000, recovered/recoverable from salary bills in 2023-24.
- xiii. GIS: Rs 120 per month
- xiv. Arrears of pay and allowances, pertaining to the year 2022-23, paid in July 2023: Rs. 6800. He did not claim relief under Section 89 of Income Tax Act.
- xv. GPF subscription @ Rs. 10000 p.m. and recovery of GPF Advance @ Rs. 6000 p.m.
- xvi. TDS recovered upto salary of August, 2023 @ Rs. 20,000 p.m. plus Education Cess thereon.

Required:

- (a) Calculate his annual salary income for the purpose of T.D.S. for the Assessment Year 2024-25. (10 marks)
- (b) Calculate the amount of income tax payable for the Assessment Year 2024-25 after allowing exemption/deductions under various sections of Income Tax Act, as per default

option of new tax regime under Section 115BAC of Income Tax Act. What will be impact on the tax liability of Mr. A, if he opts for calculation of tax under the old regime?

(10 marks)

(c) Prepare his Pay Bill for the month of September 2023.

(10 marks)

(d) Write the classification of charges and deductions shown in the Pay Bill. Also record the Pay Order.

(10 marks)

Q. 2 An employee of Government of Haryana, drawing basic pay of Rs. 67000, was sanctioned House Building Advance of Rs. 12,00,000 for construction of a new house, which was paid in two equal instalments, first in march 2021 and the second in September 2021. The advance was repayable in 100 instalments of Rs. 12,000 each. The rate of interest was Rs. 7.90 % p.a. As per terms and conditions attached to the sanction of House Building Advance, recovery was to commence from the pay for the month following the completion of the house or pay for the 18th month after the date of payment of the first instalment. The employee reported that the house was completed on 15.06.2022. The employee wants to repay the entire advance along with interest on 31.03.2024. Calculate the amount of principal and interest payable by him as on 31.03.2024.

(15 Marks)

Q. 3 Classify any ten of the following up to minor head level:

- i. Receipts on account of sale of Waste Lands and redemption of Land Tax.
- ii. Interest on debentures received by state government from a public sector undertaking
- iii. Expenditure by The state government of Haryana on College of Physical Education which is not affiliated to any University
- iv. Expenditure incurred on maintenance of public garden attached to a Zoo
- v. Initial booking of subscriptions towards market loan floated by the Government of Haryana
- vi. Deposits on account of Deposit Scheme of Mahila Samriddhi Yojna for Rural Women
- vii. Grant of loan by the Central Government as advance assistance to the State Government of Haryana for relief on account of damage by natural calamities
- viii. Expenditure on commercial, experimental and other agricultural farms other than seed farms
- ix. Loan received by a State government from the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development.
- x. Loan to state governments for Development of Border Areas
- xi. Expenditure on port equipment and machinery for a major port
- xii. Loans to public sector and other undertakings for mining of Non-Ferrous Metals

(20 marks: 10X2)

Q. 4 (a) Describe the process of closing a State treasury for a day.

(7 marks)

(b) What is regularity Audit? Categorise the financial rules, regulations and orders against which audit is mainly conducted.

(8 marks)

Q. 5 Explain the following classes of contingent charges and the principal duties of Audit in respect of each:

- (a) Contract contingencies
- (b) Scale regulated contingencies
- (c) Countersigned contingencies

(15 marks: 3X5)

Q. 6 Write short notes on the following with reference to the rules relating to classification of losses in Government Accounts:

- i. Classification of loss etc. of receipts
- ii. Classification of losses or deficiencies of assets like building, land, stores and equipment
- iii. Classification of irregular or unusual payments

(15 marks: 3X5)

Q. 7 A service department shall not make charges against another department for services or supplies which fall within the class of duties for which the former department is constituted. What exceptions have been authorised to this rule?

(15 marks)

Q. 8

(a) Enumerate the cases, where separate bills must be presented for pay and allowances or pension due for part of a month, for payment before the end of the month.

(7 marks)

(b) What instructions should be observed in recovering amounts from Government employees on account of attachment orders issued by Courts?

(8 marks)

Q. 9

(a) Bring out the provisions regulating the powers of administrative departments for according financial sanctions.

(8 marks)

(b) Explain the procedure for Payments for articles obtained by a direct order from private firms and individuals in the United Kingdom.

(7 marks)

Q. 10 Comment on any five of the following:

- i. A claim was presented for payment after 5 months of the date of pre-audit by the Accountant General. The claim was passed for payment by the Accounts Officer without fresh sanction of the Accountant General for its payment.
- ii. In a case, money due from the Government is paid through private banks, the cost of remittance shall, in the absence of any special rule or order to the contrary, be borne by the paying department.

- iii. Accounts Officer credited to government the outstanding interest on HBA of an employee amounting to Rs.10000 by debit to a suspense head in anticipation of recovery from his gratuity.
- iv. A government employee died in harness at 4:00 AM on 19.10.2023. His pay and allowances were drawn up to 18.10.2023 and family pension order was issued for commencement of family pension from 19.10.2023.
- v. The Government of Haryana granted a loan to a third party on 09.01.2023. The audit office demanded the Utilisation Certificate by 08.01.2024 i.e., within 12 months of the date of grant of loan.
- vi. The acceptance of counterfeit notes was debited in accounts as a loss of cash on 25.02.2022. Recovery of the entire amount was made on 05.04.2023 from the party who had deposited counterfeit notes. The Accounts Section booked the recovery as deduction from the head under which the loss was recorded.
- vii. Unreconciled difference of Rs. 800 for the last six years under a Debt Head was written off by the Accountant General to Suspense Head after satisfying that a dead end has been reached in resolving the differences and after obtaining concurrence of the State Government.

(15 marks: 5X3)