# PAPER - 3: COST AND MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTING 

Question No. 1 is compulsory.
Attempt any four questions out of the remaining five questions.
In case, any candidate answers extra question(s)/ sub-question(s) over and above the required number, then only the requisite number of questions first answered in the answer book shall be valued and subsequent extra question(s) answered shall be ignored.

Working notes should form part of the answer

## Question 1

Answer the following:
(a) Following data is available for ABC Ltd.:

| Standard working hours | 8 hours per day of 5 days per <br> week |
| :--- | :--- |
| Maximum Capacity | 60 employees |
| Actual working | 50 employees |
| Actual hours expected to be worked per four week | 8,000 hours |
| Standard hours expected to be earned per four week | 9,600 -hours |
| Actual hours worked in the four week period | 7,500 hours |
| Standard hours earned in the four week period | 8,800 hours |

The related period is of four weeks. Calculate the following Ratios :
(i) Efficiency Ratio
(ii) Activity Ratio
(iii) Standard Capacity Usage Ratio
(iv) Actual Capacity Usage Ratio
(v) Actual Usage of Budgeted Capacity Ratio
(b) M/s Zeba Private Limited allotted a standard time of 40 hours for a job and the rate per hour is ₹75. The actual time taken by a worker is 30 hours.
You are required to calculate the total earnings under the following plans:
(i) Halsey Premium Plan (Rate 50\%)
(ii) Rowan Plan
(iii) Time Wage System
(iv) Piece Rate System
(v) Emerson Plan
(c) A Factory is engaged in the production of chemical Bomex and in the course of its manufacture a by-product Cromex is produced which after further processing has a commercial value. For the month of April 2019 the following are the summarised cost data:

|  | Joint Expenses | Separate Expenses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | (F) |
|  |  | Bomex | Cromex |
| Materials | 1,00,000 | 6,000 | 4,000 |
| Labour | 50,000 | 20,000 | 18,000 |
| Overheads | 30,000 | 10,000 | 6,000 |
| Selling Price per unit |  | 100 | 40 |
| Estimated profit per unit on sale of Cromex |  |  | 5 |
| Number of units produced |  | 2,000 | 2,000 |
|  |  | units | units |

The factory uses net realisable value method for apportionment of joint cost to by-products.
You are required to prepare statements showing :
(i) Joint cost allocable to Cromex
(ii) Product wise and overall profitability of the factory for April 2019.
(d) M/s Abid Private Limited disclosed a net profit of ₹ 48,408 as per cost books for the year ending $31^{\text {st }}$ March 2019. However, financial accounts disclosed net loss of ₹ 15,000 for the same period. On scrutinizing both the set of books of accounts, the following information was revealed:
Works Overheads under-recovered in Cost Books 48,600
Office Overheads over-recovered in Cost Books 11,500
Dividend received on Shares 17,475
Interest on Fixed Deposits $\quad 21,650$
Provision for doubtful debts 17,800
Obsolescence loss not charged in Cost Accounts 17,200
Stores adjustments (debited in Financial Accounts) 35,433
Depreciation charged in financial accounts 30,000
Depreciation recovered in Cost Books 35,000
Prepare a Memorandum Reconciliation Account.

## Answer

(a) (i) Efficiency Ratio:

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=\frac{\text { Standard Hrs }}{\text { Actual Hrs }} \times 100=\frac{8,800 \text { hours }}{7,500 \text { hours }} \times 100=117.33 \%
$$

(ii) Activity Ratio:

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=\frac{\text { StandardHrs }}{\text { Budgeted Hrs }} \times 100=\frac{8,800 \text { hours }}{8,000 \text { hours }} \times 100=110 \%
$$

(iii)Standard Capacity Usage Ratio:

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\begin{aligned}
& =\frac{\text { Budgeted Hours }}{\text { Max. possible hours in the budgeted period }} \times 100 \\
& =\frac{8,000 \text { hours }}{9,600 \text { hours }} \times 100=83.33 \%
\end{aligned}
$$

(iv)Actual Capacity Usage Ratio:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\frac{\text { Actual Hours worked }}{\text { Max. possible working hours in a period }} \times 100 \\
& =\frac{7,500 \text { hours }}{9,600 \text { hours }} \times 100=78.125 \%
\end{aligned}
$$

(v) Actual Usage of Budgeted Capacity Ratio:

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=\frac{\text { Actual working Hours }}{\text { Budgeted Hours }} \times 100 \quad=\frac{7,500 \text { hours }}{8,000 \text { hours }} \times 100=93.75 \%
$$

## Working Notes:

1. Maximum Capacity in a budget period
$=60$ Employees $\times 8$ Hrs. $\times 5$ Days $\times 4$ Weeks $=9,600$ Hrs.
2. Budgeted Hours (Hrs)
$=50$ Employees $\times 8$ Hrs. $\times 5$ Days $\times 4$ Weeks $=8,000$ Hrs.
3. Actual Hrs. $=7,500$ Hrs. (given)
4. Standard Hrs. for Actual Output $=8,800$ Hrs.
(b) (i) Halsey Premium plan:
$=($ Timetaken $\times$ Rate per hour $)+\left(\frac{1}{2} \times\right.$ Time saved $\times$ Rate per hour $)$
$=(30$ hours $\times$ Rs. 75$)+\left(\frac{1}{2} \times 10\right.$ hours $\times$ Rs. 75$)$
= ₹ $2,250+₹ 375=$ ₹ 2,625
(ii) Rowan Premium plan:
$=($ Time taken $\times$ Rate per hour $)+\left(\frac{\text { Time saved }}{\text { Time allowed }} \times\right.$ Time taken $\times$ Rate per hour $)$
$=(30$ hours $\times ₹ 75)+\left(\frac{10}{40} \times 30 \times ₹ 75\right)$
$=₹ 2,250+₹ 562.5=₹ 2,812.5$ or ₹ 2,813
(iii) Time wage system:
$=$ Time taken $\times$ Rate per hour
$=30 \times ₹ 75=$ ₹ 2,250
(iv) Piece Rate System:
$=$ Std. Time $\times$ Rate per hour
$=40 \times ₹ 75=$ ₹ 3,000
(v) Emerson plan:

Efficiency level $=40 / 30=133.33 \%$
Time taken $\times(120 \%+33.33 \%)$ of Rate
$=30$ hours $\times 153.33 \%$ of $₹ 75$
= ₹ 3,450
(c) (i) Statement Showing Joint Cost Allocation to 'Cromex'

| Particulars | Cromex (₹) |
| :--- | ---: |
| Sales ( $₹ 40 \times 2,000$ units) | 80,000 |
| Less: Post Split Off Costs | $(28,000)$ |
| $(4,000+18,000+6,000)$ |  |
| Less: Estimated Profit $(₹ 5 \times 2,000$ units) | $(10,000)$ |
| Joint cost allocable | 42,000 |

(ii) Statement Showing Product Wise and Overall Profitability

| Particulars | Bomex (₹) | Cromex (₹) | Total (₹) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Sales | $2,00,000$ | 80,000 | $2,80,000$ |
| Less: Share in Joint Expenses | $(1,38,000)^{*}$ | $(42,000)$ | $(1,80,000)$ |
| Less: Post Split Off Costs | $(36,000)$ | $(28,000)$ | $(64,000)$ |
|  | Profit | $\mathbf{2 6 , 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 , 0 0 0}$ |

(*) 1,80,000-42,000
(d)

## Memorandum Reconciliation Account

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[Note: This question may also be solved by taking net loss as per financial accounts as basis.]

## Question 2

(a) M/s Areeba Private Limited has a normal production capacity of 36,000 units of toys per annum. The estimated costs of production are as under:
(i) Direct Material ₹ 40 per unit
(ii) Direct Labour ₹30 per unit (subject to a minimum of ₹ 48,000 p.m.)
(iii) Factory Overheads:
(a) Fixed
₹ $3,60,000$ per annum
(b) Variable
₹ 10 per unit

## (c) Semi-variable <br> ₹ $1,08,000$ per annum up to $50 \%$ capacity and additional ₹ 46,800 for every $20 \%$ increase in capacity or any part thereof.

(iv) Administrative Overheads ₹ $5,18,400$ per annum (fixed)
(v) Selling overheads are incurred at ₹ 8 per unit.
(vi) Each unit of raw material yields scrap which is sold at the rate of ₹ 5 per unit.
(vii) In year 2019, the factory worked at 50\% capacity for the first three months but it was expected that it would work at $80 \%$ capacity for the remaining nine months.
(viii) During the first three months, the selling price per unit was ₹ 145.

You are required to:
(i) Prepare a cost sheet showing Prime Cost, Works Cost, Cost of Production and Cost of Sales.
(ii) Calculate the selling price per unit for remaining nine months to achieve the total annual profit of ₹ $8,76,600$.
(10 Marks)
(b) KT Ltd. produces a product EMM which passes through two processes before it is completed and transferred to finished stock. The following data relate to May 2019:

| Particulars | Process |  | Finished stock |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | A | B |  |
|  | ( ₹) | ( ₹) | (₹) |
| Opening Stock | 5,000 | 5,500 | 10,000 |
| Direct Materials | 9,000 | 9,500 |  |
| Direct Wages | 5,000 | 6,000 |  |
| Factory Overheads | 4,600 | 2,030 |  |
| Closing Stock | 2,000 | 2,490 | 5,000 |
| Inter-process profit included in opening stock |  | 1,000 | 4,000 |

Output of Process A is transferred to Process B at $25 \%$ profit on the transfer price and output of Process B is transferred to finished stock at $20 \%$ profit on the transfer price. Stock in process is valued at prime cost. Finished stock is valued at the price at which it is received from Process B. Sales during the period are $₹ 75,000$.
Prepare the Process cost accounts and Finished stock account showing the profit element ateach stage.
(10 Marks)

## Answer

(a) (i) Cost Sheet of M/s Areeba Pvt. Ltd. for the year 2019.

Normal Capacity: 36,000 units p.a.

| Particulars | 3 Months 4,500 Units |  | 9 Months <br> 21,600 units |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount (₹) | Cost per unit ( $₹$ ) | Amount (₹) | Cost per unit ( $₹$ ) |
| Direct material | 1,80,000 |  | 8,64,000 |  |
| Less: Scrap | $(22,500)$ |  | $(1,08,000)$ |  |
| Materials consumed | 1,57,500 | 35 | 7,56,000 | 35 |
| Direct Wages | 1,44,000 | 32 | 6,48,000 | 30 |
| Prime Cost | 3,01,500 | 67 | 14,04,000 | 65 |
| Factory overheads: |  |  |  |  |
| - Fixed | 90,000 |  | 2,70,000 |  |
| - Variable | 45,000 |  | 2,16,000 |  |
| - Semi variable | 27,000 | 36 | 1,51,200 | 29.50 |
| Works Cost | 4,63,500 | 103 | 20,41,200 | 94.50 |
| Add: Administrative overheads | 1,29,600 | 28.80 | 3,88,800 | 18 |
| Cost of Production | 5,93,100 | 131.80 | 24,30,000 | 112.5 |
| Selling Overheads | 36,000 | 8 | 1,72,800 | 8 |
| Cost of Sales | 6,29,100 | 139.80 | 26,02,800 | 120.5 |

## Working Notes:

1. Calculation of Costs

| Particulars | 4,500 units | 21,600 units |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Amount $(₹)$ | Amount $(₹)$ |
| Material | $1,80,000(₹ 40 \times 4,500$ units $)$ | $8,64,000(₹ 40 \times 21,600$ units $)$ |
| Wages | $1,44,000($ Max. of $₹ 30 \times 4,500$ <br> units $=₹ 1,35,000$ and $₹ 48,000$ <br> $\times 3$ months $=₹ 1,44,000)$ | $6,48,000(21600$ Units $\times 30)$ |
| Variable Cost | $45,000(₹ 10 \times 4,500$ units $)$ | $2,16,000(₹ 10 \times 21,600$ units $)$ |
| Semi-variable <br> Cost | $27,000\left(\frac{₹ 1,08,000}{12 \text { Months }} \times 3\right.$ Months $)$ | $1,51,200\left[\left(\frac{₹ 1,08,000}{12 \text { Months }} \times 9\right.\right.$ Months $)$ |


|  |  | $+46,800$ (for $20 \%$ increase) <br> $+23,400$ (for $10 \%$ increase) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Selling <br> Overhead | 36,000 (₹8 $\times 4,500$ units) | $1,72,800$ (₹ $8 \times 21,600$ units) |

## Notes:

1. Alternatively scrap of raw material can also be reduced from Work cost.
2. Administrative overhead may be treated alternatively as a part of general overhead. In that case, Works Cost as well as Cost of Production will be same i.e. `\(4,63,500\) and Cost of Sales will remain same as` $6,29,100$.
(ii) Calculation of Selling price for nine months period

| Particulars | Amount $(₹)$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Total Cost of sales ₹ $(6,29,100+26,02,800)$ | $32,31,900$ |
| Add: Desired profit | $8,76,600$ |
| Total sales value |  |
| Less: Sales value realised in first three months ( $₹ 145 \times 4,500$ units) | $(6,52,500)$ |
| Sales Value to be realised in next nine months | $\mathbf{3 4 , 5 6 , 0 0 0}$ |
| No. of units to be sold in next nine months | 21,600 |
| Selling price per unit $₹ \mathbf{₹} \mathbf{3 4 , 5 6 , 0 0 0} \div \mathbf{2 1 , 6 0 0}$ units) | $\mathbf{1 6 0}$ |

(b)

Process-A A/c

| Particulars | Total <br> (₹) | Cost <br> (₹) $)$ | Profit <br> (₹) | Particulars | Total <br> (₹) | Cost <br> (₹) | Profit <br> (₹) $)$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Opening stock | 5,000 | 5,000 | - | Process B <br> Ac | $\mathbf{2 8 , 8 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 , 6 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{7 , 2 0 0}$ |
| Directmaterials | 9,000 | 9,000 | - |  |  |  |  |
| Directwages | 5,000 | 5,000 | - |  |  |  |  |
|  | 19,000 | 19,000 | - |  |  |  |  |
| Less: Closing <br> stock | $(2,000)$ | $(2,000)$ | - |  |  |  |  |
| Prime Cost | 17,000 | 17,000 | - |  |  |  |  |
| Overheads | 4,600 | 4,600 | - |  |  |  |  |
| Process Cost | $\mathbf{2 1 , 6 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 , 6 0 0}$ | - |  |  |  |  |


| Profit (33.33\% of <br> total cost) | 7,200 | - | 7,200 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 28,800 | 21,600 | 7,200 |  | 28,800 | 21,600 | 7,200 |

Process-B A/c

| Particulars | Total <br> (₹) | Cost (₹) | Profit <br> (₹) | Particulars | Total <br> (₹) | Cost (₹) | Profit (₹) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Opening stock | 5,500 | 4,500 | 1,000 | Finished stock $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{c}$ | 61,675 | 41,550 | 20,125 |
| Process A A/c | 28,800 | 21,600 | 7,200 |  |  |  |  |
| Direct materials | 9,500 | 9,500 | - |  |  |  |  |
| Direct wages | 6,000 | 6,000 | - |  |  |  |  |
|  | 49,800 | 41,600 | 8,200 |  |  |  |  |
| Less: Closing stock | $(2,490)$ | $(2,080)$ | (410) |  |  |  |  |
| Prime Cost | 47,310 | 39,520 | 7,790 |  |  |  |  |
| Overheads | 2,030 | 2,030 | - |  |  |  |  |
| Process Cost | 49,340 | 41,550 | 7,790 |  |  |  |  |
| Proft (25\% of total cost) | 12,335 | - | 12,335 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 61,675 | 41,550 | 20,125 |  | 61,675 | 41,550 | 20,125 |

Finished Stock A/c

| Particulars | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { Total } \\ \text { (₹) } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { Cost } \\ \text { (₹) } \end{array}$ | Profit <br> (₹) | Particulars | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { Total } \\ (₹) \end{array}$ | Cost <br> (₹) | Profit <br> (₹) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Opening stock | 10,000 | 6,000 | 4,000 | Costing P\&L A/c | 75,000 | 44,181 | 30,819 |
| Process B A/c | 61,675 | 41,550 | 20,125 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 71,675 | 47,550 | 24,125 |  |  |  |  |
| Less: Closing stock | $(5,000)$ | $(3,369)$ | $(1,631)$ |  |  |  |  |
| COGS | 66,675 | 44,181 | 22,494 |  |  |  |  |
| Profit | 8,325 | - | 8,325 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 75,000 | 44,181 | 30,819 |  | 75,000 | 44,181 | 30,819 |

## Question 3

(a) A gang of workers normally consists of 30 skilled workers, 15 semi-skilled workers and 10 unskilled workers. They are paid at standard rate per hour as under:
Skilled
₹70

Semi-skilled ₹65
Unskilled ₹50
In a normal working week of 40 hours, the gang is expected to produce 2,000 units of output. During the week ended 31st March, 2019, the gang consisted of 40 skilled, 10 semi-skilled and 5 unskilled workers. The actual wages paid were at the rate of $₹ 75$, $₹ 60$ and ₹ 52 per hour respectively. Four hours were lost due to machine breakdown and 1,600 units were produced.
Calculate the following variances showing clearly adverse (A) or favourable (F)
(i) Labour Cost Variance
(ii) Labour Rate Variance
(iii) Labour Efficiency Variance
(iv) Labour Mix Variance
(v) Labour Idle Time Variance
(10 Marks)
(b) MNO Ltd. manufactures two types of equipment $A$ and $B$ and absorbs overheads on the basis of direct labour hours. The budgeted overheads and direct labour hours for the month of March 2019 are $₹ 15,00,000$ and 25,000 hours respectively. The information about the company's products is as follows:

|  | Equipment |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | A | B |
| Budgeted Production Volume | 3,200 units | 3,850 units |
| Direct Material Cost | ₹ 350 per unit | $₹ 400$ per unit |
| Direct Labour Cost | ₹ 360 |  |
| A: 3 hours @ ₹120 per hour |  | ₹480 |
| B: 4 hours @ ₹120 per hour |  |  |

Overheads of ₹ $15,00,000$ can be identified with the following three major activities:
Order Processing: ₹ $3,00,000$
Machine Processing: $₹ 10,00,000$
Product Inspection: ₹ $2,00,000$
These activities are driven by the number of orders processed, machine hours worked and inspection hours respectively. The data relevant to these activities is as follows:

|  | Orders processed | Machine hours worked | Inspection hours |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $A$ | 400 | 22,500 | 5,000 |
| $B$ | 200 | 27,500 | 15,000 |
| Total | 600 | 50,000 | 20,000 |

Required:
(i) Prepare a statement showing the manufacturing cost per unit of each product using the absorption costing method assuming the budgeted manufacturing volume is attained.
(ii) Determine cost driver rates and prepare a statement showing the manufacturing cost per unit of each product using activity based costing, assuming the budgeted manufacturing volume is attained.
(iii) MNO Ltd.'s selling prices are based heavily on cost. By using direct labour hours as an application base, calculate the amount of cost distortion (under costed or over costed) for each equipment.
(10 Marks)

## Answer

(a) (i) Labour Cost Variance $=$ Standard Cost - Actual Cost

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\begin{aligned}
& =₹ 1,14,400-₹ 1,54,400 \\
& =40,000(A)
\end{aligned}
$$

$(1,600 * 75+400 * 60+200 * 52=₹ 1,54,400)$
Or

| Types of workers | Standard Cost - Actual Cost | Amount (₹) |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Skilled Workers | $(30 \times 40 \times 70 / 2,000 \times 1,600)-(40 \times 40 \times 75)$ <br> $67,200-1,20,000$ | 52,800 (A) |
| Semi- Skilled | $(15 \times 40 \times 65 / 2,000 \times 1,600)-(10 \times 40 \times 60)$ <br> $31,200-24,000$ | 7,200 (F) |
| Un-Skilled Workers | $(10 \times 40 \times 50 / 2,000 \times 1,600)-(5 \times 40 \times 52)$ <br> $16,000-10,400$ | 5,600 (F) |
| Total | $1,14,400-1,54,400$ | 40,000 (A) |

(ii) Labour Rate Variance

| Types of workers | Actual Hours $\times$ (Standard Rate <br> Actual Rate) | Amount (₹) |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Skilled Workers | 1,600 hours $\times(₹ 70.00-₹ 75.00)$ | $8,000(\mathrm{~A})$ |
| Semi- Skilled | 400 hours $\times(₹ 65.00-₹ 60.00)$ | $2,000(\mathrm{~F})$ |
| Un-Skilled Workers | 200 hours $\times(₹ 50.00-₹ 52.00)$ | $400(\mathrm{~A})$ |
| Total | $₹ 8,000$ (A) $+₹ 2,000(\mathrm{~F})+₹ 400$ (A) | $6,400(\mathrm{~A})$ |

(iii) Labour Efficiency Variance

| Types of workers | Standard Rate $\times$ (Standard Hours - <br> Actual Hours) | Amount <br> $(₹)$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Skilled Workers | $₹ 70.00 \times(960$ hours $-1,440$ hours) | $33,600(\mathrm{~A})$ |
| Semi- Skilled | $₹ 65.00 \times(480$ hours -360 hours $)$ | $7,800(\mathrm{~F})$ |
| Un-Skilled Workers | $₹ 50.00 \times(320$ hours -180 hours $)$ | 7,000 (F) |
| Total | $33,600(\mathrm{~A})+7,800(\mathrm{~F})+7,000(\mathrm{~F})$ | $18,800(\mathrm{~A})$ |

Alternatively labour efficiency can be calculated on basis of labour hours paid

| Types of workers | Standard Rate $\times$ (Standard Hours - <br> Actual Hours) | Amount <br> (₹) |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Skilled Workers | $70.00 \times(960$ hours -1600 hours $)$ | $44,800(\mathrm{~A})$ |
| Semi- Skilled | $65.00 \times(480$ hours -400 hours | 5,200 (F) |
| Un-Skilled Workers | $50.00 \times(320$ hours -200 hours $)$ | 6,000 (F) |
| Total | $33,600(\mathrm{~A})+7,800(\mathrm{~F})+7,000(\mathrm{~F})$ | $33,600(\mathrm{~A})$ |

(iv) Labour Mix Variance
$=$ Total Actual Time Worked (hours) $\times$ \{Average Standard Rate per hour of Standard Gang Less Average Standard Rate per hour of Actual Gang\} @on the basis of hours worked
$=1,980$ hours $\times\left(\frac{₹ 1,14,400}{1,760 \text { hrs. }}-\frac{1,440 \text { hrs. } \times ₹ 70+360 \text { hrs. } \times ₹ 65+180 \text { hrs. } \times ₹ 50}{1,980 \text { hrs. }}\right)$
= ₹ $4,500(A)$
Or
Labour Mix Variance

| Types of workers | Std. Rate $\times$ (Revised Actual Hours Worked- <br> Actual Hours Worked) | Amount (₹) |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Skilled Workers | $₹ 70 \times(1,080$ hrs. -1440 hrs.) | 25,200 (A) |
| Semi- Skilled | $₹ 65 \times(540$ hrs. -360 hrs.) | 11,700 (F) |
| Un Skilled Workers | $₹ 50 \times(360$ hrs. -180 hrs.) | 9,000 (F) |
| Total | $₹ 25,200$ (A) $+₹ 11,700$ (F) $+₹ 9,000$ (F) | $\mathbf{4 , 5 0 0 ( A )}$ |

## (v) Labour Idle Time Variance

| Types of workers | Standard Rate $\times$ (Hours Paid - Hours <br> Worked) | Amount (₹) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Skilled Workers | $₹ 70.00 \times(1,600$ hours $-1,440$ hours) | 11,200 (A) |
| Semi- Skilled | $₹ 65.00 \times(400$ hours -360 hours $)$ | $2,600(\mathrm{~A})$ |
| Un-Skilled Workers | $₹ 50.00 \times(200$ hours -180 hours $)$ | $1,000(\mathrm{~A})$ |
| Total | 11,200 (A) $+2,600$ (A) $+1,000$ (A) | $14,800(\mathrm{~A})$ |

## Verification:

## Labour Cost Variance

= Labour Rate Variance + Labour Efficiency Variance + Labour Idle Time Variance
$=6,400(A)+18,800(A)+14,800(A)=₹ 40,000(A)$

## Labour Cost Variance

= Labour Rate Variance + Labour Efficiency Variance
$=6400(\mathrm{~A})+33600(\mathrm{~A})=₹ 40000(\mathrm{~A})$
In this case, labour idle time variance is a part of labour efficiency variance.

## Working Notes:

| Category | Standard Cost |  |  | Actual (1600 units) |  |  | Revised <br> Actual Hours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Hrs. | Rate | Amt. (₹) | Hrs. | Rate | Amt. (₹) |  |
| Skilled | 960 $(30 W \times 40 \times 1,600 / 2,000)$ | 70.00 | 67,200 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,440 \\ (40 \mathrm{~W} \times 36) \end{array}$ | 75.00 | 1,08,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,080 \\ (1,980 \times 6 / 11) \end{array}$ |
| SemiSkilled | (15W×40 x 1,600/2,000) 480 | 65.00 | 31,200 | $\begin{array}{r} 360 \\ (10 \mathrm{~W} \times 36) \end{array}$ | 60.00 | 21,600 | $\begin{array}{r} 540 \\ (1,980 \times 3 / 11) \end{array}$ |
| Unskilled | $\begin{array}{r} 320 \\ (10 \mathrm{~W} \times 40 \times 1,600 / 2,000) \end{array}$ | 50.00 | 16,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 180 \\ (5 W \times 36) \end{array}$ | 52.00 | 9,360 | $\begin{array}{r} 360 \\ (1,980 \times 2 / 11) \end{array}$ |
| Total | 1,760 | 65 | 1,14,400 | 1,980 |  | 1,38,960 | 1,980 |

(b) (i) Overheads application base: Direct labour hours

|  | Equipment | Equipment |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathbf{A}(₹)$ | $\mathbf{B}(₹)$ |
| Direct material cost | 350 | 400 |
| Direct labour cost | 360 | 480 |


| Overheads* | 180 | 240 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | 890 | 1120 |

*Pre-determined rate $=\frac{\text { Budgeted overheads }}{\text { Budgeted direct labour hours }} \quad=\frac{₹ 15,00,000}{25,000 \text { hours }}=₹ 60$
(ii) Estimation of Cost-Driver rate

| Activity | Overhead cost | Cost-driver level | Cost driver rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (₹) |  | (₹) |
| Order processing | 3,00,000 | 600 Orders processed | 500 |
| Machine processing | 10,00,000 | 50,000 <br> Machine hours | 20 |
| Inspection | 2,00,000 | 15,000 Inspection hours | 10 |
|  |  | Equipment | Equipment |
|  |  | A (₹) | B (₹) |
| Direct material cost |  | 350 | 400 |
| Direct labour cost |  | 360 | 480 |
| Prime Cost(A) |  | 710 | 880 |
| Overhead Cost |  |  |  |
| Order processing 400: 200 |  | 2,00,000 | 1,00,000 |
| Machine processing 22,500: 27,500 |  | 4,50,000 | 5,50,000 |
| Inspection 5,000: 15,000 |  | 50,000 | 1,50,000 |
| Total overhead cost |  | 7,00,000 | 8,00,000 |

(Overheads cost per unit for each overhead can also be calculated)

| Per unit cost | A (₹) | B (₹) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| $7,00,000 / 3,200$ (B)-A | 218.75 |  |
| $8,00,000 / 3,850(B)-B$ |  | 207.79 |
| Unit manufacturing cost (A+B) | 928.75 | $1,087.79$ |

(iii) Calculation of Cost Distortion

|  | Equipment | Equipment |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathbf{A}(₹)$ | $\mathbf{B}(₹)$ |
| Unit manufacturing cost-using direct labour <br> hours as an application base | 890.00 | $1,120.00$ |
| Unit manufacturing cost-using activity based <br> costing | 928.75 | $1,087.79$ |
| Cost distortion | $\mathbf{- 3 8 . 7 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 . 2 1}$ |

## Question 4

(a) X Ltd. distributes' its goods to a regional dealer using single lorry. The dealer premises are 40 kms away by road. The capacity of the lorry is 10 tonnes. The lorry makes the journey twice a day fully loaded on the outward journey and empty on return journey. The following information is available:

| Diesel Consumption | 8 km per litre |
| :--- | :--- |
| Diesel Cost | $₹ 60$ per litre |
| Engine Oil | $₹ 200$ per week |
| Driver's Wages (fixed) | $₹ 2,500$ per week |
| Repairs | $₹ 600$ per week |
| Garage Rent | $₹ 800$ per week |
| Cost of Lorry (excluding cost of tyres) | $₹ 9,50,000$ |
| Life of Lorry | $1,60,000 \mathrm{kms}$ |
| Insurance | $₹ 18,200$ per annum |
| Cost of Tyres | $₹ 52,500$ |
| Life of Tyres | $25,000 \mathrm{kms}$ |
| Estimated sale value of the lorry at end of its life is | $₹ 1,50,000$ |
| Vehicle License Cost | $₹ 7,800$ per annum |
| Other Overhead Cost | $₹ 41,600$ per annum |
| The lory operates on a 5 day week. |  |

Required:
(i) A statement to show the total cost of operating the vehicle for the four week period analysed into Running cost and Fixed cost.
(ii) Calculate the vehicle operating cost per km and per tonne km. (Assume 52 weeks in a year)
(10 Marks)
(b) The following are the details of receipt and issue of material 'CXE' in a manufacturing Co. during the month of April 2019:

| Date | Particulars | Quantity <br> $(\mathrm{kg})$ | Rate <br> per kg |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| April 4 | Purchase | 3,000 | $₹ 16$ |
| April8 | Issue | 1,000 |  |
| Apri15 | Purchase | 1,500 | $₹ 18$ |
| April 20 | Issue | 1,200 |  |
| April 25 | Return to supplier out of purchase made on April 15 | 300 |  |
| April 26 | Issue | 1,000 |  |
| April 28 | Purchase | 500 | $₹ 17$ |

Opening stock as on 01-04-2019 is $1,000 \mathrm{~kg}$ @ ₹ 15 per kg.
On $30^{\text {th }}$ April, 2019 it was found that 50 kg of material 'CXE' was fraudulently misappropriated by the store assistant and never recovered by the Company.
Required:
(i) Prepare a store ledger account under each of the following method of pricing the issue:
(a) Weighted Average Method
(b) LIFO
(ii) What would be the value of material consumed and value of closing stock as on 30-04-2019 as per these two methods?
(10 Marks)

## Answer

(a) Working Notes:

| Particulars | For 4 weeks | For 1 week <br> (by dividing by 4) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Total distance travelled ( $40 \mathrm{~km} \times 2$ <br> $\times 2$ trips $\times 5$ days $\times 4$ weeks) | $3,200 \mathrm{~km}$ | 800 km |
| Total tonne $\mathrm{km}(40 \mathrm{k} . \mathrm{m} \times 10$ tonnes $\times 2$ <br> $\times 5$ days $\times 4$ weeks) | 16,000 tonne km | 4,000 tonne km |

(i) Statement showing Operating Cost

Amount (₹)

| Particulars |  | For 4 weeks | For 1 week (by dividing by 4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | Fixed Charges: |  |  |
|  | Drivers' wages ( $₹ 2,500 \times 4$ weeks) | 10,000 | 2,500 |
|  | Garage rent ( $₹ 800 \times 4$ weeks) | 3,200 | 800 |
|  | Insurance $\{($ ( $18,200 \div 52$ weeks $) \times 4$ weeks $\}$ | 1,400 | 350 |
|  | Vehicle license $\{(₹ 7,800 \div 52$ weeks $) \times 4$ weeks\} | 600 | 150 |
|  | Other overheads cost $\{(₹ 41,600 \div 52$ weeks $) \times$ 4 weeks\} | 3,200 | 800 |
|  | Total (A) | 18,400 | 4,600 |
| B. | Running Cost: |  |  |
|  | Cost of diesel $\{(3,200 \div 8 \mathrm{kms}) \times$ ₹ 60$\}$ | 24,000 | 6,000 |
|  | Engine Oil ( $2200 \times 4$ weeks)* | 800 | 200 |
|  | Repairs (₹600 $\times 4$ weeks)* | 2,400 | 600 |
|  | Depreciation on vehicle $\left(\frac{₹ 9,50,000-₹ 1,50,000}{1,60,000 \mathrm{~km}} \times 3,200 \mathrm{~km}\right)$ | 16,000 | 4,000 |
|  | Depreciation on tyres $\left(\frac{₹ 52,500}{25,000 \mathrm{~km}} \times 3,200 \mathrm{~km}\right)$ | 6,720 | 1,680 |
|  | Total (B) | 49,920 | 12,480 |
| C. | Total Cost ( $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}$ ) | 68,320 | 17,080 |

${ }^{*}$ Cost of engine oil \& repairs may also be treated as fixed cost, as the question relates these with time i.e. in weeks instead of running of vehicle.
(ii) Calculation of vehicle operating cost:
Operating cost per k.m. $=\frac{₹ 68,320}{3,200 \mathrm{kms}}$ or $\frac{₹ 17,080}{800 \mathrm{Kms}}=₹ 21.35$
Operating cost per Tonne-k.m. $=$
$\frac{₹ 68,320}{16,000}$ or $\frac{₹ 17,080}{4,000}=₹ 4.27$
(b) (i) (a) Stores Ledger Account for the month of April, 2019 (Weighted Average Method)

|  | Receipt |  |  | Issue |  |  | Balance |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Qty } \\ \text { Units } \end{array}$ | Rate <br> (₹) | Amount (₹) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Qty } \\ \text { Units } \end{array}$ | Rate <br> (₹) | Amount (₹) | Qty <br> Units | Rate <br> (₹) | Amount (₹) |
| 1-4-19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000 | 15.00 | 15,000 |
| 4-4-19 | 3,000 | 16.00 | 48,000 | - | - | - | 4,000 | 15.75 | 63,000 |
| 8-4-19 | - | - | - | 1,000 | 15.75 | 15,750 | 3,000 | 15.75 | 47,250 |
| 15-4-19 | 1,500 | 18.00 | 27,000 | - | - | - | 4,500 | 16.50 | 74,250 |
| 20-4-19 | - | - | - | 1,200 | 16.50 | 19,800 | 3,300 | 16.50 | 54,450 |
| 25-4-19 | - | - | - | 300 | 18.00 | 5,400 | 3,000 | 16.35 | 49,050 |
| 26-4-19 | - | - | - | 1,000 | 16.35 | 16,350 | 2,000 | 16.35 | 32,700 |
| 28-4-19 | 500 | 17.00 | 8,500 | - | - | - | 2,500 | 16.48 | 41,200 |
| 30-4-19 | - | - | - | 50 | 16.48 | 824 | 2,450 | 16.48 | 40,376 |

(b) Stores Ledger Account for the month of April, 2019 (LIFO)

|  | Receipt |  |  | Issue |  |  | Balance |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Date | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Qty } \\ \text { Units } \end{array}$ | Rate <br> (₹) | Amount (₹) | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Qty } \\ \text { Units } \end{array}$ | Rate <br> (₹) | Amount | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Qty } \\ \text { Units } \end{array}$ | Rate <br> (₹) | Amount |
| 1-4-19 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,000 | 15 | 15,000 |
| 4-4-19 | 3,000 | 16 | 48,000 | - | - | - | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & 3,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15,000 \\ & 48,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 8-4-19 | - | - | - | 1,000 | 16 | 16,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & 2,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15,000 \\ & 32,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 15-4-19 | 1,500 | 18 | 27,000 | - | - | - | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 1,000 \\ & 2,000 \\ & 1,500 \end{aligned}$ | 15 16 18 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 15,000 \\ & 32,000 \\ & 27,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 20-4-19 | - | - | - | 1,200 | 18 | 21,600 | 1,000 2,000 300 | 15 16 18 | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 15,000 \\ 32,000 \\ 5,400 \end{array}$ |
| 25-4-19 | - | - | - | 300 | 18 | 5,400 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & 2,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15,000 \\ & 32,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 26-4-19 | - | - | - | 1,000 | 16 | 16,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & 1,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & 16 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15,000 \\ & 16,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 28-4-19 | 500 | 17 | 8,500 | - | - | - | 1,000 | 15 | 15,000 |


|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,000 | 16 | 16,000 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 500 | 17 | 8,500 |
| $30-4-19$ | - | - |  | - | 50 | 17 | 850 | 1,000 | 15 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 15,000 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,000 | 16 | 16,000 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(ii) Value of Material Consumed and Closing Stock

|  | Weighted Average <br> method (₹) | LIFO method <br> (₹) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Opening stock as on 01-04-2019 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Add: Purchases | 83,500 | 83,500 |
|  | 98,500 | 98,500 |
| Less: Return to supplier | 5,400 | 5,400 |
| Less: Abnormal loss | 824 | 850 |
| Less: Closing Stock as on 30-04-2019 | $\mathbf{4 0 , 3 7 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 8 , 6 5 0}$ |
| Value of Material Consumed | 51,900 | 53,600 |

## Question 5

(a) M/s Gaurav Private Limited is manufacturing and selling two products:
'BLACK' and 'WHITE' at selling price of ₹ 20 and ₹ 30 respectively.
The following sales strategy has been outlined for the financial year 2019-20:
(i) Sales planned for the year will be $₹ 81,00,000$ in the case of 'BLACK' and $₹ 54,00,000$ in the case of 'WHITE'.
(ii) The selling price of 'BLACK' will be reduced by $10 \%$ and that of 'WHITE' by $20 \%$.
(iii) Break-even is planned at $70 \%$ of the total sales of each product.
(iv) Profit for the year to be maintained at ₹ $8,26,200$ in the case of 'BLACK' and ₹ $7,45,200$ in the case of 'WHITE'. This would be possible by reducing the present annual fixed cost of ₹ $42,00,000$ allocated as ₹ $22,00,000$ to 'BLACK' and ₹ $20,00,000$ to 'WHITE'.

You are required to calculate:
(1) Number of units to be sold of 'BLACK' and 'WHITE' to Break even during the financial year 2019-20.
(2) Amount of reduction in fixed cost product-wise to achieve desired profit mentioned at (iv) above.
(5 Marks)
(b) M/s Zaina Private Limited has purchased a machine costing ₹ $29,14,800$ and it is expected to have a salvage value of ₹ $1,50,000$ at the end of its effective life of 15 years. Ordinarily the machine is expected to run for 4,500 hours per annum but it is estimated that 300 hours per annum will be lost for normal repair \& maintenance. The other details in respect of the machine are as follows :
(i) Repair \& Maintenance during the whole life of the machine are expected to be ₹ $5,40,000$.
(ii) Insurance premium (per annum) 2\% of the cost of the machine.
(iii) Oil and Lubricants required for operating the machine (per annum) ₹ 87,384 .
(iv) Power consumptions: 10 units per hour @ ₹ 7 per unit. No power consumption during repair and maintenance.
(v) Salary to operator per month ₹ 24,000 . The operator devotes one third of his time to the machine.
You are required to calculate comprehensive machine hour rate.
(5 Marks)
(c) A contractor prepares his accounts for the year ending 31st March each year. He commenced a contract on $1^{\text {st }}$ September, 2018. The following information relates to contract as on $31^{\text {st }}$ March, 2019:

| Material sent to site | $₹ 18,75,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Wages paid | $₹ 9,28,500$ |
| Wages outstanding at end | $₹ 84,800$ |
| Sundry expenses | $₹ 33,825$ |
| Material returned to supplier | $₹ 15,000$ |
| Plant purchased | $₹ 3,75,000$ |
| Salary of supervisor | $₹ 15,000$ per month |
| (Devotes $1 / 3^{\text {rd }}$ of his time on contract) |  |
| Material at site as on 31-03-2019 | $₹ 2,16,800$ |

Some of material costing ₹ 10,000 was found unsuitable and was sold for ₹ 11,200 . On 31-12-2018 plant which costs ₹ 25,000 was transferred to some other contract and on 31-01-2019 plant which costs ₹ 32,000 was returned to stores. The plant is subject to annual depreciation @ $15 \%$ on written down value method.
The contract price is ₹ $45,00,000$. On 31st March, 2019 two-third-of the contract was completed. The architect issued certificate covering $50 \%$ of the contract price.
Prepare Contract A/C and show the notional profit or loss as on 31st March, 2019.
(10 Marks)

## Answer

(a) (i) Statement showing Break Even Sales

| Particulars | Black | White |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Sales Planned | $81,00,000$ | $54,00,000$ |
| Selling Price ( $₹$ ) |  |  |

(ii)

Statement Showing Fixed Cost Reduction

| Profit to be maintained ( $₹$ ) | 8,26,200 | 7,45,200 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Margin of Safety ( $70 \%$ of Sales) ( $₹$ ) | 24,30,000 | 16,20,000 |
| PVR (Profit Margin of Safety) $\times 100$ | 34\% | 46\% |
| Contribution (Sales $\times 34 \%$ or 46\%) (₹) | 27,54,000 | 24,84,000 |
| Less: Profit (₹) | 8,26,200 | 7,45,200 |
| Revised Fixed Cost (\%) | 19,27,800 | 17,38,800 |
| Present Fixed Cost (₹) | 22,00,000 | 20,00,000 |
| Reduction in Fixed Cost | 2,72,200 | 2,61,200 |

(b) Effective machine hour $=4,500-300=4,200$ hours

Calculation of Comprehensive machine hour rate

| Elements of Cost and Revenue | Amount (₹) Per <br> Annum |
| :--- | ---: |
| Repair and Maintenance <br> (₹5,40,000 $\div 15$ years $)$ | 36,000 |
| Power $(4,200$ hours $\times 10$ units $\times ₹ 7)$ | $2,94,000$ |
| Depreciation $\left(\frac{₹ 29,14,800-₹ 1,50,000}{15 \text { years }}\right)$ |  |
| 1,84,320 |  |
| Insurance ( $₹ 29,14,800 \times 2 \%)$ |  |
| Oil and Lubricant |  |
| Salary to Operator $\{(₹ 24,000 \times 12) / 3\}$ |  |


| Total Cost |  |  | $7,56,000$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Effective machine hour |  | 4,200 |  |
| Total Machine Rate Per Hour |  |  | $\mathbf{1 8 0}$ |

(c) Contract Account as on 31-03-2019

| Particulars | (₹) |  | Particulars | (₹) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To Materials sentto site | 18,75,000 |  | Material returned to Supplier | 15,000 |
| To Wages paid 9,28,500 |  | By | Material sold | 11,200 |
| Add: Outstanding 84,800 | 10,13,300 | By | Plant transferred to other contract | 23,750 |
| To Plant purchased | 3,75,000 | By | Plant returned to stores | 30,000 |
| To Sundry Expenses | 33,825 | By | Plantatsite c/d | 2,90,175 |
| To Salary of Supervisor $\left\{1 / 3^{\text {rd }}\right.$ ( $₹ 15,000 \times 7$ month $\left.)\right\}$ | 35,000 | By | Material at site c/d | 2,16,800 |
| $\begin{array}{\|cc} \text { To } & \text { Costing P \& L Acc } \\ & (' 11,200-10,000) \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 1,200 | By | Works Cost | 27,46,400 |
|  | 33,33,325 |  |  | 33,33,325 |
| To Works Cost | 27,46,400 | By | Work-in-progress c/d Work certified | 22,50,000 |
|  |  | By | Work uncertified | 6,86,600 |
| To Notional profit(Profit for the year) | 1,90,200 |  |  |  |
|  | 29,36,600 |  |  | 29,36,600 |

## Working Notes:

1. Value of plant transferred to other contract:
₹ 25,000 less Depreciation for 4 months
= ₹ 25,000 -(₹ $25,000 \times 15 \% \times 4 / 12$ ) = ₹ 23,750
2. Value of plant returned to stores:
₹ 32,000 less Depreciation for 5 months
= ₹ 32,000 -(₹ $32,000 \times 15 \% \times 5 / 12$ ) $=$ ₹ 30,000
3. Value for work uncertified:

The cost of $2 / 3$ rd of the contract is $₹ 27,46,400$
$\therefore$ Cost of $100 \%$ " " " " $\frac{₹ 27,46,400}{2} \times 3=₹ 41,19,600$
$\therefore$ Cost of $50 \%$ of the contract which has been certified by the architect is ₹ $41,19,600 / 2=₹ 20,59,800$. Also, the cost of $1 / 3$ rd of the contract, which has been completed but not certified by the architect is $₹(27,46,400-20,59,800)=₹$ 6,86,600/-

## Question 6

Answer any four of the following:
(a) Differentiate between cost control and cost reduction.
(b) What are the cases when a flexible budget is found suitable?
(c) Explain integrated accounting system and state its advantages.
(d) Explain Direct Expenses and how these are measured and their treatment in cost accounting.
(e) What are the limitations of marginal costing?
(4 x $5=20$ Marks)

## Answer

(a) Difference between Cost Control and Cost Reduction

| Cost Control | Cost Reduction |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1.Cost control aims at maintaining <br> the costs in accordance with the <br> established standards. | 1.Cost reduction is concerned with <br> reducing costs. It challenges all <br> standards and endeavours to better <br> them continuously. |
| 2.Cost control seeks to attain <br> lowest possible cost under <br> existing conditions. | 2.Cost reduction recognises no condition <br> as permanent, since a change will <br> resultinlower cost. |
| 3. In case of Cost Control, |  |
| emphasis is on past and <br> present. | 3.In case of cost reduction it is on <br> present and future. |
| 4.Cost Control is a preventive <br> function. | 4.Cost reduction is a corrective <br> function. It operates even when an <br> efficient cost control system exists. |
| 5.Cost control ends when targets <br> are achieved. | 5. Cost reduction has no visible end. |

(b) Flexible budgeting may be resorted to under following situations:
(i) In the case of new business venture due to its typical nature it may be difficult to forecast the demand of a product accurately.
(ii) Where the business is dependent upon the mercy of nature e.g., a person dealing in wool trade may have enough market if temperature goes below the freezing point.
(iii) In the case of labour-intensive industry where the production of the concern is dependent upon the availability of labour.

## Suitability for flexible budget:

1. Seasonal fluctuations in sales and/or production, for example in soft drinks industry;
2. a company which keeps on introducing new products or makes changes in the design of its products frequently;
3. industries engaged in make-to-order business like ship building;
4. an industry which is influenced by changes in fashion; and
5. General changes in sales.
(c) Integrated Accounting System: Integrated Accounts is the name given to a system of accounting, whereby cost and financial accounts are kept in the same set of books. Obviously, then there will be no separate sets of books for Costing and Financial records. Integrated accounts provide or meet out fully the information requirement for Costing as well as for Financial Accounts. For Costing it provides information useful for ascertaining the cost of each product, job, and process, operation of any other identifiable activity and for carrying necessary analysis. Integrated accounts provide relevant information which is necessary for preparing profit and loss account and the balance sheets as per the requirement of law and also helps in exercising effective control over the liabilities and assets of its business.

## Advantages of Integrated Accounting System

The main advantages of Integrated Accounts are as follows:
(i) No need for Reconciliation - The question of reconciling costing profit and financial profit does not arise, as there is only one figure of profit.
(ii) Less efforts - Due to use of one set of books, there is a significant saving in efforts made.
(iii) Less time consuming - No delay is caused in obtaining information as it is provided from books of original entry.
(iv) Economical process - It is economical also as it is based on the concept of "Centralisation of Accounting function".
(d) Direct Expense: Expenses other than direct material cost and direct employee cost, which are incurred to manufacture a product or for provision of service and can be directly traced in an economically feasible manner to a cost object. The following costs are examples for direct expenses:
(i) Royalty paid/ payable for production or provision of service;
(ii) Hire charges paid for hiring specific equipment;
(iii) Cost for product/ service specific design or drawing;
(iv) Cost of product/ service specific software;
(v) Other expenses which are directly related with the production of goods or provision of service.
The above list of expenses is not exhaustive; any other expenses which are directly attributable to the production or service are also included as direct expenses.

## Measurement of Direct Expenses

The direct expenses are measured at invoice or agreed price net of rebate or discount but includes duties and taxes (for which input credit not avail able), commission and other directly attributable costs.
In case of sub-contracting, where goods are get manufactured by job workers independent of the principal entity, are measured at agreed price. Where the principal supplies some materials to the job workers, the value of such materials and other incidental expenses are added with the job charges paid to the job workers.

## Treatment of Direct Expenses

Direct Expenses forms part the prime cost for the product or service to which it can be directly traceable and attributable. In case of lump-sum payment or one time payment, the cost is amortised over the estimated production volume or benefit derived. If the expenses incurred are of insignificant amount i.e. not material, it can be treated as part of overheads.
(e) Limitations of Marginal Costing
(i) Difficulty in classifying fixed and variable elements: It is difficult to classify exactly the expenses into fixed and variable category. Most of the expenses are neither totally variable nor wholly fixed. For example, various amenities provided to workers may have no relation either to volume of production or time factor.
(ii) Dependence on key factors: Contribution of a product itself is not a guide for optimum profitability unless it is linked with the key factor.
(iii) Scope for Low Profitability: Sales staff may mistake marginal cost for total cost and sell at a price; which will result in loss or low profits. Hence, sales staff should be cautioned while giving marginal cost.
(iv) Faulty valuation: Overheads of fixed nature cannot altogether be excluded particularly in large contracts, while valuing the work-in- progress. In order to show the correct position fixed overheads have to be included in work-in-progress.
(v) Unpredictable nature of Cost: Some of the assumptions regarding the behaviour of various costs are not necessarily true in a realistic situation. For example, the assumption that fixed cost will remain static throughout is not correct. Fixed cost may change from one period to another. For example, salaries bill may go up because of annual increments or due to change in pay rate etc. The variable costs do not remain constant per unit of output. There may be changes in the prices of raw materials, wage rates etc. after a certain level of output has been reached due to shortage of material, shortage of skilled labour, concessions of bulk purchases etc.
(vi) Marginal costing ignores time factor and investment: The marginal cost of two jobs may be the same but the time taken for their completion and the cost of machines used may differ. The true cost of a job which takes longer time and uses costlier machine would be higher. This fact is not disclosed by marginal costing.
(vii) Understating of W-I-P: Under marginal costing stocks and work in progress are understated.

