INDAS – 8
ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND ERRORS

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RTPs QUESTIONS

Q1 (RTP May 19; MTP Oct 18)

ABC Ltd. changed its method adopted for inventory valuation in the year 2018-2019. Prior to the change, inventory was valued using the first in first out method (FIFO). However, it was felt that in order to match current practice and to make the financial statements more relevant and reliable, a weighted average valuation model would be more appropriate.

The effect of the change in the method of valuation of inventory was as follows:

- 31st March, 2017 - Increase of Rs 10 million
- 31st March, 2018 - Increase of Rs 15 million
- 31st March, 2019 - Increase of Rs 20 million

Profit or loss under the FIFO valuation model are as follows:

	2018-2019	2017-2018
Revenue	324	296
Cost of goods sold	(173)	(164)
Gross profit	**151**	**132**
Expenses	(83)	(74)
Profit	**68**	**58**

Retained earnings at 31st March, 2017 were Rs 423 million

Present the change in accounting policy in the profit or loss and produce an extract of the statement of changes in equity in accordance with Ind AS 8.

SOLUTION

Profit or loss under weighted average valuation method is as follows:

	2018-2019	**2017-2018(Restated)**
Revenue	324	296
Cost of goods sold	(168)	(159)
Gross profit	156	137
Expenses	(83)	(74)
Profit	**73**	**63**

Statement of changes in Equity (extract)

	Retained earnings	**Retained earnings (Original)**
At 1st April, 2017	**423**	**423**
Change in inventory valuation policy	10	-
At 1st April, 2017 (Restated)	433	-
Profit for the year 2017-2018	63	58
At 31st March, 2018	**496**	**481**
Profit for the 2018-2019	73	68
At 31st March, 2019	**569**	**549**

Q2 (RTP Nov 19 & Also Newly added in ICAI May 22 Module)

During 20X4-X5, Cheery Limited discovered that some products that had been sold during 20X3-X4 were incorrectly included in inventory at 31st March, 20X4 at Rs. 6,500.

Cheery Limited's accounting records for 20X4-X5 show sales of Rs. 104,000, cost of goods sold of Rs. 86,500 (including Rs. 6,500 for the error in opening inventory), and income taxes of Rs.5,250.

In 20X3-X4, Cheery Limited reported:

	Rs.
Sales	73,500
Cost of goods sold	(53,500)
Profit before income taxes	20,000
Income taxes	(6,000)
Profit	14,000
Basic and diluted EPS	**2.8**

The 20X3-X4 opening retained earnings was Rs. 20,000 and closing retained earnings was Rs. 34,000. Cheery Limited's income tax rate was 30% for 20X4-X5 and 20X3-X4. It had no other income or expenses.

Cheery Limited had Rs. 50,000 (5,000 shares of Rs.10 each) of share capital throughout, and no other components of equity except for retained earnings.

State how the above will be treated /accounted for in Cheery Limited's Statement of profit and loss, statement of changes in equity and in notes wherever required for current period and earlier period(s) as per relevant Ind AS.

SOLUTION

Cheery Limited

Extract from the Statement of profit and loss

		(Restated)
	20X4-X5	20X3-X4
	Rs.	Rs.
Sales	1,04,000	73,500
Cost of goods sold	(80,000)	(60,000)
Profit before income taxes	24,000	13,500
Income taxes	(7,200)	(4,050)
Profit	16,800	9,450
Basic and diluted EPS	**3.36**	**1.89**

Cheery Limited Statement of Changes in Equity

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Total
Balance at 31stMarch, 20X3	50,000	20,000	70,000
Profit for the year ended 31stMarch, 20X4 as restated		9,450	9,450
Balance at 31stMarch, 20X4	50,000	29,450	79,450
Profit for the year ended 31stMarch, 20X5		16,800	16,800
Balance at 31stMarch, 20X5	**50,000**	**46,250**	**96,250**

Extract from the Notes

Some products that had been sold in 20X3-X4 were incorrectly included in inventory at 31stMarch, 20X4 at Rs. 6,500. The financial statements of 20X3-X4 have been restated to correct this error. The effect of the restatement on those financial statements is summarized below:

	Effect on 20X3-X4
(Increase) in cost of goods sold	(6,500)
Decrease in income tax expenses	1,950
(Decrease) in profit	(4,550)
(Decrease) in basic and diluted EPS	(0.91)
(Decrease) in inventory	(6,500)
Decrease in income tax payable	1,950
(Decrease) in equity	(4,550)

There is no effect on the balance sheet at the beginning of the preceding period i.e. 1st April,20X3.

Note - In 2003-04, we have Sold more. Therefore, COGS will be more. More than 53,500 i.e. 53,500 + 6,500 = 60,000

Q3 (May 20)

While preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 20X3, Alpha Limited has observed two issues in the previous year Ind AS financial statements (i.e. 31st March, 20X2) which are as follows:

Issue 1:

The company had presented certain material liabilities as non-current in its financial statements for periods as on 31st March, 20X2. While preparing annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 20X3, management discovers that these liabilities should have been classified as current. The management intends to restate the comparative amounts for the prior period presented (i.e., as at 31st March, 20X2).

Issue 2:

The company had charged off certain expenses as finance costs in the year ended 31st March, 20X2. While preparing annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 20X3, it was discovered that these expenses should have been classified as other expenses instead of finance costs. The error occurred because the management inadvertently misinterpreted certain facts. The entity intends to restate the comparative amounts for the prior period presented in which the error occurred (i.e., year ended 31st March, 20X2).

What is your analysis and recommendation in respect of the issues noted with the previously presented set of financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 20X2?

SOLUTION

As per Ind AS 8 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', errors can arise in respect of the recognition, measurement, presentation or disclosure of elements of financial statements. Financial statements do not comply with Ind AS if they contain either material errors or immaterial errors made intentionally to achieve a particular presentation of an entity's financial position, financial performance or cash flows. Potential current period errors discovered in that period are corrected before the financial statements are approved for issue. However, material errors are sometimes not discovered until a subsequent period, and these prior period errors are corrected in the comparative information presented in the financial statements for that subsequent period.

Accordingly, the stated issues in question are to dealt as under:

Issue 1

In accordance with the same, the reclassification of liabilities from non-current to current would be considered as correction of an error under Ind AS 8. Accordingly, in the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 20X3, the comparative amounts as at 31 March 20X2 would be restated to reflect the correct classification.

Ind AS 1 requires an entity to present a third balance sheet as at the beginning of the preceding period in addition to the minimum comparative financial statements, if, inter alia, it makes a retrospective restatement of items in its financial statements and the restatement has a material effect on the information in the balance sheet at the beginning of the preceding period. Accordingly, the entity should present a third balance sheet as at the beginning of the preceding period, i.e., as at 1 April 20X1 in addition to the comparatives for the financial year 20X1-20X2.

Issue 2

The reclassification of expenses from finance costs to other expenses would be considered as correction of an error under Ind AS 8. Accordingly, in the financial statements for the year ended 31 March, 20X3, the comparative amounts for the year ended 31 March 20X2 would be restated to reflect the correct classification.

Ind AS 1 requires an entity to present a third balance sheet as at the beginning of the preceding period in addition to the minimum comparative financial statements if, inter alia, it makes a retrospective restatement of items in its financial statements and the restatement has a material effect on the information in the balance sheet at the beginning of the preceding period.

In the given case, the retrospective restatement of relevant items in the statement of profit and loss has no effect on the information in the balance sheet at the beginning of the preceding period (1 April 20X1). Therefore, the entity is not required to present a third balance sheet.

Q4 (RTP May 21 & Also Newly Added in ICAI May 22 Module)

In 20X3-20X4, after the entity's 31 March 20X3 annual financial statements were approved for issue, a latent defect in the composition of a new product manufactured by the entity was discovered (that is, a defect that could not be discovered by reasonable or customary inspection). As a result of the latent defect the entity incurred Rs. 100,000 in unanticipated costs for fulfilling its warranty obligation in respect of sales made before 31 March 20X3. An additional Rs. 20,000 was incurred to rectify the latent defect in products sold during 20X3-20X4 before the defect was detected and the production process rectified, Rs. 5,000 of which relates to items of inventory at 31 March 20X3. The defective inventory was reported at cost Rs. 15,000 in the 20X2-20X3 financial statements when its selling price less costs to complete and sell was estimated at Rs.18,000.The accounting estimates made in preparing the 31 March 20X3 financial statements were appropriately made using all reliable information that the entity could reasonably be expected to have been obtained and taken into account in the preparation and presentation of those financial statements.
Analyse the above situation in accordance with relevant Ind AS.

SOLUTION

Ind AS 8 is applied in selecting and applying accounting policies, and accounting for changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and corrections of prior period errors.
A change in accounting estimate is an adjustment of the carrying amount of an asset or a liability, or the amount of the periodic consumption of an asset. This change in accounting estimate is an outcome of the assessment of the present status of, and expected future benefits and obligations associated with, assets and liabilities. Changes in accounting estimates result from new information or new developments and, accordingly, are not corrections of errors.
Further, the effect of change in an accounting estimate, shall be recognised prospectively by including it in profit or loss in: (a) the period of the change, if the change affects that period only; or (b) the period of the change and future periods, if the change affects both.
Prior period errors are omissions from, and misstatements in, the entity's financial statements for one or more prior periods arising from a failure to use, or misuse of, reliable information that:

a) Was available when financial statements for those periods were approved for issue; and
b) Could reasonably be expected to have been obtained and taken into accounts in the preparation and presentation of those financial statements.

Such errors include the effects of mathematical mistakes, mistakes in applying accounting policies, oversights or misinterpretations of facts, and fraud.
On the basis of above provisions, the given situation would be dealt as follows:

The defect was neither known nor reasonably possible to detect at 31 March 20X3 or before the financial statements were approved for issue, so understatement of the warranty provision Rs.1,00,000 and overstatement of inventory Rs.2,000 (Note 1) in the 31 March 20X3 financial statements are not a prior period errors.
The effects of the latent defect that relate to the entity's financial position at 31 March 20X3 are changes

in accounting estimates.

In preparing its financial statements for 31 March 20X3, the entity made the warranty provision and inventory valuation appropriately using all reliable information that the entity could reasonably be expected to have obtained and had taken into account the same in the preparation and presentation of those financial statements.

Consequently, the additional costs are expensed in calculating profit or loss for 20X3-20X4.

Working Note:

Inventory is measured at the lower of cost (i.e. Rs. 15,000) and fair value less costs to complete and sell (i.e. Rs.18,0000 originally estimated minus Rs. 5,000 costs to rectify latent defect) = Rs. 13,000.

Q5 (Nov 21)

While preparing interim financial statements for the half-year ended 30 September 20X2, an entity discovers a material error (an improper expense accrual) in the interim financial statements for the period ended 30 September 20X1 and the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 20X2. The entity does not intend to restate the comparative amounts for the prior period presented in the interim financial statements as it believes it would be sufficient to correct the error by restating the comparatives in the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 20X3. Is this acceptable? Discuss in accordance with relevant Ind AS.

SOLUTION

Ind AS 8, inter alia, states that an entity shall correct material prior period errors retrospectively in the first set of financial statements approved for issue after their discovery by restating the comparative amounts for the prior period(s) presented in which the error occurred.

Ind AS 34 requires an entity to apply the same accounting policies in its interim financial statements as are applied in its annual financial statements (except for accounting policy changes made after the date of the most recent annual financial statements that are to be reflected in the next annual financial statements).

Ind AS 34 cites 'corrections of prior period errors' as an example of events or transactions which need to be explained in an entity's interim financial report if they are significant to an understanding of the changes in financial position and performance of the entity since the end of the last annual reporting period.

Ind AS 34, Interim Financial Statements, states as follows:

"While judgement is always required in assessing materiality, this Standard bases the recognition and disclosure decision on data for the interim period by itself for reasons of understandability of the interim figures. Thus, for example, unusual items, changes in accounting policies or estimates, and errors are recognised and disclosed on the basis of materiality in relation to interim period data to avoid misleading inferences that might result from non-disclosure. The overriding goal is to ensure that an interim financial report includes all information that is relevant to understanding an entity's financial position and performance during the interim period."

In view of the above, the entity is required to correct the error and restate the comparative amounts in interim financial statements for the half-year ended 30 September 20X2.

Q6 (Nov. 22)

While preparing interim financial statements for the half-year ended 30th September, 20X1, an entity notes that there has been an under-accrual of certain expenses in the interim financial statements for the first quarter ended 30 th June, 20X1. The amount of under accrual is assessed to be material in the context of interim financial statements. However, it is expected that the amount would be immaterial in the context of the annual financial statements. The management is of the view that there is no need to correct the error in the interim financial statements considering that the amount is expected to be immaterial from the point of view of the annual financial statements. Whether the management's view is acceptable?

SOLUTION

Ind AS 8, inter alia, states that financial statements do not comply with Ind AS if they contain either material errors or immaterial errors made intentionally to achieve a particular presentation of an entity's financial position, financial performance or cash flows.

As regards the assessment of materiality of an item in preparing interim financial statements, Ind AS 34, Interim Financial Statements, states that while judgement is always required in assessing materiality, this Standard bases the recognition and disclosure decision on data for the interim period by itself for reasons of understandability of the interim figures. Thus, for example, unusual items, changes in accounting policies or estimates, and errors are recognised and disclosed on the basis of materiality in relation to interim period data to avoid misleading inferences that might result from non-disclosure. The overriding goal is to ensure that an interim financial report includes all information that is relevant to understanding an entity's financial position and performance during the interim period.

As per the above, while materiality judgements always involve a degree of subjectivity, the overriding goal is to ensure that an interim financial report includes all the information that is relevant to an understanding of the financial position and performance of the entity during the interim period. It is therefore not appropriate to base quantitative assessments of materiality on projected annual figures when evaluating errors in interim financial statements.

Accordingly, the management is required to correct the error in the interim financial statements since it is assessed to be material in relation to interim period data.

MTPs QUESTIONS

Q7 (May 20 – 6 Marks)

During the year ended 31st March, 20X2, Blue Ocean group changed its accounting policy for depreciating property, plant and equipment, so as to apply components approach fully, whilst at the same time adopting the revaluation model.

In years before 20X1-20X2, Blue Ocean group's asset records were not sufficiently detailed to apply a components approach fully. At the end of 31st March, 20X1, management commissioned an engineering survey, which provided information on the components held and their fair values, useful lives, estimated residual values and depreciable amounts at the beginning of 20X1-20X2.

The results are shown as under:

Property, plant and equipment at the end of 31st March,20X1

	Rs.
Cost	25,000
Depreciation	(14,000)
Net book value	11,000
Depreciation expense for 20X1-20X2 (on old basis)	1,500
Some results of the engineering survey:	
Valuation	17,000
Estimated residual value	3,000
Average remaining asset life (years)	7

However, the survey did not provide a sufficient basis for reliably estimating the cost of those components that had not previously been accounted for separately, and the existing records before the survey did not permit this information to be reconstructed.

The board of directors considered how to account for each of the two aspects of the accounting change. They determined that it was not practicable to account for the change to a fuller components approach retrospectively, or to account for that change prospectively from any earlier date than the start of 20X1-20X2. Also, the change from a cost model to a revaluation model is required to be accounted for prospectively. Therefore, management concluded that it should apply Blue Ocean group's new policy prospectively from the start of 20X1-20X2.

Blue Ocean group's tax rate is 30%.

Compute the impact of change in accounting policy related to change in carrying amount of Property, Plant & Equipment under revaluation method and impact on taxes based on the basis of information provided. Show the impact of each item affected on financial statements by the analysis of stated issues.

SOLUTION

As per Ind AS 8 'Accounting Policies, Accounting Estimates and Errors, prospective application of a change in accounting policy has to be done since retrospective application is not practicable.

Property, plant and equipment at the end of 31st March, 20X2:

	Rs.
As per the engineering survey:	
Valuation of PPE	17,000
Estimated residual value	3,000

Average remaining asset life (years)	7
Depreciation expense on existing property, plant and equipment for 20X1-20X2 (new basis) (17,000 – 3,000)/7	2,000

From the start of 20X1-20X2, Blue Ocean group changed its accounting policy for depreciating property, plant and equipment, so as to apply components approach, whilst at the same time adopting the revaluation model. Management takes the view that this policy provides reliable and more relevant information because it deals more accurately with the components of property, plant and equipment and is based on up-to-date values.
The policy has been applied prospectively from the start of the year 20X1-20X2 because it was not practicable to estimate the effects of applying the policy either retrospectively or prospectively from any earlier date. Accordingly, the adoption of the new policy has no effect on prior years.

The impact on the financial statements for 20X1-20X2 would be as under:

Particulars	Rs.
Increase the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment at the start of the year (17,000-11,000)	6,000
Increase the opening deferred tax provision (6,000 x 30%)	1,800
Create a revaluation surplus at the start of the year (6,000 – 1,800)	4,200
Increase depreciation expense by (Rs.2,000 – Rs.1,500)	500
Reduce tax expense on depreciation (30%)	150

Q8 (April 21 – 5 Marks)

An entity charged off certain expenses as finance costs in its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 20X1. While preparing annual financial statements for the year ended 31st March 20X2, management discovered that these expenses should have been classified as other expenses instead of finance costs. The error occurred because the management inadvertently misinterpreted certain facts. The entity intends to restate the comparative amounts for the prior period presented in which the error occurred (i.e., year ended 31st March 20X1). Would this reclassification of expenses from finance costs to other expenses in the comparative amounts be considered to be correction of an error under Ind AS 8? Would the entity need to present a third balance sheet?

SOLUTION

Ind AS 8 states as follows: "Errors can arise in respect of the recognition, measurement, presentation or disclosure of elements of financial statements. Financial statements do not comply with Ind AS if they contain either material errors or immaterial errors made intentionally to achieve a particular presentation of an entity's financial position, financial performance or cash flows. Potential current period errors discovered in that period are corrected before the financial statements are approved for issue. However, material errors are sometimes not discovered until a subsequent period, and these prior period errors are corrected in the comparative information presented in the financial statements for that subsequent period."
In accordance with the above, the reclassification of expenses from finance costs to other expenses would be considered as correction of an error under Ind AS 8. Accordingly, in the financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 20X2, the comparative amounts for the year ended 31st March 20X1 would be restated to reflect the correct classification.

Ind AS 1 requires an entity to present a third balance sheet as at the beginning of the preceding period in addition to the minimum comparative financial statements if, inter alia, it makes a retrospective restatement of items in its financial statements and the restatement has a material effect on the information in the balance sheet at the beginning of the preceding period.

In the given case, the retrospective restatement of relevant items in the statement of profit and loss has no effect on the information in the balance sheet at the beginning of the preceding period (1st April 20X0). Therefore, the entity is not required to present a third balance sheet.

QUESTIONS FROM PAST EXAM PAPERS

Q9 (December 21 – 5 Marks)

PQR Limited acquired a building for its administrative purposes and presented the same as property, plant and equipment (PPE) in the financial year 2019-2020. During the financial year 2020-2021, it relocated the office to a new building and leased the said building to a third party. Following the change in the usage of the building, PQR Limited reclassified it from PPE to investment property in the financial year 2020-2021. Should PQR Limited account for the change as a change in accounting policy?

SOLUTION

Ind AS 8 provides that the application of an accounting policy for transactions, other events, or conditions that differ in substance from those previously occurring are no changes in accounting policies.

As per Ind AS 16, 'property, plant, and equipment are tangible items that:

a) are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes; and

b) are expected to be used during more than one period."

As per Ind AS 40, 'investment property' is property (land or a building—or part of a building—or both) held (by the owner or by the lessee as a right-of-use asset) to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both, rather than for:

a) use in the production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes; or

b) sale in the ordinary course of business."

As per the above definitions, whether a building is an item of property, plant, and equipment (PPE) or an investment property for an entity depends on the purpose for which it is held by the entity. It is thus possible that due to a change in the purpose for which it is held, a building that was previously classified as an item of property, plant, and equipment may warrant reclassification as an investment property or vice versa. Whether a building is in the nature of PPE or investment property is determined by applying the definitions of these terms from the perspective of that entity. Thus, the classification of a building as an item of property, plant, and equipment or as an investment property is not a matter of an accounting policy choice.