GUIDE

SOUTH AFRICAN ACCOUNTING OLYMPIAD

GRADE 10 -12

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GRADE 12

ACCOUNTING

A. Paper structure for the olympiad

Multiple Choice questions and short answer questions.

B. How it aligns with the curriculum?

CAPS topics including:

- Company concepts and bookkeeping
- Company financial statements
- Companies: Analysis and interpretation of financial statements
- Ethics
- Tangible assets
- Internal control
- Inventory systems
- Reconciliations
- Value Added Tax (VAT)
- Cost Accounting
- Budgets

C. How it goes beyond?

The olympiad includes some general knowledge questions based on topics from the curriculum, updated and current information.

D. Sample questions

1. Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the primary purpose of an auditor's report?

A To provide recommendations for improving financial performance

B To provide assurance on the accuracy of financial statements

C To determine the tax liability of a company

D To analyze market trends and competitors' performance

2. Which of the following statements is true regarding the cash flow statement?

A It provides information about a company's financial position at a specific point in time.

B It shows the movement of cash and cash equivalents over a period of time.

C It solely focuses on revenue and expenses.

D It is prepared according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

3. How are cash flows from operating activities typically calculated in the cash flow statement?

A By subtracting cash inflows from cash outflows

B By adding depreciation expense to net income

C By adjusting net income for non-cash expenses and changes in current assets and liabilities

D By analyzing the company's investment activities and financing activities

2. Short answer questions

1. How does the directors' report influence stakeholders' perception of a company's financial health and performance?

2. What are the key ratios commonly analysed to assess a company's liquidity, solvency, and profitability?

3. How do changes in ratios such as the current ratio or debt-to-equity ratio impact a company's financial standing and decision-making processes?