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DEGREE/ DIPLOMA AND

YEAR OF STUDY : B.COM IV / IDE LEVEL 6

TITLE OF PAPER : TAX APPLICATIONS

COURSE CODE : AC423 / IDE AC 419

TOTAL MARKS : 100 MARKS

TIME ALLOWED : THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 There are three (3) questions, answer all.
- 2 Begin the solution to each question on a new page.
- 3 The marks awarded for a question are indicated at the end of each question.
- 4 Show the necessary working.
- 5 Calculations are to be made to zero decimal places of accuracy, unless otherwise instructed.

Note: You are reminded that in assessing your work, account will be taken of accuracy of the language and general quality of expression, together with layout and presentation of your answer.

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: CALCULATOR

QUESTION 1

- a) In order to select the best business type, a number of factors have to be considered, briefly discuss these factors. (15 Marks)
- b) Masaka Trading Corporation had the following Profit and Loss for the year ended 30/12/2016.

	E	E
GROSS PROFIT		2 250 000
EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS		
Wages and salaries (Note 1)	1 300 000	
Pension Contribution	390 000	
Loss b/f from last year	30 000	
Rent and rates	30 500	
Depreciation	20 500	
Repair and maintenance (Note 2)	44 800	
Bad debts written off (Note 3)	12 000	
Provision for fall in stock prices	15 000	
Entertainment expenses	7 500	
Gifts and donations (Note 4)	40 000	
Professional fees (Note 5)	20 000	
Traffic fines	3 000	
Court fines	6 000	
Legal expenses on industrial building acquisition	2 500	
Transfer to revenue reserves	20 000	
Transfer to capital reserves	<u>12 000</u>	
		<u>1 953 800</u>
NET PROFIT TO BALANCE SHEET		<u>296 200</u>

Note 1 : Remuneration		
The company paid remuneration for its employees	1 300 000	
It paid 30% of this E1,300,000 as contribution to pension	390 000	
The employees paid 5% of their basic salaries as their employee's pension contribution.	65 000	
NOTE 2:Repair and maintenance		
Acquisition of Industrial Building	30 000	
General repair	2 800	
Acquisition of office machinery	12 000	
		<u>44 800</u>

NOTE 3:Bad debts written off	E	E
Trade debt written off	10 000	
Loans to employees written off	1 000	
Increase in specific bad debt provision	6 000	
Decrease in general provision of debts	-5 000	
		<u>12 000</u>

NOTE 4 :Gift and donations		
Donation to government for erection of schools	20 000	
Donation to University of Swaziland in relation to capital projects	15 000	
Donation to construction of a local church	5 000	
		<u>40 000</u>
NOTE 5:Professional fees		
Legal fees in connection with issue of debentures	15 000	
Legal fees in connection with acquisition of a general plot of land	5 000	
		<u>20 000</u>

REQUIRED:

1. Compute the corporation tax liability payable of Masaka Trading Company for the year ended 30.12.2016

USE THE SHORT CUT ADD DEDUCT METHOD (25 Marks)

Total: (40 Marks)

QUESTION 2

- a) Manhattan Ltd bought a used manufacturing asset on 2 October 2000 for E400 000. The asset qualified for wear and tear allowance at 20 %. On 2 November 2012 they made improvements to the asset at a total cost of E600 000. These improvements qualify for their own capital allowance of 20% . The asset was sold on 30 September 2015 for E2 000 000. The company financial year end is 31 December 2015.

You are required to calculate the capital gain on the disposal of the asset. The valuation date value of the asset must be calculated using the time-apportionment base cost.

(25 Marks)

- b) List 5 costs that are not included in the base cost of an asset. **(5 Marks)**

Total: (30 Marks)

QUESTION 3

- a) Distinguish between a tax evasion and tax avoidance, stating an example for each.
(5 Marks)
- b) Discuss the following terms:
i) Round trip financing **(5 Marks)**
ii) Accommodating or tax-indifferent parties **(10 Marks)**
- c) Define the following terms:
1. Arrangement
 2. Avoidance arrangement
 3. Party
 4. Tax benefit
 5. Impermissible tax avoidance **(10 Marks)**

Totals Marks 30