

Chapter 01 Testbank

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- B. refers to a statement that defines the purpose of the organisation.
- C. refers to specific statements of objective, upon which goals can be set.
- D. is only useful for non profit organisations.

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39. Animus Ltd is a mining company operating in Australia. The company has recently developed a new environmental management accounting system. According to institutional theory:

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- B. the new system is likely to be the result of gaining legitimacy and to imitate other mining companies who are 'doing the right thing'.
- C. the new system is likely to be the result of stringent government regulations.
- D. the new system is likely to be the result of careful, rational, cost-benefit analysis.

40. Eddy Gunn is a management accountant. Which of the following is most likely to be Eddy's responsibility?

- A. Providing an environmental assurance report for his company's shareholders
- B. Compiling the company tax return
- C. Ensuring that the internal accounting system is compliant with generally accepted accounting standards
- D. Developing a production cost report for each of the company's three production lines

41. Which of the following is not a widely recognised professional accounting body?

- A. The Institute of Production Accountants
- B. CPA Australia
- C. The Institute of Chartered Accountants
- D. The Institute of Management Accountants

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44. Management accounting focuses on:

- A. compliance with the accounting standards.
- B. meeting the needs of external users.
- C. effective and efficient management of resources.
- D. financial data only.

45. Modern management accounting systems include techniques that support an organisation's:

- A. strategy.
- B. mission.
- C. goals.
- D. decisions.

46. If a firm's senior management decide to follow a differentiation strategy, their focus should be to NOT concentrate on:

- A. product quality.
- B. product delivery.
- C. product innovation.
- D. product costs.

47. The firm's primary accounting system that produces financial data for external users is governed by:

- A. accounting standards.
- B. all of the choices are correct.
- C. generally accepted accounting principles.
- D. traditional accounting conventions.

48. Objectivity in management accounting

What is meant by the following statement? 'The objectivity of the management accounting process is largely a myth.'

49. Management accounting and decision making

Give an example of management accounting information that could help a manager make each of the following decisions:

- i. The managing director of a car rental company is deciding whether to add luxury cars to the rental car fleet.
- ii. The production manager in an assembly plant is deciding whether to have routine maintenance performed on a machine weekly or fortnightly.
- iii. The manager of a department store is deciding on the number of security personnel to employ to reduce shoplifting.
- iv. The local council is deciding whether to build an addition to the local library.

50. Explain how the management accountant, with the use of computer technology, can provide information that will be useful for the management and control of operational tasks.

51. 'As global competition increases, businesses are being pressured to reach higher levels of productivity to price their products and services competitively.' Explain how management accountants can play a role in helping management meet these challenges.

52. List and define four ethical standards that are part of the IFAC's Code of Professional Conduct.

53.

Jasmine Dol is a junior management accountant at Hey Hey Toys Ltd. Jasmine is given the task of compiling a cost-benefit analysis report on whether the company should purchase an expensive new machine from Beta Ltd, where her brother is the new sales manager. Jasmine did not tell anyone in Hey Hey Toys about her brother's new job. In preparing her report, Jasmine overstates the qualitative benefits and understates the costs associated with this new machine, in order to help her brother make his first sale as the new sales manager.

Discuss why and how Jasmine has deviated from the IFAC's code of ethics.

54.

Identify and contrast management accounting and financial accounting information

55. Behavioural issues are not taken into consideration when developing management accounting systems.

True False

56. Organisations prepare a mission statement that describes the desired future position and/or goals of the organisation.

True False

57. The systems and procedures implemented to provide regular information to assist with control are called control systems.

True False

58. When a firm adopts a strategy of being a low-cost producer and sells its products at a price lower than its competitors, the firm is said to be using a strategy of cost leadership.

True False

59. The theory that suggests that a firm's management accounting system is influenced by factors such as the external environment and technology is called contingency theory.

True False

60. There is no overlap between the two accounting streams management and financial accounting.

True False

61. The increased information needs of modern organisations have meant that management accounting has had to change its focus over the years.

True False

62. The costing system is the part of the accounting information system that is common to both financial and management accounting.

True False

63. Accountants with a CPA qualification are only able to work as financial accountants.
True False

64. Staff management and line management both have indirect responsibilities to the operations of an organisation.
True False

65. Value creation is a central focus for managers and only refers to shareholder value.
True False

66. Senior accountants are also known as the finance manager or financial controller.
True False

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True False

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Learning Objective: 1.04 Explain where management accountants are located in organisations

34. The 'vision' of an organisation:

- A.** refers to the desired future state of an organisation.
- B. refers to a statement that defines the purpose of the organisation.
- C. refers to specific statements of objective, upon which goals can be set.
- D. is only useful for non profit organisations.

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Medium

Learning Objective: 1.06 Explain the basic concepts of strategy and how management accounting systems can support strategies

35. Animus Ltd is a mining company. Which of the following is an example of a decision relating to formulating Animus Ltd's corporate strategy?

- A.** Should Animus Ltd operate in the mining industry only, or expand to heavy machinery manufacturing and distribution?
- B. Should Animus Ltd compete based on price or product differentiation?
- C. Should Animus Ltd hire a new financial controller?
- D. Should Animus Ltd develop a new management accounting system?

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Medium

Learning Objective: 1.06 Explain the basic concepts of strategy and how management accounting systems can support strategies

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AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Medium

Learning Objective: 1.06 Explain the basic concepts of strategy and how management accounting systems can support strategies

37. Animus Ltd is a mining company. Which of the following is an example of 'planning'?

- A. Awarding bonuses to Animus Ltd's top performing executives
- B.** Setting production targets for the company's new mines
- C. Developing correction actions to respond to lower-than-expected production levels in the existing mines
- D. Pursuing legal actions against environmental activists who stole mining equipment

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Medium

Learning Objective: 1.08 Explain how planning and control mechanisms can be used to support resource management

38. Animus Ltd is a mining company. Which of the following is an example of 'control'?

- A. Awarding bonuses to Animus Ltd's top performing executives
- B. Setting production targets for the company's new mines
- C.** Developing correction actions to respond to lower-than-expected production levels in the existing mines.
- D. Pursuing legal actions against environmental activists who stole mining equipment.

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Medium

Learning Objective: 1.08 Explain how planning and control mechanisms can be used to support resource management

39. Animus Ltd is a mining company operating in Australia. The company has recently developed a new environmental management accounting system. According to institutional theory:
- A. the new system is likely to be the result of the Australian culture of being environmentally conscious and the fact that negative environmental impacts can result in significant fines to the company.
 - B.** the new system is likely to be the result of gaining legitimacy and to imitate other mining companies who are 'doing the right thing'.
 - C. the new system is likely to be the result of stringent government regulations.
 - D. the new system is likely to be the result of careful, rational, cost-benefit analysis.

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Medium

Learning Objective: 1.10 Describe the factors that may influence the design of management accounting systems including behavioural issues, cost-benefit trade-offs and the implications of contingency and institutional theories

40. Eddy Gunn is a management accountant. Which of the following is most likely to be Eddy's responsibility?
- A. Providing an environmental assurance report for his company's shareholders
 - B. Compiling the company tax return
 - C. Ensuring that the internal accounting system is compliant with generally accepted accounting standards
 - D.** Developing a production cost report for each of the company's three production lines

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Medium

Learning Objective: 1.03 Describe the major differences between management accounting and financial accounting information

41. Which of the following is not a widely recognised professional accounting body?
- A.** The Institute of Production Accountants
 - B. CPA Australia
 - C. The Institute of Chartered Accountants
 - D. The Institute of Management Accountants

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Medium

Learning Objective: 1.13 Discuss the professional qualifications that are relevant to becoming an accountant, and the ethical standards to which accountants must adhere

42. Which of the following changes in the business environment have led to the emergence of virtual organisations?
- A. Rapid advances in technology
 - B.** Increases in outsourcing and reliance on various forms of business networks
 - C. Increased global mobility in labour
 - D. Reliance on creating mutually strategic business alliances

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Medium

Learning Objective: 1.01 Describe the changes that have taken place in the business environment in recent years

43. Which of the following changes in the business environment have led to more complicated relationships and business structures?

- A. Rapid advances in technology
- B. Increases in outsourcing and reliance on various forms of business networks
- C. Increased global mobility in labour
- D. Reliance on creating mutually strategic business alliances**

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Medium

Learning Objective: 1.01 Describe the changes that have taken place in the business environment in recent years

44. Management accounting focuses on:

- A. compliance with the accounting standards.
- B. meeting the needs of external users.
- C. effective and efficient management of resources.**
- D. financial data only.

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.05 Describe the major processes that management accounting systems use to create value and manage resources

45. Modern management accounting systems include techniques that support an organisation's:

- A. strategy.**
- B. mission.
- C. goals.
- D. decisions.

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.07 Recognise how various management accounting techniques have been developed to support a firm's competitive advantage

46. If a firm's senior management decide to follow a differentiation strategy, their focus should be to NOT concentrate on:

- A. product quality.
- B. product delivery.
- C. product innovation.
- D. product costs.**

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.07 Recognise how various management accounting techniques have been developed to support a firm's competitive advantage

47. The firm's primary accounting system that produces financial data for external users is governed by:

- A. accounting standards.
- B. all of the choices are correct.**
- C. generally accepted accounting principles.
- D. traditional accounting conventions.

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.09 Explain how costing systems can provide information to support a range of operational and strategic decisions

48. Objectivity in management accounting

What is meant by the following statement? 'The objectivity of the management accounting process is largely a myth.'

Accountants have wide areas of discretion in the selection, processing and recording of data. Various data can be used for different purposes. In addition, the same data can be used simultaneously for different purposes such as planning, decision making or controlling.

AACSB: Communication

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Hard

Learning Objective: 1.02 Define management accounting in terms of value creation

49. Management accounting and decision making

Give an example of management accounting information that could help a manager make each of the following decisions:

- i. The managing director of a car rental company is deciding whether to add luxury cars to the rental car fleet.
- ii. The production manager in an assembly plant is deciding whether to have routine maintenance performed on a machine weekly or fortnightly.
- iii. The manager of a department store is deciding on the number of security personnel to employ to reduce shoplifting.
- iv. The local council is deciding whether to build an addition to the local library.

Note: any correct answers are possible since only one example is requested.

- i. Estimates of any operating costs associated with the proposed luxury cars would be relevant. For example, estimates of the cost of petrol, routine maintenance and insurance on the new vehicles would be useful.
- ii. Data about the cost of maintaining the machine weekly or fortnightly would be relevant. In addition, the production manager should consider information about the likely rates of defective products under each maintenance alternative.
- iii. Estimates of the cost of lost merchandise due to shoplifting and the cost of employing security personnel would be relevant to this decision.
- iv. Estimates of the cost of building the library addition as well as estimated benefits to the population from having the addition would be useful. In estimating the benefits, some value judgments may need to be made about the benefits to the public from having additional library space and more books.

AACSB: Communication

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Hard

Learning Objective: 1.02 Define management accounting in terms of value creation

50. Explain how the management accountant, with the use of computer technology, can provide information that will be useful for the management and control of operational tasks.

With the aid of computers, management accountants are able to provide information that is accurate, timely and relevant to the managers they are serving. For example they can provide information such as number of units produced, number of rejects and time lost on a daily basis, and ensure a regular flow of information between sales and production.

AACSB: Communication

AACSB: Technical

Difficulty: Hard

Learning Objective: 1.10 Describe the factors that may influence the design of management accounting systems including behavioural issues, cost-benefit trade-offs and the implications of contingency and institutional theories

51. 'As global competition increases, businesses are being pressured to reach higher levels of productivity to price their products and services competitively.' Explain how management accountants can play a role in helping management meet these challenges.

The systems that management accountants can help to develop are:

- i. Total quality management—builds a high level of quality into production and all management processes within an organisation.
- ii. Just-in-time management—an approach to inventory management whereby inventory that is required in production is delivered just in time to be used in the production process.
- iii. Activity-based management—focuses on identifying and eliminating activities that add no value to the product or service from the customer's perspective (e.g. reworking, spoilage).

AACSB: Communication

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Hard

Learning Objective: 1.01 Describe the changes that have taken place in the business environment in recent years

Learning Objective: 1.12 Describe how the focus of management accounting has evolved

52. List and define four ethical standards that are part of the IFAC's Code of Professional Conduct.

Note: Answers may include any four of the following:

- **Integrity.** Members must be straightforward and honest in professional and business relationships. Integrity also implies fair dealing and truthfulness.
- **Objectivity.** Members must not compromise their professional or business judgement because of bias, conflict of interest or the undue influence of others.
- **Professional competence and due care.** Members must maintain professional knowledge and skill at the level required to ensure that clients or employers receive competent professional service, and act diligently in accordance with applicable technical and professional standards when providing their services.
- **Confidentiality.** Members must not disclose outside the firm or employing organisation confidential information acquired as a result of professional and business relationships without specific authority from the client or employer unless there is a legal duty to do so. Members must not use confidential information acquired as a result of professional and business relationships to their personal advantage or the advantage of third parties.
- **Professional behaviour.** Members must comply with relevant laws and regulations and avoid any action or omission that may bring discredit to the profession.

AACSB: Communication

Difficulty: Hard

Learning Objective: 1.13 Discuss the professional qualifications that are relevant to becoming an accountant, and the ethical standards to which accountants must adhere

53.

Jasmine Dol is a junior management accountant at Hey Hey Toys Ltd. Jasmine is given the task of compiling a cost-benefit analysis report on whether the company should purchase an expensive new machine from Beta Ltd, where her brother is the new sales manager. Jasmine did not tell anyone in Hey Hey Toys about her brother's new job. In preparing her report, Jasmine overstates the qualitative benefits and understates the costs associated with this new machine, in order to help her brother make his first sale as the new sales manager.

Discuss why and how Jasmine has deviated from the IFAC's code of ethics.

The following are some key points:

Integrity – Jasmine did not tell anyone about the conflict of interest, and therefore did not demonstrate 'integrity'

Objectivity – in overstating the benefits and understating the costs, Jasmine is clearly biased in her analysis, and is not acting in the company's best interests.

AACSB: Communication

AACSB: Ethics

Difficulty: Medium

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54.

Identify and contrast management accounting and financial accounting information

	Management accounting	Financial accounting
Users of information	■ Internal: managers and employees at all levels	■ External: shareholders, creditors, banks, securities exchange, trade unions and government agencies
Regulations	■ No accounting standards or external rules are imposed. Information is generated to satisfy managers' information needs	■ Accounting standards and corporations law regulate the content of external financial reports
Source of data	■ Both financial and non-financial data drawn from many sources—the core accounting system; physical and operational data from production systems; and market, customer and economic data from sources external to the organisation	■ Financial data almost exclusively drawn from the organisation's core transaction-based accounting system
Nature of the information	■ Past, current and future-oriented; subjective; relevant; timely; and supplied at various levels of detail to suit managers' specific needs	■ Past; reliable; verifiable; not timely; not always relevant; and highly aggregated

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Difficulty: Medium

Learning Objective: 1.03 Describe the major differences between management accounting and financial accounting information

55. Behavioural issues are not taken into consideration when developing management accounting systems.

FALSE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Medium

Learning Objective: 1.10 Describe the factors that may influence the design of management accounting systems including behavioural issues, cost-benefit trade-offs and the implications of contingency and institutional theories

56. Organisations prepare a mission statement that describes the desired future position and/or goals of the organisation.

FALSE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.06 Explain the basic concepts of strategy and how management accounting systems can support strategies

57. The systems and procedures implemented to provide regular information to assist with control are called control systems.

TRUE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.08 Explain how planning and control mechanisms can be used to support resource management

58. When a firm adopts a strategy of being a low-cost producer and sells its products at a price lower than its competitors, the firm is said to be using a strategy of cost leadership.

TRUE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.06 Explain the basic concepts of strategy and how management accounting systems can support strategies

59. The theory that suggests that a firm's management accounting system is influenced by factors such as the external environment and technology is called contingency theory.

TRUE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.10 Describe the factors that may influence the design of management accounting systems including behavioural issues, cost-benefit trade-offs and the implications of contingency and institutional theories

60. There is no overlap between the two accounting streams management and financial accounting.

FALSE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.03 Describe the major differences between management accounting and financial accounting information

61. The increased information needs of modern organisations have meant that management accounting has had to change its focus over the years.

TRUE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.01 Describe the changes that have taken place in the business environment in recent years

62. The costing system is the part of the accounting information system that is common to both financial and management accounting.

TRUE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.03 Describe the major differences between management accounting and financial accounting information

63. Accountants with a CPA qualification are only able to work as financial accountants.

FALSE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.13 Discuss the professional qualifications that are relevant to becoming an accountant, and the ethical standards to which accountants must adhere

64. Staff management and line management both have indirect responsibilities to the operations of an organisation.

FALSE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.12 Describe how the focus of management accounting has evolved

65. Value creation is a central focus for managers and only refers to shareholder value.

FALSE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.02 Define management accounting in terms of value creation

66. Senior accountants are also known as the finance manager or financial controller.

TRUE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.04 Explain where management accountants are located in organisations

67.

Budgets provide information to help manage resources and are supported by the financial accounting function.

FALSE

AACSB: Reflective

Difficulty: Easy

Learning Objective: 1.05 Describe the major processes that management accounting systems use to create value and manage resources

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