MOCK TEST PAPER 1 FINAL COURSE: GROUP – II PAPER 8: INDIRECT TAX LAWS

Maximum Marks: 100 Marks

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Notes:

- (i) Working Notes should form part of the answer. However, in answers to Question in Division A, working notes are not required.
- (ii) Wherever necessary, suitable assumptions may be made by the candidates and disclosed by way of a note.
- (iii) All questions should be answered on the basis of position of (i) GST law as amended by the Finance Act, 2021, which have become effective up to 30th April, 2022, including significant notifications and circulars issued, up to 30th April, 2022 and (ii) customs law as amended by the Finance Act, 2021, including significant notifications and circulars issued, up to 30th April, 2022.

Division A: Multiple Choice Questions (30 marks)

Write the most appropriate answer to each of the following multiple choice questions by choosing one of the four options given. All questions are compulsory.

Each MCQ under Question No. 1 & 2 carries 2 Marks each

 Swarg Transport Agency (P) Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "STAL"), registered under GST in Jaipur, Rajasthan, is providing services by way of transportation of goods by road for which it issues consignment notes, to all the sectors of industries. It maintains trucks, trollers, advance carriages for heavy loads, lorries and small tractors, for the purpose of transportation and renting purposes. It also maintains special vehicles which has special storage features and other advance facilities for transporting defence equipments and other complex machineries, chemical and food products.

It has provided the following details for the current financial year:

- (i) Dhanimani Bank, (registered in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh) sent its branch manager Mr. Chintamani on one year deputation on a special project to Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Mr. Chintamani's family is stationed in Kanpur (U.P.). Dhanimani Bank enters into a contract with STAL for transportation of the household goods of Mr. Chintamani from Kanpur to Bhopal for ₹ 1,50,000.
- (ii) STAL provided service of transportation of goods to a co-operative society which was newly constituted and hence was not registered under GST law and the amount charged was ₹ 3,00,000. While transporting the goods of the said co-operative society, STAL generated e-way bill on Monday at 2:00 pm. The goods were to be transported for a distance of 220 km.
- (iii) STAL had a contract with local authority in Rajasthan to provide services by way of transportation of relief material to flood affected victims for which ₹ 2,50,000 is charged.
- (iv) STAL rendered transportation services to farmers in Punjab for transportation of agricultural produce to nearby cities for ₹ 2,00,000.
- (v) STAL owns and maintains its own petrol pump wherein the revenue from supply of petrol was ₹ 20,00,000.
- (vi) STAL gave buses on rent to a higher secondary school in Rajasthan affiliated to CBSE and charged ₹ 5,00,000 for the same during the year.
- (vii) STAL transported equipments to a military camp which also availed special storage facility from STAL and amount charged for such services is ₹ 5,50,000.

Notes:

- 1. Assume that GST is payable on the transportation in the aforesaid case scenario at the following rates unless otherwise specified:
 - I. Intra-State supply 6% CGST and 6% SGST
 - II. Inter-State supply 12% IGST
- 2. All the above amounts are exclusive of GST, wherever applicable, unless otherwise specified.

Based on the facts of the case scenario given above, choose the most appropriate answer to Q. Nos. 1.1 to 1.5 below:

- 1.1 Determine the value of outward supplies made by STAL which are exempt from GST.
 - (a) ₹ 35,00,000
 - (b) ₹ 15,00,000
 - (c) ₹ 16,00,000
 - (d) ₹ 5,50,000
- 1.2 Determine the place of supply of the services of transportation of household goods of Mr. Chintamani provided by STAL.
 - (a) Jaipur, Rajasthan
 - (b) Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
 - (c) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
 - (d) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 1.3 Calculate the aggregate turnover of STAL for the current financial year.
 - (a) ₹ 35,00,000
 - (b) ₹ 39,50,000
 - (c) ₹ 19,50,000
 - (d) ₹ 38,00,000
- 1.4 Determine the period of validity of e-way bill generated by STAL for transporting the goods of the co-operative society.
 - (a) Tuesday-Wednesday at 12.00 midnight
 - (b) Wednesday-Thursday at 12.00 midnight
 - (c) Wednesday at 12.00 noon
 - (d) Wednesday at 2.00 pm
- 1.5 Whether tax is required to be deducted under section 51 of the CGST Act, 2017 for the service provided by STAL to local authority in Rajasthan?
 - (a) No; since the value of contract is not less than ₹ 2,50,000.
 - (b) Yes; since the value of contract is ₹ 2,50,000.
 - (c) Yes; since TDS is mandatorily to be deducted for any supplies made to a local authority irrespective of the value of supply.
 - (d) No; since it is an exempt supply.

2. Biswaas Ltd., a company registered under GST in the State of Uttar Pradesh, manufactures products which are used in laboratories. The products are manufactured in the company's factory located in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and sold in various parts of Uttar Pradesh. The company also provides repair and maintenance services for its products. The details of turnover of the company are as under:

Particulars	F.Y1 (₹)	F.Y2 (₹)
Turnover from supply of goods	75,00,000	1,02,00,000
Turnover from supply of services	7,10,000	9,25,000
Interest income from extending loans to others (not included in aforesaid turnover of services)	5,25,000	6,26,000

The company procures service of M/s Pawan Enterprises, a Goods Transport Agency, having its place of business in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, for transport of goods from its factory to customers' location. M/s Pawan Enterprises prepares a regular consignment note containing the details of consignor and consignee and other prescribed details. The services provided by M/s Pawan Enterprises are chargeable to tax @ 5%.

S. No.	Particulars	Amount (₹)
(i)	Turnover of supply of goods	10,20,000
(ii)	Turnover of supply of services	92,550
(iii)	Interest income from extending deposit to others	5,000
(iv)	Amount charged for services received from M/s Pawan Enterprises	50,000
(v)	Raw material received from other States	5,26,000
(vi)	Input services received	7,80,900

Following details are provided by Biswaas Ltd. for April-June quarter of FY-3 (current FY):

Following additional information is also provided:

- (1) The raw material mentioned in point (v) above received by Biswaas Ltd.in its factory located in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, includes goods amounting to ₹ 2,26,000 received from M/s Rupesh Enterprises on the instructions received from M/s Sarvesh Enterprises. M/s Rupesh Enterprises has its principal place of business in Uttar Pradesh whereas M/s Sarvesh Enterprises has its principal place of business in Gujarat.
- (2) Vidhata Foundation, a Charitable Trust, registered under section 12AB of the Income Tax Act, 1961 has been set up by the founders of Biswaas Ltd. for conducting charitable activities in the State of Uttar Pradesh. The Trust organises sessions on yoga and spirituality in the State of Uttar Pradesh and charges participation fees for the same. The total fees collected from participants for the month of April of current FY is ₹ 2,50,000. The input services received by the Trust during the said month amount to ₹ 1,25,260. The Trust is also analysing the proposal of granting rights to Biswaas Ltd. to advertise on its premises.

Following GST rates are applicable on the inward and outward supplies unless otherwise specified:

Particulars	CGST	SGST	IGST
Outward supply	9%	9%	18%
Inward supply	6%	6%	12%

Based on the facts of the case scenario given above, choose the most appropriate answer to Q. Nos. 2.1 to 2.5 below:-

- 2.1 Whether the service provided by M/s Pawan Enterprises to Biswaas Ltd. is chargeable to tax. If yes, who will discharge the tax liability?
 - (a) The service is chargeable to tax and M/s Pawan Enterprises will discharge the tax liability.
 - (b) The service is chargeable to tax and Biswaas Ltd. will discharge the tax liability.
 - (c) The service is exempt under the CGST Act, 2017.
 - (d) The service is chargeable to tax and M/s Pawan Enterprises and Biswaas Ltd. will discharge the tax liability in the ratio of 1:1.
- 2.2 Whether Biswaas Ltd. could have opted for composition levy under sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 10 of the CGST Act, 2017 for current financial year?
 - (a) Yes. However, it could have provided services up to a value of ₹ 11,12,500 under composition levy during the current financial year.
 - (b) No, it could not have opted for composition levy.
 - (c) Yes. However, it could have provided services up to ₹ 5,00,000 under composition levy during the current financial year.
 - (d) Yes. However, it could have provided services up to ₹ 11,75,100 under composition levy during the current financial year.
- 2.3 Assuming Biswaas Ltd. has opted for composition scheme under sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 10 of the CGST Act, 2017 at the beginning of the current financial year, what shall be the total GST liability of Biswaas Ltd. in the State of Uttar Pradesh for April-June guarter?
 - (a) No liability, ITC of ₹ 1,56,828 will be carried forward.
 - (b) ₹ 45,931
 - (c) ₹ 13,626
 - (d) ₹ 2,02,759
- 2.4 Which of the following statement is incorrect in case of Vidhata Foundation?
 - i. Services provided to charitable or religious trusts are not outside the ambit of GST. Unless specifically exempt, they are chargeable under GST.
 - ii. All the activities of Vidhata Foundation are exempt from GST since it is a charitable trust registered under section 12AB of the Income-tax Act, 1961.
 - iii. Fees charged by any registered person for sessions on yoga and spirituality are exempt since the objective of such programmes is advancement of yoga and spirituality.
 - (a) i&ii
 - (b) i
 - (c) iii
 - (d) ii
- 2.5 What shall be the place of supply (POS) for the supply transaction(s) between Biswaas Ltd., M/s Sarvesh Enterprises and M/s Rupesh Enterprises and the nature of tax leviable thereon?
 - (a) POS for transaction between M/s Sarvesh Enterprises and M/s Rupesh Enterprises is the location of principal place of business of M/s Sarvesh Enterprises, i.e. Gujarat and IGST is leviable on such supply. POS for transaction between M/s Sarvesh Enterprises and Biswaas

6. In which of the following cases, can an importer claim abatement of duty under section 22 of the Customs Act, 1962?
(i) Goods pilfered during unloading

examination for assessment by customs authorities

- (ii) Goods damaged by accident (due to negligence of the importer) after unloading but before
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- Ltd. is the location at which the movement of goods terminates i.e. at the factory of Biswaas Ltd. in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and IGST is leviable on such supply.
- (b) POS for transaction between M/s Sarvesh Enterprises and M/s Rupesh Enterprises is the location of principal place of business of M/s Rupesh Enterprises, i.e. Uttar Pradesh and IGST is leviable on such supply. POS for transaction between M/s Sarvesh Enterprises and Biswaas Ltd. is the location of principal place of business of M/s Sarvesh Enterprises, i.e. Gujarat and CGST and SGST are leviable on such supply.
- (c) POS for transaction between M/s Sarvesh Enterprises, Biswaas Ltd. and M/s Rupesh Enterprises is the location of principal place of business of Biswaas Ltd., i.e. Uttar Pradesh since goods are delivered there and CGST and SGST are leviable on such supply.
- (d) POS for transaction between M/s Sarvesh Enterprises, Biswaas Ltd. and M/s Rupesh Enterprises is the location of principal place of business of Biswaas Ltd., i.e. Uttar Pradesh since goods are delivered there and IGST is leviable on such supply.
- 3. Sukhmal & Co., registered under GST in Rajasthan, issued an invoice of ₹ 5,00,00,000 (excluding GST) to Dharama & Co. without supplying any goods or services, at the advice of its accountant Mr. Divyanshu. GST @ 18% was charged in this invoice. Dharama & Co. availed the ITC on the basis of said invoice and utilised it in the same month. Determine the amount of penalty leviable in this case.
 - (a) Sukhmal & Co.: ₹ 90,00,000; Dharama & Co.: ₹ 90,00,000; Mr. Divyanshu: Nil
 - (b) Sukhmal & Co.: ₹ 90,00,000; Dharama & Co.: ₹ 90,00,000; Mr. Divyanshu: ₹ 90,00,000
 - (c) Sukhmal & Co.: Nil; Dharama & Co.: Nil; Mr. Divyanshu: ₹ 90,00,000
 - (d) Sukhmal & Co.: ₹ 10,000; Dharama & Co.: ₹ 10,000; Mr. Divyanshu: Nil (2 Marks)
- 4. An appeal to the High Court can be filed under the CGST Act, 2017 in the following cases:
 - (i) By a person aggrieved against the order passed by the State bench or Area bench of the Appellate Tribunal
 - (ii) By a person aggrieved against the order passed by the National bench or Regional bench of the Appellate Tribunal
 - (iii) For a matter involving substantial question of law

Choose the most appropriate option.

- (a) (i) and (ii)
- (b) (i) and (iii)
- (c) (ii) and (iii)
- (d) (i), (ii) and (iii)
- 5. Alcoholic liquor for human consumption is:
 - (a) exempt from GST.
 - (b) subject to both GST and central excise duty.
 - (c) outside the realm of GST.
 - (d) subject to GST only.

(2 Marks)

(1 Mark)

- (iii) Goods destroyed by accident while being removed from the warehouse after clearance for home consumption
- (iv) Goods damaged by accident (not due to negligence of the importer) after unloading but before examination for assessment by customs authorities

Choose the most appropriate option.

- (a) Only (iv)
- (b) Only (iii)
- (c) Both (i) and (iii)
- (d) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)
- 7. Which of the following privileges are granted to the Status Holders as per Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020?
 - (i) Authorisation and custom clearances for both imports and exports may be granted on selfdeclaration basis.
 - (ii) Two Star Export Houses and above are permitted to establish export warehouses.
 - (iii) Input-Output norms may be fixed on priority within 7 days by the Norms Committee.
 - (iv) Exemption from furnishing of bank guarantee in Schemes under FTP.

Choose the most appropriate option.

- (a) (i), (ii) and (iv)
- (b) (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (c) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)
- (d) (i) and (ii)
- 8. Anti-dumping duty is calculated as follows:
 - (a) Higher of margin of dumping or injury margin
 - (b) Lower of margin of dumping or injury margin
 - (c) Higher of export price or normal value
 - (d) Lower of export price or normal value

Division B: Descriptive Questions (70 marks)

Question paper comprises of 6 questions. Answer Question No. 1 which is compulsory and any 4 out of the remaining 5 questions.

1. Ram Kumar, a registered supplier under GST in the State of Gujarat, provides the following information pertaining to the supplies made/received for the month of January:

SI. No.	Particulars	Amount in ₹
(i)	IGST of ₹ 90,000 paid in December on machinery imported from Japan [Goods landed in Gujarat port and reached at his registered premises on 31st January.]	
(ii)	Availed services of transportation of raw material from GTA - M/s Ghoomghoom Transporters of Kolkata	1,00,000
(iii)	20 invoices involving IGST of ₹ 1,20,000 received during the current month [Only 16 invoices involving IGST of ₹ 1,00,000 were uploaded by the suppliers in their GSTR-1 statement and their details were reflected in his	

(2 Marks)

(1 Mark)

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	GSTR-2B. Supplies received against all the invoices were otherwise eligible for claiming ITC.]	
(iv)	Supplied machinery (purchased from an unregistered supplier) free of cost to his brother for manufacturing goods in his factory in Punjab (Market value of supply was ₹ 16,32,000)	Nil
(v)	Supplied a consignment of 5 machines to M/s KK & Co. in the State of Gujarat at the instruction of third person being XX Enterprises of Tamilnadu.	6,00,000
(vi)	Provided stock counting service to Gungun Manufacturers registered with GST in the State of Gujarat. Stock counting was carried out at the godown located in Gujarat	1,10,000
(vii)	Direct Selling Agent (DSA) services provided to ICIDI Bank, registered in Delhi, for providing services relating to opening of bank account/credit card & loan products	2,00,000
(viiii)	Advance received during the month for future intra-State supply [Advance of ₹ 5,00,000 was related to supply of goods and the rest was related to service]	9,00,000
(ix)	Sent goods valued ₹ 80,000 to job worker, registered in the State of Kerala, who further processed the said goods and made direct supply on 31 st January from its premises in Kerala to a buyer in the State of Gujarat at a price of ₹1,00,000	

Apart from the above information, Ram Kumar also availed inter-State services of ₹4,00,000, tax on which was payable under reverse charge, from Viral Shah Enterprises, Maharashtra. Payment for the same to Viral Shah Enterprises was not made till the current month (overdue for 181 days as on 1st January). However, tax due under the said transaction was paid to Government and credit availed in the month of transaction itself.

From the information given above, you are required to compute the net GST liability payable in cash from Electronic Cash Ledger (CGST and SGST or IGST, as the case may be) for the month of January assuming that Ram Kumar wishes to make the cash payment of GST under SGST head as far as possible and that his turnover for the previous financial year was ₹ 21 lakh.

Notes-

- (i) CGST, SGST & IGST rates on all inward and outward supplies were 9%, 9% and 18% respectively, except in case of services received from GTA where the rate of CGST/SGST @ 2.5% each and IGST @ 5% was applicable.
- (ii) All the amounts given are exclusive of taxes wherever applicable. The necessary conditions for availing ITC have been complied with by Ram Kumar, wherever applicable. (14 Marks)
- (a) Gupta and Gupta Brothers is a partnership concern registered under GST in the State of Gujarat. It provides the following information pertaining to supplies made/received by it during the month of May:

	Particulars	₹
(i)	Loading, unloading, packing and warehousing of tomato ketchup bottles	4,00,000
(ii)	Provided security services (services provided by way of supply of security personnel) to Sudarshan Ltd., a registered person under GST	3,35,000
(iii)	Provided security services (services provided by way of supply of security personnel) to Divyajyoti Trust, an unregistered person under GST	1,00,000

(iv)	Provided renting of motor vehicle service for carrying passengers to Bharat Travels Ltd. and supply value included cost of fuel	2,35,000
(v)	Provided renting of motor vehicle service for carrying passengers to Suvidha & Co., a partnership firm and supply value included cost of fuel	40,000
(vi)	Recovery agent services provided to Manimani Finance Ltd., an NBFC	4,20,000
(vii)	Received legal consultancy service from Dhruv and Co., a law firm, for business purposes	70,000
(viii)	Services provided to Gujarat Government administration under a Health Training programme (90% of the total expenditure for said programme is borne by Gujarat Government.)	80,000

Determine the GST liability (inclusive of GST liability for the supplies received, if any) of Gupta and Gupta Brothers for the month of May by giving necessary explanations for treatment of various items. Rate of tax for both inward and outward supply is CGST @ 9% and SGST @ 9% except services of renting a motor vehicle for transportation of passengers, on which CGST @ 2.5% and SGST @ 2.5% is applicable. Gupta and Gupta Brothers commenced its business from April in the current financial year. All the above supplies are intra-State supplies. (9 Marks)

(b) George Inc., USA, exported a machine to Niti Exporters of Delhi in a vessel. The cost of the machine at the factory of George Inc. is US \$ 8,800. Following additional information is provided in respect of the import of said machine by Niti Exporters:

U	S \$
Transport charges from the factory of George Inc.to the port for shipment	1,500
Handling charges paid for loading the machine in the ship	250
Buying commission paid by Niti Exporters	432
Freight charges from USA to India	1,000
Exchange rate to be considered: 1\$ = ₹ 68	

Actual insurance charges paid are not ascertainable

From the information provided above, you are required to compute the assessable value of the imported machine under the Customs Act, 1962. (5 Marks)

3. (a) Diksha is engaged in supplying a bouquet of good and services in the State of Maharashtra. She has furnished the following information with regard to the supplies made by her in the month of July:

Particulars	Amount (₹)
Supply of a laptop along with the laptop bag to a customer of Mumbai	89,000
Supply of 10,000 kits (at ₹ 50 each) to Riddhi Stores in Kota (Rajasthan). [Each kit consists of 1 hair oil, 1 beauty soap and 1 hair comb.]	5,00,000
100 kits are given as free gift to Mumbai customers (all unrelated) on the occasion of Diksha 's birthday. Each kit consists of 1 hair oil and 1 beauty soap. Cost of each kit is ₹ 35. Input tax credit has not been taken on the goods contained in the kit.	
Event management services provided free of cost to her brother (wholly dependent on her) for his son's marriage function in Indore (Madhya Pradesh). [Cost of providing said services is ₹ 80,000.]	

Assume rates of GST to be as under:-

S. No.	Particulars	Rate of GST
1.	Laptop	18%
2.	Laptop bag	28%
3.	Hair oil	18%
4.	Beauty soap	28%
5.	Hair comb	12%
6.	Event management service	5
7.	Service of renting of chairs and coolers	12%
8.	Transportation service	5%

From the above information, examine each of the above supplies made by Diksha for the month of July and determine the rate of GST applicable on the same. (5 Marks)

(b) Lilawanti Hospital, Mumbai is a multi-specialty hospital located in the heart of the Mumbai city. It has its own restaurant – Govindam Foods - which supplies food to its in-patients (patients admitted in the hospital) as per the advice of the doctor/nutritionist.

Govindam Foods also supplies food to other patients (who are not admitted) or their attendants or visitors. The food is prepared by the employees of the hospital and nothing is outsourced to any third-party vendors.

Lilawanti Hospital is of the view that all services provided by a clinical establishment are exempt from GST and thus, it is not liable to pay any tax. You are required to test the correctness of the view taken by Lilawanti Hospital. (4 Marks)

(c) Sudhakar Enterprises imported certain goods from a developing country from 15th April, 2021 to 14th April, 2022 (both days inclusive). Assessable value of the goods is ₹ 30,00,000. Share of imports of said goods from the developing country against total imports of such goods to India is 4%. Rates of basic custom duty, integrated tax and social welfare surcharge are 10%, 12% and 10% respectively. Determine the customs duty payable under the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 including the safeguard duty of 30% under section 8B of the said Act with the help of the details available.

Note: Ignore GST compensation cess and agriculture infrastructure and development cess.

(5 Marks)

4. (a) Dhun Pvt. Ltd. owned by Jairaj - a famous classical singer - wishes to organise a 'Jairaj Music Concert' in Gurugram (Haryana). Dhun Pvt. Ltd. (registered in Ludhiana, Punjab) enters into a contract with an event management company, Dhanraj (P) Ltd. (registered in Delhi) for organising the said music concert at an agreed consideration of ₹ 10,00,000.

Dhanraj (P) Ltd. books the lawns of Hotel Dumdum, Gurugram (registered in Haryana) for holding the music concert, for a lump sum consideration of \notin 4,00,000. Dhun Pvt. Ltd. fixes the entry fee to the music concert at \notin 5,000.

You are required to determine the place of supply in respect of the supply(ies) involved in the given scenario. (5 Marks)

(b) LMN Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, exclusively manufactures and sells product 'X' which is exempt from GST vide a notification issued under relevant GST legislations. The company sells product 'X' only within Tamil Nadu and is not registered under GST. Further, all the inward supply of the company are taxable under forward charge. The turnover of the company in the previous year was ₹ 45 lakh. The company expects the sales to grow by 30% in the current year. The company purchased additional machinery for manufacturing 'X' on 1st July. The purchase price of the capital goods was ₹ 30 lakh exclusive of GST @ 18%.

However, effective from 1st November, exemption available on 'X' was withdrawn by the Central Government and GST @ 12% was imposed thereon. The turnover of the company for the half year ended on 30th September was ₹ 45 lakh.

Examine the above scenario and advise LMN Pvt Ltd. whether it needs to get registered under GST. (4 Marks)

- (c) Determine duty drawback with explanations in each of the following cases:
 - (i) Dhronacharya & Co. has imported goods from Korea. Custom duty of ₹ 14,00,000 has been paid on the goods imported for use after importation and have been out of customs control for 14 months.
 - (ii) Shriniwas exports manufactured goods having FOB value of ₹ 86,000. Rate of duty drawback on FOB value of exports is 40%. Market value of the export product is ₹ 96,000. (5 Marks)
- 5. (a) Karan is engaged in supplying certain goods in the State of Punjab from his factory located in Jalandhar, Punjab. He is not yet registered under GST. As his turnover is moving towards the applicable threshold limit for registration under GST, he approaches his tax advisor to ascertain the applicability of GST on the supply made by him.

His tax advisor is unable to determine whether supply of goods by Karan amounts to supply of goods under GST law and also, the classification of said goods. He advises Karan to apply for the advance ruling in respect of said issues. He told Karan that the advance ruling would bring him certainty and transparency in respect of the said issues and would avoid litigation later. Karan agrees with his view, but has some apprehensions.

In view of the information given above, you are required to advise Karan with respect to following:

- (i) Can Karan seek advance ruling to determine as to whether supply of goods by Karan amounts to supply of goods under GST law and if yes, to determine the classification of said goods?
- (ii) Karan is apprehensive that Authority for Advance Ruling may take years to pronounce its ruling. Whether his apprehension is correct? (5 Marks)
- (b) State the types of offence (cognizable or non-cognizable), prosecution, arrest and bail implications, if any, in respect of the following independent cases pertaining to June:
 - (i) 'Bhaskar' fraudulently avails input tax credit of ₹ 200 lakh without any invoice or bill. However, he is yet to utilize the same.
 - (ii) 'Raghav' fraudulently obtains the refund of tax of ₹ 550 lakh. The said tax has been recovered from the buyer also.

Note: Assume that in above cases, offence, if any, has been committed for the first time.

(4 Marks)

- (c) Mr. Bandhopadhya, an Indian entrepreneur, went to London to explore new business opportunities on 01.04.2021. His wife also joined him in London after three months. The following details are submitted by them with the Customs authorities on their return to India on 15.04.2022:
 - (a) used personal effects worth₹ 80,000,
 - (b) 2 music systems each worth ₹ 50,000,

(c) the jewellery brought by Mr. Bandhopadhya worth ₹ 48,000 [20 grams] and the jewellery brought by his wife worth ₹ 96,000 [40 grams].

With reference to Baggage Rules, 2016, determine whether Mr. and Mrs. Bandhopadhya will be required to pay any customs duty? (5 Marks)

- 6. (a) Discuss the liability to pay tax in case of an amalgamation/merger, under section 87 of the CGST Act, 2017. (5 Marks)
 - (b) Discuss the power of the officer under GST law of access to business premises under section 71 of the CGST Act, 2017. (4 Marks)
 - (c) Elaborate the provisions relating to the owner's right to deal with warehoused goods under section 64 of the Customs Act, 1962. (5 Marks)

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Division A

Answer Key

Question No.		Answer
1.1	(a)	₹ 35,00,000
1.2	(b)	Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
1.3	(b)	₹ 39,50,000
1.4	(b)	Wednesday-Thursday at 12.00 midnight
1.5	(d)	No; since it is an exempt supply.
2.1	(b)	The service is chargeable to tax and Biswaas Ltd. will discharge the tax liability.
2.2	(a)	Yes. However, it could have provided services up to a value of ₹ 11,12,500 under composition levy during the current financial year.
2.3	(c)	₹ 13,626
2.4	(d)	ii
2.5	(a)	POS for transaction between M/s Sarvesh Enterprises and M/s Rupesh Enterprises is the location of principal place of business of M/s Sarvesh Enterprises, i.e. Gujarat and IGST is leviable on such supply. POS for transaction between M/s Sarvesh Enterprises and Biswaas Ltd. is the location at which the movement of goods terminates i.e. at the factory of Biswaas Ltd. in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and IGST is leviable on such supply.
3	(b)	Sukhmal & Co.: ₹ 90,00,000; Dharama & Co.: ₹ 90,00,000; Mr. Divyanshu: ₹ 90,00,000
4	(b)	(i) and (iii)
5	(c)	outside the realm of GST
6	(a)	Only (iv)
7	(a)	(i), (ii) and (iv)
8	(b)	Lower of margin of dumping or injury margin

Division B

1. Computation of net GST payable in cash from Electronic Cash Ledger for the month of January

S. No.	Particulars	Amount (₹)	CGST (₹)	SGST (₹)	IGST (₹)
Α.	GST liability on outward supply				
(i)	Machinery supplied without consideration [Not a supply as it is made without consideration and is also not covered in Schedule I because machinery has been supplied to an unrelated person (brother not being wholly dependent on Ram Kumar) and ITC has also not been availed on the same.]	Nil	-	-	-

(ii)	Consignment of machines supplied at the instruction of third person [Since supply is a bill to ship to supply where the goods are delivered on the direction of a third person- XX Enterprises, goods are deemed to be received by XX Enterprises and thus, the place of supply is Tamil Nadu. Hence, it is an inter-State supply.]6,00,000		1,08,000 [6,00,000 × 18%]		
(iii)	Stock counting service to Gungun Manufacturers of Gujarat [Intra-State supply as the place of supply is the location of recipient, viz. Gujarat.]	1,10,000	9,900 [1,10,00 0× 9%]	9,900 [1,10,000 × 9%]	NIL
(iv)	Direct Selling Agent services provided by an individual (Ram Kumar) to a bank [Tax is payable by bank under reverse charge.]	2,00,000	-	-	-
(v)	Advance received for intra-State supply [Tax on advance received for supply of goods of ₹ 5,00,000 will be payable at the time of issuance of invoice.]	4,00,000	36,000 [4,00,00 0× 9%]	36,000 [4,00,000 × 9%]	
(vii)	Finished goods sold from the premises of the job worker [Supply of goods by principal from the job worker's premises is regarded as supply by principal only irrespective of the location of job worker. Therefore, since the place of supply is the location where movement of goods terminates for delivery to recipient, i.e., Maharashtra, it is an intra-State	1,00,000	9,000 [1,00,00 0× 9%]	9,000 [1,00,000 × 9%]	
Tatal	supply.]		F 4 000	F4 000	1 00 000
B.	tax liability on outward supplies GST liability on inward supplies unde	r reverse ch	54,900 arge	54,900	1,08,000
в. (i)	GTA services availed from M/s Ghoomghoom Transporters [Tax is payable under reverse charge on the GTA services received by a registered person and on which tax is payable @ 5%. Further, it is an inter-State supply since supplier is located in Kolkata and place of supply is Gujarat (location of registered recipient).]	1,00,000	वा भुष्ट		5,000 [1,00,000 × 5%]

C.	Input tax credit				
	Import of machinery [Input tax, <i>inter alia,</i> includes IGST charged on import of goods.]				90,000
	GTA services availed	1,00,000			5,000
	IGST on invoices received during the month [Full ITC can be claimed only on the invoices uploaded by supplier in Form GSTR-1 and the details of the same have been communicated to the registered person in Form GSTR-2B.				95,000 + 5,000 =1,00,000
	Less: Input tax reversed [Outward supply, tax on which is payable under reverse charge is considered as exempt supply for the purpose of reversal of ITC.] = ₹ 1,95,000 x ₹ 2,00,000/ ₹ 19,10,000 (₹ 1,95,000 x turnover of exempt supply/ total turnover) [The condition for making the payment for the supply within 180 days so that the ITC availed does not get added to the output tax liability does not apply to reverse charge supplies. Thus, ITC on ₹ 4,00,000 will not be affected.]				(20,419)
Tota	I ITC available for set off		-	-	1,74,581
D.	Computation of net GST payable in cash				
	Total tax liability on outward supplies		54,900	54,900	1,08,000
	Less: ITC of IGST		(54,900)	(11,681)	(1,08,000)
	Forward charge liability on outward supplies payable in cash after set off of ITC		-	43,219	
	Reverse charge liability on inward supplies payable in cash without set off of ITC [Tax payable under reverse charge, being not an output tax, cannot be set off against ITC and thus, will have to be paid in cash.]				
					5,000
Tota	I net GST liability payable in cash		-	43,219	5,000

2. (a)

GST liability of Gupta & Gupta Brothers

	Particulars	Value	CGST	SGST payable
		[₹]	payable [₹]	[₹]
Α.	GST liability on outward supply			
(i)	Loading, unloading, packing and warehousing of tomato ketchup	4,00,000	36,000 [4,00,000 x	36,000 [4,00,000 x 9%]
	[Loading, unloading, packing and warehousing of agricultural produce is exempt. However, tomato ketchup is not an agricultural produce.]		9%]	
(ii)	Security services to Sudarshan Ltd., a registered person	-		
	[Tax is payable under reverse charge by the recipient since security services are being provided by a non-body corporate to a registered person.]			
(iii)	Security services to Divyajyoti Trust, an unregistered person	1,00,000	9,000 [1,00,000 x	9,000 [1,00,000 x 9%]
	[Tax is payable under forward charge since security services are being provided by a non-body corporate to an unregistered person.]		9%]	
(iv)	Renting of motor vehicle for carrying passengers to Bharat Travels Ltd. where value included cost of fuel	-		
	[Tax is payable under reverse charge by recipient since such services are provided by a non-body corporate to a body corporate and GST is payable @ 5%.]			
(v)	Renting of motor vehicle for carrying passengers to Suvidha & Co., a partnership firm, where supply value included cost of fuel	40,000	1,000 [40,000 x 2.5%]	1,000 [40,000 x 2.5%]
	[Tax is payable under forward charge since such services are provided by a non-body corporate to a non-body corporate.]			
(vi)	Recovery agent services provided to Manimani Finance Ltd., an NBFC			
	[Since such services are being provided to an NBFC, tax on the same is payable by recipient - Manimani Finance Ltd under reverse charge [RCM].]			

(viii)	Services provided to Gujarat Government administration under a Health Training programme [Exempt since the total expenditure borne by the Gujarat Government is more than 75%.] GST liability on outward supplies		 46,000	
B.	GST liability on inward supplies under reverse charge		10,000	
(vi)	Availed legal consultancy service from Dhruv and Co., a law firm, for business purposes [Legal services provided by a partnership firm of advocates/individual advocate other than a senior advocate to a business entity with an aggregate turnover up to such amount in the preceding financial year as makes it eligible for exemption from registration, are exempt from GST. Since Gupta and Gupta Brothers started its business in April in the current financial year, its turnover in the preceding financial year is nil making it eligible for exemption from registration in the preceding financial year and hence, the legal services provided to it are exempt from GST.]	70,000	-	-
	liability on inward supplies under se charge		-	-

(c) Computation of assessable value of the imported machine

		US \$
(i)	Cost of the machine at the factory	8,800.00
(ii)	Transport charges up to port	1,500.00
(iii)	Handling charges at the port	<u>250.00</u>
	FOB	10,550.00
(iv)	Freight charges up to India	1,000.00
(v)	Insurance charges @ 1.125% of FOB [Note 1]	118.69
	CIF	11,668.69
		₹
	CIF in Indian rupees @ ₹ 68/ per \$	₹ 7,93,470.92
	Assessable Value	₹ 7,93,470.92
	Assessable Value (rounded off)	₹ 7,93,471

Notes:

- (1) Insurance charges have been included @ 1.125% of FOB value of goods [Third proviso to rule 10(2) of the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007].
- (2) Buying commission is not included in the assessable value [Rule 10(1)(a)(i) of the Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007].

3. (a)

S. No.	Particulars	Rate of GST
(i)	Supply of laptop bag along with laptop to Mumbai customer [Being naturally bundled, supply of laptop bag along with the laptop is a composite supply which is treated as the supply of the principal supply [viz. laptop] in terms of section 8(a). Accordingly, rate of principal supply, i.e. laptop will be charged.]	18%
(ii)	Supply of kits to Riddhi Stores [It is a mixed supply and is treated as supply of that particular supply which attracts highest tax rate [viz. beauty soap] in terms of section 8(b).]	28%
(iii)	Free gifts to customers [Cannot be considered as supply under section 7 read with Schedule I as the gifts are given to unrelated customers without consideration.]	Nil
(iv)	Event management services provided free of cost to her brother for his son's marriage shall be considered as supply as the services are being provided to a related person. Since it is an individual supply, it will be taxed at the rate applicable on said service.	5%
(v)	Chairs and coolers hired out to Krishna Garden [Since Diksha is not a GTA, transportation services provided by her are exempt vide <i>Notification No. 12/2017 CT (R) dated 28.06.2017</i> . However, since chairs and coolers are hired out along with their transportation, it is a case of composite supply wherein the principal supply is hiring out of chairs and coolers. Accordingly, transportation service will also be taxed at the rate applicable for renting of chairs and coolers*]	12%

*Note: As per section 2(30), composite supply means a supply made by a taxable person to a recipient consisting of two or more taxable supplies. Since in point (v), service of hiring out of chairs & coolers is taxable while transportation service is exempt, it is possible to take a view that this is not a case of composite supply. In that case, the two services will be treated as independent services and taxed accordingly.

(b) Services by way of health care services by a clinical establishment, an authorised medical practitioner or para-medics are exempt from GST vide exemption notification. *Circular No.* 32/06/2018 GST dated 12.02.2018 has clarified that food supplied by the hospital canteen to the in-patients as advised by the doctor/nutritionists is a part of composite supply of healthcare services and is not separately taxable. Thus, it is exempt from GST. However, other supplies of food by a hospital to patients (not admitted) or their attendants or visitors are taxable.

In view of the same, GST is not applicable on the food supplied by Govindam Foods to in-patients as advised by doctors/nutritionists while other supplies of food by it to patients (not admitted) or their attendants/visitors are taxable.

(c)	Computation of customs duty and integrated tax payable thereon
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Particular	Amount (`)
Assessable value of sodium nitrite imported	30,00,000
<i>Add:</i> Basic custom duty @ 10% (₹ 30,00,000 × 10%)	3,00,000
Safeguard duty @ 30% on ₹30,00,000 [Safeguard duty is imposable in the given case since share of imports of sodium nitrite from the developing country is more than 3% of the total imports of sodium nitrite into India (Proviso to section 8B(2) of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975)]	9,00,000
Social welfare surcharge @ 10% x ₹3,00,000	30,000
Total	42,30,000
Integrated tax (₹42,30,000 × 12%) [Note]	5,07,600
Total customs duty payable (₹3,00,000 +₹9,00,000+ ₹30,000+ ₹5,07,600)	17,37,600

Note: It has been clarified by DGFT vide Guidance note that value for calculation of integrated tax shall also include safeguard duty amount.

- 4. (a) In the given situation, three supplies are involved:
 - (i) Services provided by Dhun Pvt. Ltd. to audiences by way of admission to music concert.
 - (ii) Services provided by Dhanraj (P) Ltd. to Dhun Pvt. Ltd. by way of organising the music concert.
 - (iii) Services provided by Hotel Dumdum to Dhanraj (P) Ltd. by way of accommodation in the Hotel lawns for organising the music concert.

The place of supply in respect of each of the above supplies is determined as under:

(i) As per the provisions of section 12(6), the place of supply of services provided by way of admission to, *inter alia*, a cultural event shall be the place where the event is actually held.

Therefore, the place of supply of services supplied by Dhun Pvt. Ltd. (Ludhiana, Punjab) to audiences by way of admission to the music concert is the location of the Hotel Dumdum, i.e. Gurugram, Haryana.

(ii) Section 12(7)(a)(i) stipulates that the place of supply of services provided by way of organization of, *inter alia*, a cultural event to a registered person is the location of such person.

Therefore, the place of supply of services supplied by Dhanraj (P) Ltd. (Delhi) to Dhun Pvt. Ltd. (Ludhiana, Punjab) by way of organising the music concert is the location of the registered person, i.e. Ludhiana (Punjab).

(iii) As per the provisions of section 12(3)(c) of the IGST Act, 2017, the place of supply of services, by way of accommodation in any immovable property for organizing, *inter alia,* any cultural function shall be the location at which the immovable property is located.

Therefore, the place of supply of services supplied by Hotel Dumdum (Gurugram, Haryana) to Dhanraj (P) Ltd. (Delhi) by way of accommodation in Hotel lawns for organising the music concert shall be the location of the Hotel Dumdum, i.e. Gurugram, Haryana.

(b) Section 22(1) read with *Notification No. 10/2019 CT dated 07.03.2019 inter alia* provides that every supplier who is exclusively engaged in intra-State supply of goods is liable to be registered under GST in the State/ Union territory from where he makes the taxable supply of goods only when aggregate turnover in a financial year exceeds ₹ 40,00,000.

However, the above provisions are not applicable to few specified States, i.e. States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Puducherry, Sikkim, Telangana, Tripura, Uttarakhand.

Further, a person exclusively engaged in the business of supplying goods and/or services that are not liable to tax or are wholly exempt from tax is not liable to registration in terms of section 23(1)(a).

In the given case, the turnover of the company for the half year ended on 30th September is ₹ 45 lakh which is more than the applicable threshold limit of ₹ 40 lakh. Therefore, as per above mentioned provisions, the company should be liable to registration. However, since LMN Pvt. Ltd. supplied exempted goods till 31st October, it was not required to be registered till that day; though voluntary registration was allowed under section 25(3).

However, the position will change from 1^{st} November as the supply of goods become taxable from that day and the turnover of company is above \gtrless 40 lakh. It is important to note here that in terms of section 2(6), the aggregate turnover limit of \gtrless 40 lakh includes exempt turnover also.

Therefore, turnover of 'X' prior to 1^{st} November will also be considered for determining the limit of \gtrless 40 lakh even though the same was exempt from GST. Therefore, the company needs to register within 30 days from 1^{st} November (the date on which it becomes liable to registration) in terms of section 25(1).

(c) (i) As per section 74(2) of Customs Act, 1962 read with Notification No. 19/65 Cus dated 06.02.1995 as amended, 65% of import duty is to be paid as duty drawback if goods are used after importation and have been out of customs control for export for a period of more than 12 months but not more than 15 months.

Therefore, amount of duty drawback = ₹ 14,00,000 x 65% = ₹ 9,10,000

(ii) Amount of duty drawback = ₹ 86,000 x 40% = ₹ 34,400

However, the drawback amount should not exceed one third of the market price of the export product as per rule 9 of the Customs & Central Excise Duties Drawback Rules, 2017.

Thus, upper limit of drawback amount = ₹ 96,000/3 = ₹ 32,000

Thus, the amount of duty drawback in the present case will be restricted to ₹ 32,000

- 5. (a) (i) Section 97(2) of the CGST Act, 2017 stipulates the questions/matters on which advance ruling can be sought. It provides that advance ruling can be sought for, *inter alia*, determining whether any particular thing done by the applicant with respect to any goods or services or both amounts to or results in a supply of goods or services or both, within the meaning of that term as well as the classification of any goods or services or both. Therefore, Karan can seek the advance ruling for determining whether supply of goods by him amounts to supply of goods under GST law as well as for determining the classification of said goods.
 - (ii) No, Karan's view is not correct. As per section 98(6) of CGST Act, 2017, the Authority for Advance Ruling shall pronounce its ruling in writing within 90 days from the date of receipt of application.

Person	Offence	Prosecution	Arrest	Bail
'Bhaskar'	Non-cognizable offence [Section 132(1)(c) read with section 132(4)]	Upto 1 year and with fine [Section 132(1)(c)(iii)]	No arrest [Section 69(1)]	Bailable Offence [Section 132(4)]
'Raghav'	Non-cognizable offence [Section 132(1)(e) read with section 132(4)]	Upto 5 years and with fine [Section 132(1)(e)(i)]	No arrest [Section 69(1)]	Bailable Offence [Section 132(4)]

(c) As per rule 3 of the Baggage Rules, 2016, an Indian resident arriving from any country other than Nepal, Bhutan or Myanmar, shall be allowed clearance free of duty articles in his bona fide baggage, that is to say, used personal effects and travel souvenirs; and articles [other than certain specified articles], upto the value of ₹ 50,000 if these are carried on the person or in the accompanied baggage of the passenger.

Thus, there is no customs duty on used personal effects and travel souvenirs and general duty-free baggage allowance is $\stackrel{?}{=} 50,000$ per passenger. Thus, duty liability of Mr. Bandhopadhya and his wife is nil for the used personal effects worth $\stackrel{?}{=} 80,000$ and 2 music systems each worth $\stackrel{?}{=} 50,000$.

As per rule 5 of the Baggage Rules, 2016, the jewellery allowance is as follows:

Jewellery brought by	Duty free allowance
Gentleman Passenger	Jewellery upto a weight of 20 grams with a value cap of ₹ 50,000
Lady Passenger	Jewellery upto a weight of 40 grams with a value cap of ₹ 1,00,000

However, the jewellery allowance is applicable only to a passenger residing abroad for more than 1 year.

Consequently, there is no duty liability on the jewellery brought by Mr. Bandhopadhya as he had stayed abroad for period exceeding 1 year and weight of the jewellery brought by him is 20 grams with a value less than ₹50,000.

However, his wife is not eligible for this additional jewellery allowance as she had stayed abroad for a period of less than a year. Thus, she has to pay customs duty on the entire amount of jewellery brought by her as she has already exhausted the general duty free baggage allowance of ₹50,000 allowed under rule 3.

6. (a) Section 87 of the CGST Act, 2017 stipulates that when two or more companies are amalgamated/ merged in pursuance of an order of court or Tribunal or otherwise and the order is to take effect from a date earlier to the date of the order and any two or more of such companies have supplied/ received any goods and/or services to or from each other during the period commencing on the date from which the order takes effect till the date of the order, then such transactions of supply and receipt shall be included in the turnover of supply or receipt of the respective companies and they shall be liable to pay tax accordingly.

For the purposes of the CGST Act, 2017, the said two or more companies shall be treated as distinct companies for the period up to the date of the said order. The registration certificates of the said companies shall be cancelled with effect from the date of the said order.

(b) Any officer under this Act, authorised by the proper officer not below the rank of Joint Commissioner, shall have access to any place of business of a registered person to inspect books of account, documents, computers, computer programs, computer software whether installed in a computer or otherwise and such other things as he may require and which may be available at such place, for the purposes of carrying out any audit, scrutiny, verification and checks as may be necessary to safeguard the interest of revenue.

Every person in charge of place referred above shall, on demand, make available to the officer so authorised or the audit party deputed by the proper officer or a cost accountant or chartered accountant nominated under section 66-

- (i) such records as prepared or maintained by the registered person and declared to the proper officer in such manner as may be prescribed;
- (ii) trial balance or its equivalent;
- (iii) statements of annual financial accounts, duly audited, wherever required;
- (iv) cost audit report, if any, under section 148 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013);
- (v) the income-tax audit report, if any, under section 44AB of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961); and
- (vi) any other relevant record,

for the scrutiny by the officer or audit party or the chartered accountant or cost accountant within a period not exceeding fifteen working days from the day when such demand is made, or such further period as may be allowed by the said officer or the audit party or the chartered accountant or cost accountant.

(c) When the imported goods are warehoused, the temporary possession and the custody of the goods are passed on to the warehouse keeper. However, the remaining titular rights of the goods vest with the owner.

Thus, the owner has every access to the goods.

In the course of his dealings with the goods, he may:

- (a) inspect the goods;
- (b) ensure that the goods do not deteriorate or get damaged during storage in the warehouse;
- (c) sort the goods; or
- (d) show the goods for sale.