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Answer all questions on this paper itself.

For Examiner's use only:

<u>Question Number</u>	<u>Marks Obtained</u>	<u>Maximum Marks</u>
I	25
II	25
III	25
IV	25
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Question: I

Complete the following passage with words given in the list below.

Economic Service Charge

The Economic Service Charge (ESC) which was introduced effective from 01.04.2004 is payable by every person or partnership carrying on a trade, [01] profession or vocation in Sri Lanka, whose [02] turn over for the relevant year of [03] exceeds Rs.50 million.

This ESC could be [04] from the tax liability of the said [05] It could be observed that in this [06] there is a discrimination against sole [07] and partnerships when compared with limited liability companies.

[08] of limited liability [09], ESC deduction is limited to the tax [10] of the company. Since tax rate for [11] companies is 32.5 per cent, when such a company [12] a taxable profit of minimum 3.08 per cent of the [13], the entire ESC paid that company at 1 per cent would [14] deductible.

In the case of partnerships, the ESC [15] is limited to 10 per cent of the [16] profit.

Therefore, partnerships have to earn a [17] taxable profit of 10 per cent of the turnover to [18] ESC deduction in full, [19] compared to 3.08 per cent for [20] liability companies.

Therefore, sole proprietorships and partnerships have to be more efficient than the limited liability companies to secure ESC deduction in full.

If this discrimination is not removed, sole proprietorship and partnership businesses will not be able to survive.

limited	deduction	liability	person
when	become	companies	deducted
secure	turnover	in the case	assessment
minimum	earns	proprietorship	liable
divisible	these	regard	business

[25 marks]



Question: II

Fill in the gaps in the following sentences using the words given below.

1. Every meeting needs an
2. The secretary writes the
3. A voted in favour of increasing holiday allowances.
4. A to approve the plans was passed at the meeting.
5. How many people are going to the meeting?
6. A meeting needs a to lead the discussion.
7. Before the main meeting we had a short meeting.
8. At 11.30 a.m. we decided to the meeting for lunch.
9. Mrs. Rose will address the meeting on my
10. Let me know what the of the meeting is.
11. I have a to make.
12. A voted against increasing holiday
13. No one voted against – the decision was
14. Mr. Rajah has that we take a break for coffee.
15. There are a few more items to discuss.
16. Thank you very much everyone. I think that our meeting.
17. Is there?

allowances

attend

business

miscellaneous

minority

adjourn

motion

any other

proposed

proposal

preliminary

majority

concludes

unanimous

outcome

chairperson

minutes

agenda

behalf

[25marks]

Question: IV

Read the following text and answer the questions given below.

Pan Asia Bank goes for multi-faceted change.

Pan Asia Bank unveiled its new corporate logo and name change as PABC Bank: Pan Asia Banking Corporation Ltd, Gearing itself to enter the bigger league in the local banking sector. The new logo of the bank was launched at a function at the Colombo Plaza Hotel.

PABC, which is a public limited liability company was incorporated in Sri Lanka in March 1995. In 2003 under an aggressive recovery strategy the bank was re-capitalized and re-structured and commenced operations with a clean balance sheet commencing January 2004. These aggressive plans launched to turn its business operations around showed tremendous success within six months.

Today the bank sets out on a mission to steer itself to the future with a professional and passionate corporate management team, a supportive and persuasive Board of Directors and a dedicated team of over 370 employees.

To reach out to consumers across Sri Lanka, PABC also hopes to look into the expansion of its branch network primarily in the western province and in several strategic business hubs. At present PABC operates with 18 branches and hopes to increase the delivery channels within the year 2004.

PABC has also given greater emphasis on streamlining its IT infrastructure to support and cater to efficient delivery of its services. As such the bank has increased its reach to customers by introducing a touch screen ATM network at identified key locations whilst planning for the implementation of additional ATMs in other locations convenient to customers. The on-line branch network of the bank will also be further strengthened by the addition of trade service extension offices at Dam Street and branches in Dehiwala, Wattala and Kotahena.

01. Where was the new logo of the bank launched?

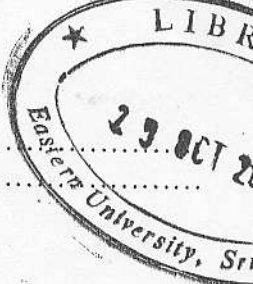
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02. When did the bank commence operation after re-structuring under the recovery strategy?

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03. How many employees are there at the bank at present?

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04. What does the bank hope to do within this year?

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05. What has the bank done to increase its reach to customers?

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* Say whether the following statements are True or False by writing T/F in the blanks given against the statements.

01. The change was done to enter International banking sector. [.....]

02. The plans launched showed success within six months. [.....]

03. PABC was incorporated as a limited liability company in Sri Lanka in January 2004. [.....]

04. The PABC operates with 18 branches at present. [.....]

05. The on-line branch network will be strengthened only in Colombo. [.....]

[25 marks]