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Which of the following is not an element of an assurance engagement?

Three-party relationship.

Approved assurance standards.

Sufficient appropriate evidence.

A written assurance report.

Who is the responsible party for the adequacy of the disclosure in the financial report and accompanying notes?

Auditor in charge of fieldwork.

The entity's board of directors.

Auditor who signs the auditor's report.

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

At what levels can assurance be provided under the assurance services framework?

Reasonable assurance and limited assurance.

High assurance and reasonable assurance.

Assurance can be provided on a continuum from 0% to 100%.

Assurance can be provided on a continuum from absolute to limited.

Independent auditors are referred to as "independent" because:

their offices are not at the entity's place of business.

they are not employees of the entity being audited.

they are paid by parties outside of the audited entity.

they report to users outside of the audited entity.

The highest level of assurance is provided by:

compiling financial reports.

agreed-upon procedures.

review.

audit.

Which of the following can be the underlying subject matter of the audit?

The financial report of a company.

The Australian accounting standards.

The Australian auditing standards.

The auditor's report.

An audit establishes the conformity of assertions with suitable criteria. In an audit of a financial report, the criteria by which financial report assertions are judged are:

the ethical rules of conduct.

Australian Auditing Standards.

listing rules of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

applicable accounting standards.

An assurance engagement involves a three-party relationship. Which of the following is one of those three parties for an audit of financial statements undertaken in Australia?

The Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The Australian Auditing Standards Board.

The Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

The Board of Directors.

To which assurance engagements does the Framework for Assurance Engagements apply?

Audits of historical financial information.

Reviews of historical financial information.

Assurance engagements other than audits or reviews of historical financial information.

All of the given answers are correct.

What is a direct engagement?

The assurance provider is directly appointed by the responsible party.

The assurance engagement contains both financial report and performance engagement elements.

Shareholders directly appoint the auditor, rather than the company.

The auditor directly measures or evaluates the underlying subject matter against the criteria.

The auditor's judgment concerning the overall fairness of the presentation of financial position, results of operations and cash flows is applied within the framework of:

Australian auditing standards that include the concept of materiality.

quality control.

the agreed reporting framework.

the auditor's assessment of the audited entity's level of control risk.

To which type of assurance engagement does the umbrella standard ASAE 3000 (ISAE 3000) Assurance Engagements other than Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information not apply?

A performance engagement on a government department.

A review of a half-yearly financial report.

A limited assurance report on the effectiveness of internal control.

A limited assurance engagement on prospective financial information.

Independent auditors perform audits on the financial reports of public companies. This type of auditing can best be described as:

a professional activity that measures and communicates financial and business data.

an activity whose purpose is to search for irregularities.

a regulatory function that prevents the issuance of improper financial information.

a discipline that assures financial information presented by management.

An audit of the financial report of Smith Ltd, an Australian listed company, is being conducted by an external auditor. The external auditor is expected to:

express an opinion as to the attractiveness of Smith for investment purposes.

express an opinion as to whether the financial report is prepared in accordance with an applicable financial reporting framework.

undertake a 100% examination of Smith's records.

certify the correctness of Smith's financial report.

The essence of a financial report audit is to:

examine individual transactions so that the auditor may certify as to their validity.

detect fraud.

assure the consistent application of correct accounting procedures.

determine whether the client's financial reports are fairly stated.

The independent auditor adds credibility to the client's financial report by:

testifying under oath about client financial information.

attaching an auditor's opinion to the client's financial report.

maintaining a clear-cut distinction between management's representations and the auditor's representations.

stating in the auditor's communication of internal control related matters that the audit was made in accordance with Australian auditing standards.

Financial report auditing can best be described as:

a regulatory function that prevents the issuance of improper financial information.

a professional activity that measures and communicates financial and business data.

a discipline that attests to the results of accounting and other functional operations and data.

a branch of accounting.

Which of the following is not one of the important aspects of an audit?

Knowledge.

Communication.

Evidence.

Client satisfaction.

Which of the following statements is not true concerning assurance services?

Assurance services focus on improving the quality of information, or its context, for decision makers.

The growth in assurance services has been driven in part by users' demands for more relevant and reliable information.

Auditing services can be viewed as a subset of assurance services.

Unlike audit engagements, an engagement to perform assurance services does not require the auditor to consider information reliability.

Which of the following is not an attribute of an external auditor?

Client advocacy.

Integrity.

Professional competence with regards to underlying subject matter.

Objectivity.

When undertaking a financial statement audit the external auditor has a responsibility to?

Form an opinion on the subject matter.

Form an opinion on the directors' assessment of going concern.

Obtain and evaluate evidence.

All of the given answers are correct.

Which of the following is true of the relationship between audit and assurance engagements?

Assurance engagements are a subset of audit engagements.

Audit engagements are a subset of assurance engagements.

Assurance engagements are the same thing as audit engagements.

There is no relationship between assurance engagements and audit engagements.

Which of the following is not an important part of a financial statement audit?

Maintaining objectivity.

Assessing economy.

Obtaining and evaluating evidence.

Maintaining confidentiality.

The primary responsibility for the adequacy of disclosures in the financial report of a publicly held company rests with:

those charged with the governance of the company.

the partner assigned to the audit engagement.

the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

the auditor in charge of the fieldwork.

The accuracy of information included in notes that accompany the audited financial report of a company whose shares are traded on a stock exchange is the primary responsibility of:

the independent auditor.

the stock exchange officials.

the Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

those charged with the governance of the company.

The value of an assurance service lies in its ability to:

improve information's relevance and faithful representation.

report on the assurance process.

improve the consistency of information.

provide a professional service that is valued by the responsible party.

In the context of agency theory, information asymmetry refers to the idea that:

information can vary in its comparability.

information can vary in its relevance.

management has more information about the entity's true financial position than do the absentee owners.

management will act in the best interests of the absentee owners.

The public has turned to auditors to provide assurance services primarily because:

there is a need to develop new revenue streams for accounting firms.

the integrity and objectivity of auditors increases the public's trust that the underlying information is not materially misstated.

auditors have been proactive in identifying new types of assurance services to market to customers.

audits do not provide reliable information for decision makers.

Which of the following best describes why an independent auditor is asked to express an opinion on the true and fair presentation of a financial report?

It is management's responsibility to seek available independent aid in the appraisal of the financial information shown in its financial report.

It is difficult to prepare a financial report that fairly presents a company's financial position and changes in cash flows without the expertise of an independent auditor.

It is a customary courtesy that all shareholders of a company receive an independent report on management's stewardship in managing the affairs of the business.

The opinion of an independent party is needed because a company may not be objective with respect to its own financial report.

Which of the following is considered to be an enhancing characteristic of financial information that has been audited?

Comparability.

Existence.

Occurrence.

Periodicity.

Which of the following best describes the reason why an independent auditor reports on financial statements?

A management fraud may exist and it is more likely to be detected by independent auditors.

Different interests may exist between the company preparing the statements and the parties using the statements.

A misstatement of account balances may exist and is generally corrected as the result of the independent auditor's work.

A poorly designed internal control system may be in place.

Which of the following are potential additional benefits arising from a financial statement audit?

I. Recommendations to improve the efficiency of operations.

II. A positive influence on the behaviour of people whose activities are being assured.

III. Recommendations to improve the effectiveness of operations.

I and II only.

I and III only.

II and III only.

I, II and III.

When an auditor expresses an opinion on the financial report, the auditor's responsibilities extend to:

an ongoing responsibility for the entity's solvency in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001.

the underlying wisdom of management's decisions.

active participation in the implementation of advice given.

whether the entity's results are fairly presented in the financial report in accordance with approved accounting standards.

It is very hard for auditors to remain independent of their clients, given that they are paid by their clients. Which of the following mechanisms can help auditors to maintain their independence?

I. Ethical rules.

II. Approved auditing standards.

III. Audit committees.

I and II only.

I and III only.

II and III only.

I, II and III.

The insurance hypothesis explaining the demand for audit means:

auditors can be sued when things go wrong to reclaim losses.

auditors have a responsibility to report when management does not have appropriate insurance.

auditors have a responsibility to report when owners do not have appropriate insurance.

the auditor assures that management are acting in the best interests of the absentee owners.

The difference between what the public think auditors do and what auditors actually do is called the:

knowledge gap.

performance gap.

evolution gap.

communications gap.

Where auditors do not do what auditing standards or regulations require is called the:

knowledge gap.

performance gap.

evolution gap.

communications gap.

Where the audit process could be enhanced to add more value is part of addressing the:

knowledge gap.

performance gap.

evolution gap.

communications gap.

What has been a major recent initiative by the IAASB to reduce the expectations gap?

A statutory limitation on auditor's liability.

A confidential report to those charged with governance.

A separate report to the independent audit regulatory.

Amendments to the Auditor's Report.

In which area is there a gap between society's expectations of auditors and the perceived performance of auditors?

Compliance with laws and regulations.

The detection and reporting of earnings management and fraud.

Fair presentation of the financial report.

All of the given answers are correct.

Below are a number of potential areas where a gap has been identified between society's expectations of auditors and the perceived performance of auditors. Which combination of these has been identified as an expectations gap?

- I. Compliance with laws and regulations.
- II. Detection and reporting of earnings management and fraud.
- III. Ability to communicate different levels of assurance in the auditor's report.

I and II only.

I and III only.

II and III only.

I, II and III.

The expectations gap, as defined by Porter, is the:

gap between society's expectations of auditors and auditors' performance, as perceived by the auditor.

gap between society's expectations of auditors and auditors' performance, as perceived by society.

gap between the auditing standards and what auditors do.

gap between what users desire and understand and what is communicated by the auditor.

Auditors' underuse of data analytics on an audit is part of the:

knowledge gap.

performance gap.

evolution gap.

communications gap.

Who establishes Australian auditing standards?

Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Australian Accounting Standards Board.

Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

The professional bodies together (CPA Australia, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand and the Institute of Public Accountants).

Who is responsible for developing and approving international auditing and assurance standards?

International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

International Forum for Independent Audit Regulators.

International Accounting Standards Board.

Assurance services include which of the following?

Working with a client to develop a more efficient method of processing financial transactions.

Preparing a report representing a client's position during a tax audit.

Assisting a client in identifying potential sources of capital for acquisitions.

Providing an opinion concerning the completeness and accuracy of statements made on a client's website.

Which of the following statements is true about guidance statements approved and issued by the AUASB?

They establish new principles but do not amend existing standards for specific industries.

They amend existing standards but do not establish new principles for specific industries.

They establish new principles and amend existing standards for specific industries.

They do not establish new principles or amend existing standards.

For which types of assurance engagements do the standards have legal backing?

Audits and reviews of financial reports prepared under Part 2M.3 of the Corporations Act 2001.

Audits only of financial reports prepared under Part 2M.3 of the Corporations Act 2001.

All audit and assurance engagements undertaken by a registered company auditor.

All audits and reviews of financial reports undertaken by a registered company auditor.

Under the Corporations Act 2001, if a company's financial report, when prepared in accordance with accounting standards, would not otherwise give a true and fair view:

the auditors are required to add such information and explanations in the financial report so as to give a true and fair view.

the directors are required to add such information and explanations in the financial report so as to give a true and fair view.

the directors should refer to this situation in their directors' declaration.

no additional information should be added to the financial report.

Approved auditing standards prescribe:

the basic principles of the audit, with the essential procedures and guidance contained in Guidance statements.

the basic principles and general guidance, with essential procedures contained in Guidance statements.

the basic principles and essential procedures of the audit with general guidance contained in Guidance statements.

the basic principles and essential procedures of the audit together with related general guidance with guidance on procedural matters or on entity- or industry-specific issues contained in Guidance statements.

Which of the following types of underlying subject matter is not an engagement that will be undertaken under ISAE 3000?

Historical financial information.

Sustainability report.

Report on internal controls.

Report on greenhouse gas emissions.

Forensic audits include all of the following except:

manufacturers' claims about product quality.

criminal investigations.

matrimonial disputes.

employee fraud.

Governmental auditing often extends beyond examinations leading to the expression of an opinion on the fairness of financial presentation and includes audits of economy, efficiency and: evaluation.

effectiveness.

compliance.

accuracy.

What is the general character of the work conducted in performing a forensic audit?

Detecting or deterring fraudulent activity.

Providing assurance that the financial report is not materially misstated.

Identifying the causes of an entity's financial difficulties.

Offering an opinion on the reliability of the specific assertions made by management.

Which combination of audits can be collectively integrated and described as a comprehensive audit?

I. Compliance engagement.

II. Financial report audit.

III. Internal audit.

IV. Performance engagement.

I, II and III only.

I, II and IV only.

I, III and IV only.

II, III and IV only.

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