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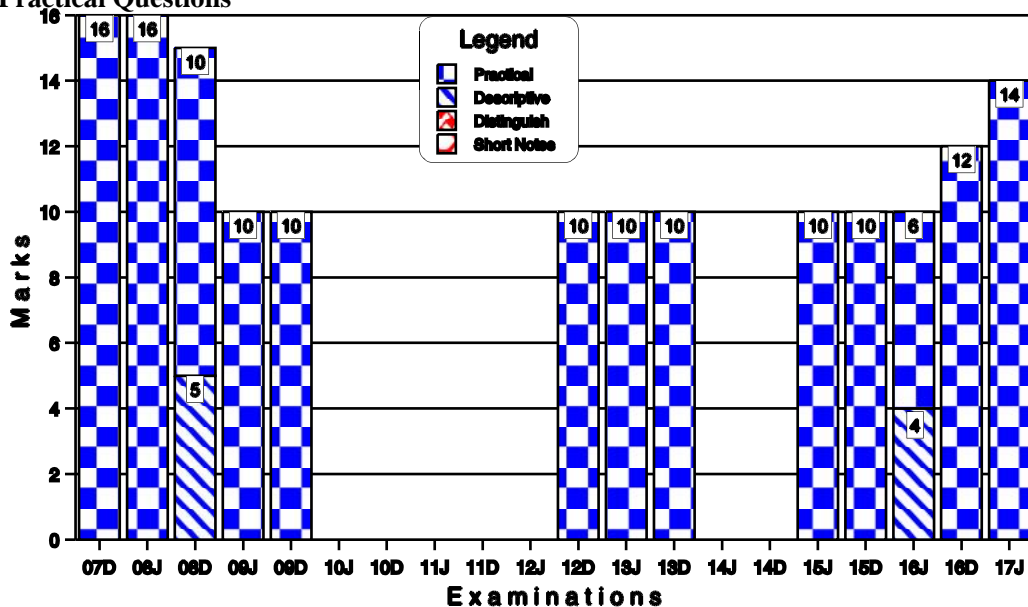
INVESTMENT DECISIONS, PROJECT PLANNING AND CONTROL

THIS CHAPTER INCLUDES

- Estimation of Project Cash Flow
- Relevant Cost Analysis for Projects
- Project Appraisal Methods – DCF and Non-DCF Techniques
- Capital Rationing
- Social Cost Benefit Analysis

Marks of Short Notes, Distinguish Between, Descriptive &

Practical Questions



DESCRIPTIVE QUESTIONS

2008 - Dec [4] (a) What are the main stages in the Capital Budgeting process? (5 marks)

Answer :

The main stages in capital budgeting process are:

1. Identify and select the project.
2. Compute the funds required for the project and stages of fund requirement.
3. Compute the various cash inflows under various conditions due to the project.
4. Finalise the project for implementation.
5. Decide control parameters for successful implementation of the project.
6. Monitor regularly the progress of the project.

2016 - June [8] Answer the following:

- (d) What are the situations in which Net Present Value (NPV) and Internal Rate of Return (IRR) give conflicting results? (4 marks)

Answer:

NPV and IRR may give conflicting results in the evaluation of different projects, in the following situations:

- (i) **Initial Investment Disparity:** i.e. Different project sizes,
- (ii) **Project Life Disparity:** i.e. Difference in project lives,
- (iii) **Outflow Patterns:** i.e. when cash outflows arise at different points of time during the Project Life, rather than as Initial Investment (Time 0) only.
- (iv) **Cash Flow Disparity:** when there is a huge difference between initial CFAT and later years' CFAT. A project with heavy initial CFAT than compared to later years will have higher IRR and vice-versa.

PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

2007 - Dec [7] MILTON THERMOPLASTICS LTD., a US based plastic manufacturer is considering a proposal to produce of high quality plastic glasses in India. The necessary equipment to manufacture the glasses would cost ₹ 10 million in India and it would last 5 year. The tax relevant rate of depreciation is 25 per cent on written down value. The expected salvage value is ₹ 1 million (consider short-term capital gain/loss for the Income tax). The glasses will be sold at ₹ 4 each. Fixed cost will be ₹ 2.5 million each year and Variable cost ₹ 2 per glass.

The company estimates, it will sell 7.5 million glasses per year; tax rate in India is 35 per cent. MILTON Thermoplastics Ltd. assumes 20 per cent cost of capital for such a project. Additional working capital requirement will be ₹ 5 million. The company (manufacturer) will be allowed 100 per cent repatriation each year with a withholding tax rate of 10 per cent. It is forecasted that the Rupee will depreciate in relation to US dollar @ 2 per cent per annum, with an initial exchange rate of ₹ 42/\$. Accordingly, the exchange rates for the relevant 5-year period of the project will be as follows:

Year	0	1	2	3	4	5
Exchange Rate	₹ 42/\$	₹ 42.84/\$	₹ 43.70/\$	₹ 44.57/\$	₹ 45.46/\$	₹ 46.37/\$

Assume that no depreciation will be charged in the Terminal year. Advise Milton Thermoplastics Ltd. regarding the financial viability of the proposal.

Note : Extracted from the table of PV of ₹ 1:

Year	0	1	2	3	4	5
PVIF at 20%	1.000	0.833	0.694	0.579	0.482	0.402

(16 marks)

Answer :

Cash outflow is ₹ 10.0 million for equipment and ₹ 5.0 million for working capital totaling ₹ 15.0 million. This is in the zero year and the effective exchange rate is ₹ 42 per dollar. The initial cash outflow would be $(15/42) 0.357$ million dollars.

Year	1	2	3	4	5
Sales revenue @ ₹4 for 7.5 million	30	30	30	30	30
Variable cost @ ₹ 2	15	15	15	15	15
Fixed costs	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Depreciation	2.5	1.9	1.4	1.1	0
Total cost	20.0	19.4	18.9	18.6	17.5
EBIT (Sales less costs)	10.0	10.6	11.1	11.5	12.5
Less taxes at 35%	3.5	3.7	3.9	4.0	4.4
EAT	6.50	6.91	7.22	7.44	8.13
Cash flow (EAT + Depreciation)	9.00	8.78	8.62	8.49	8.13
Working capital recovered				5.00	
Inflow due to salvage value					1.00
Tax benefit on capital loss				0.76	
Withholding tax @ 10%	(0.90)	(0.88)	(0.86)	(0.85)	(0.81)
Total PV of cash inflow	8.10	7.90	7.76	7.64	14.08
Repatriated amount (100%)	8.10	7.90	7.76	7.64	14.08
Exchange rate ₹	42.84	43.7	44.57	45.46	46.37
Repatriated amount in million dollars	0.19	0.18	0.17	0.17	0.30
PV factor at 20%	0.83	0.7	0.58	0.48	0.4
PV in million dollars	0.16	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.12
0.59					
Initial outlay in million dollars	0.36				
Net present value	0.23				
Working Notes: Wdv	10.0	7.5	5.6	4.2	3.2
Less depreciation @ 25%	2.5	1.9	1.4	1.0	0.8
Wdv at the end of 5 years	3.2				
Salvage value	1.0				
Capital loss	2.2				
Tax saving in short term capital loss (@ 25%)	35% of 2.2 = 0.76				

2008 - June [6] SURAT PAPER MILLS is considering setting up a co-generation power plant to minimize production losses that occurs due to frequent interruption of power supply. The proposed plant is contemplated to meet the power requirement of the duplex board paper manufacturing continuous process plant. The capital cost of the co-generation plant is estimated to be ₹ 126 million with phasing of expenditure as given below:

Year	0	1
Capital expenditure (₹ Million)	84	42

The capital cost will be met through company's own capital of ₹ 38 million and borrowing of the balance amount from the financial institution at an interest rate of 8.85 percent.

The savings in electricity cost is projected as given under :

Year	Generation in million kwh	Present supply cost (₹ per kwh)	Cogeneration cost (₹ per kwh)	Savings (₹ per kwh)
1	7.55	4.88	3.87	1.01
2	24.53	5.07	3.99	1.08
3	24.53	5.26	4.11	1.15
4	24.53	5.47	4.23	1.24
5	24.53	5.68	4.36	1.32

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6	24.53	5.90	4.49	1.41
7	24.53	6.14	4.62	1.52
8	24.53	6.37	4.76	1.61
9	24.53	6.63	4.90	1.73

Required :

- (i) Do you think setting up a cogeneration plant a viable option for the company? Support your answer with necessary calculations.
- (ii) Also estimate levelized cost of generation per unit using the cogeneration plant. You may ignore tax effect and assume cost of equity of 16 percent.

Note : Extracted from the Table of PV

- (i) PVIF at 11% for 0 to 9 years are : 1.0000, 0.9009, 0.8116, 0.7312, 0.6587, 0.5935, 0.5346, 0.4817, 0.4339, 0.3909.
- (ii) PVIF at 16% for 0 to 9 years are : 1.0000, 0.8621, 0.7432, 0.6407, 0.5523, 0.4761, 0.4104, 0.3538, 0.3050, 0.2630.
- (iii) PVIFA for 9 years at 11% : 5.5370
- (iv) PVIFA for 9 years at 16% : 4.6065

(2 + 7 + 6 + 1 = 16 marks)

Answer :

Determination of composite cost of capital :

Equity capital	38	16%	6.08
Loan	88	8.85%	7.79
	<u>126</u>		<u>13.87</u>

Composite cost of capital : $13.87/126 = 11\%$

Year	Capital DF at 11%	Generation PV of million kw	Generation ₹/kwh	Saving million ₹	Saving Cash inflow	Net
0		(84)				(84)
1.00		(84.00)				
1		(42)	7.55	1.01	7.63	(34.37)
0.90		(30.97)				
2			24.53	1.08	26.49	26.49
0.81		21.50				
3			24.53	1.15	28.21	28.21
0.73		20.63				
4			24.53	1.24	30.42	30.42
0.66		20.04				
5			24.53	1.32	32.38	32.38
0.59		19.22				
6			24.53	1.41	34.59	34.59
0.53		18.49				
7			24.53	1.52	37.29	37.29
0.48		17.96				
8			24.53	1.61	39.49	39.49
0.43		17.12				
9			24.53	1.73	42.44	42.44
0.39		16.59				

Expected surplus of cash flow

36.57

Owing to the surplus fund to the tune of ₹ 36.57 million, the project is viable one and is recommended to be taken up.

Levelised cost of generation : You should compute it before you see below:

Cost	3.8799	4.11	4.23	4.36	4.49	4.62	4.76	4.90
PV factor	0.90	0.81	0.73	0.66	0.59	0.53	0.48	0.43
	0.39							
	3.49	3.24	3.01	2.79	2.59	2.40	2.23	2.06
	1.92							

Levelised cost of generation = $23.71/5.54 = ₹ 4.28$ per kwh.

2008 - Dec [5] (b) XYZ Ltd. is considering two mutually-exclusive projects. Both require an initial cash outlay of ₹10,000 each for machinery and have a life of 5 years. The company's required rate of return is 10% and it pays tax at 50%. The projects will be depreciated on a straight-line basis. The net cash flows (before taxes) expected to be generated by the projects and the present value (PV) factor (at 10%) are as follows :

		Year				
		1	2	3	4	5
		₹	₹	₹	₹	₹
Project 1	4,000	4,000		4,000	4,000	4,000
Project 2	6,000	3,000		3,000	5,000	5,000
PV factor (at 10%)		0.909		0.826	0.751	0.683 0.621

You are required to calculate

- the Pay Back Period of each project;
- the NPV and the Profitability Index of each project. **(10 marks)**

Answer :

Year	1	2	3	4	5
Cash flows	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Less : Depreciation	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
EBT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Less : tax at 50%	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Net income	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
CASH flows after tax	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Cumulative cash flows	3,000	6,000	9,000	12,000	15,000

Payback period would be the time when initial investment is recovered in cash.

The investment is ₹ 10,000. Payback period would be between 3 and 4 years. By interpolation it would be 3.33 years.

Year	1	2	3	4	5
Cash flows	6,000	3,000	2,000	5,000	5,000
Less : Depreciation	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
EBT	4,000	1,000	0	3,000	3,000
Less : tax at 50%	2,000	500	0	1,500	1,500
Net income	2,000	500	0	1,500	1,500
CASH flows after tax	4,000	2,500	2,000	3,500	3,500
Cumulative cash flows	4,000	6,500	8,500	12,000	15,500

Payback period would be between 3 and 4 years. By interpolation it would be 3.43 years.

2009 - June [5] (b) VEDIKA LTD. with a limited investment funds of ₹ 6,00,000 is evaluating the desirability of 5 (five) investment proposals. There profiles are summarised below :

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Project Investment Annual cash flow (after tax) Life (in years)
(₹) (₹)

M	1,00,000	36,000	10
N	2,00,000	1,00,000	4
O	2,40,000	60,000	8
P	3,00,000	80,000	16
Q	4,00,000	60,000	25

Project N and Q are mutually exclusive. The cost of funds is 10 percent.

Required :

Find out the feasible combination of projects and rank them on the basis of Net Present Value (NPV).

Note : Extracted from the table:

Year	10	4	8	16	25	
PVIFA at 10%	6.145	3.170	5.335	7.824	9.077	(8 + 2 = 10 marks)

Answer :

Project	Investment	Cash flow	Annuity	PV (cash flow×annuity)	NPV (PV-invest.)
M	1,00,000	36,000	6.145	2,21,220	1,21,220
N	2,00,000	1,00,000	3.170	3,17,000	1,17,000
O	2,40,000	60,000	5.335	3,20,100	80,100
P	3,00,000	80,000	7.824	6,25,920	3,25,920
Q	4,00,000	60,000	9.077	5,44,620	1,44,620

Life of project is not relevant in determination of NPV.

Statement of feasible combination :

Combination	Investment	NPV	Rank
M, N and P	6,00,000	5,64,140	1
M, N and O	5,40,000	3,18,320	4
O and P	5,40,000	4,06,020	3
M and Q	5,00,000	2,65,840	5
N and P	5,00,000	4,42,920	2
N and Q	6,00,000	2,61,620	6

2009 - Dec [3] (b) ANKIT LTD. a manufacturing company produces 25,000 litres of special lubricants in its plant. The existing plant is not fully depreciated for tax purposes and has a book value of ₹ 3 lakh (it was bought for ₹ 6 lakh six years ago). The cost of the product is as under :

	Cost/litre (₹)
Variable Costs	60.00
Fixed Overheads	<u>15.00</u>
	<u>75.00</u>

It is expected that the old machine can be used for further period of 10 years by carrying out suitable repairs at a cost of ₹ 2 lakh annually.

A manufacturer of machinery is offering a new machine with the latest

technology at ₹ 10 lakh after trading off the old plant (machine) for ₹ 1 lakh. The projected cost of the product will then be :

	Cost/litre (₹)
Variable Costs	45.00
Fixed Overheads	<u>20.00</u>
	<u>65.00</u>

The fixed overheads are allocations from other department plus the depreciation of plant and machinery.

The old machine can be sold for ₹ 2 lakh in the open market. The new machine is expected to last for 10 years at the end of which, its salvage value will be ₹ 1 lakh. Rate of corporate taxation is 50%. For tax purposes, the cost of the new machine and that of the old one may be depreciated in 10 years. The minimum rate of return expected is 10%.

It is also anticipated that in future the demand for the product will remain at 25,000 litres.

Advise whether the new machine can be purchased. Ignore capital gain taxes. [Given : PVIFA (10%, 10 years) = 6.145, PVIF (10%, 10 years) = 0.386.]

(5 + 3 + 2 = 10 marks)

Answer :

ANKIT LTD.

Comparative Analysis:

	Old Machine	New Machine	Differential Cash Flow on new machine (₹) Saving/(Extra Cost) ₹
Production Ltrs.	25,000	25,000	
Variable Cost per Ltr. (₹)	60	45	
Total Variable Cost (₹)	15,00,000	11,25,000	3,75,000
Annual Cost of Repair (₹)	2,00,000	—	2,00,000
Depreciation (₹)	30,000	1,00,000	(70,000)
(10.00+1.00-1.00)/10			
Total Saving			5,05,000
Less: Tax Saving (50%)			(2,52,500)
Add: Depreciation (not being cast outflow)			70,000
			3,22,500

Present Value of Cash flow if new machine is taken:

Year		Cash Flow (₹)	PV Factor (at 10%)	Present Value (₹)
0	Outflow on new Machine (₹ 10 lakhs)	10,00,000	1	(10,00,000)
1-10	Annual Saving (as above)	3,22,500	6.145 (Cum)	19,81,762
10	Salvage value of new machine	1,00,000	0.386	38,600
				10,20,362

Recommendation: Since NPV is positive, the new plant is to be acquired.

2012 - Dec [3] (a) A Company has developed a new toy which has been estimated to have a life cycle of 3 years. To manufacture the toy, the company will have to purchase a semi-automatic injection moulding machine at a cost of ₹ 8,60,000. The

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machine will have to be scrapped after 3 years at a salvage value of ₹ 1,10,000. Variable cost of producing the toy would be 40% of the sales price.

Fixed expenses, apart from depreciation will be ₹ 50,000 per year. Besides, advertising and selling expenses will have to be incurred at the rate of ₹ 1,00,000 in the first year, ₹ 1,50,000 in the second year and ₹ 50,000 in the third year. The following projection of sales have been made after evaluating the consumer demand:

Probability	Estimated Sales in year (₹ lakhs)		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
0.3	12	25	10
0.6	7	17	15
0.1	2	9	4

The Company is subject to corporate tax rate of 30% and its cost of capital is 15%. Prepare a schedule computing the probable sales of the new toy and estimated cash flows in each of the three years. Also determine net present value (NPV) of the proposal. Ignore tax on salvage value.

The present value of ₹ 1 earned at the year end discounted at 15%—

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
0.87	0.756	0.658

(10 marks)

Answer:

Schedule showing Sales:

(Amount in ₹ lakh)

Probability	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
0.3	x 12	3.6	x 25	7.5	x 10	3
0.6	x 7	4.2	x 17	10.2	x 15	9
0.1	x 2	0.2	x 9	0.9	x 4	0.4
		8		18.6		12.4

Determination of estimated cash flow:

₹ (lakh)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Probable Sales revenue	8.00	18.60	12.40
Less : Variable cost @ 40%	3.20	7.44	4.96
	4.80	11.16	7.44
Less : Depreciation ₹ (8,60,000 – 1,10,000) / 3	2.50	2.50	2.50
Fixed cost	0.50	0.50	0.50
	1.80	8.16	4.44
Less : Advt. & Sales Exp.	1.00	1.50	0.50
Earning before Tax	0.80	6.66	3.94
Tax @ 30%	0.24	2.00	1.18
Earning after Tax	0.56	4.66	2.76
Total Cash flow after tax (add back Depreciation)	3.06	7.16	5.26
Add : salvage value	—	—	1.10
	3.14	7.16	6.36

Determination of NPV	CFAT	PV factor	Total PV
Year 1	3.06	0.870	2.662
2	7.16	0.756	5.413
3	6.36	0.658	<u>4.185</u>
			12.26
Less : Cash outflow (Investment)			8.60
NPV			3.66

2013 - June [3] (a) VEDAVYAS Ltd. is considering two mutually exclusive projects M and project N. The Finance Director thinks that the project with the higher NPV should be chosen, whereas the Managing Director thinks that the one with the higher IRR should be undertaken, especially as both projects have the same initial outlay and length of life. The company anticipates a cost of capital of 10% and the net after-tax cash flow of the projects are as follows:

Year	0	1	2	3	4	5
Cash flows (₹)						
Project M	(4,00,000)	70,000	1,60,000	1,80,000	1,50,000	40,000
Project N	(4,00,000)				8,000	8,000

You are required to:

- Calculate the NPV and IRR of each project.
- State with reasons, which project you would recommend.
- Explain the inconsistency in the ranking of the two projects.

Present value Table is given:

Year	0	1	2	3	4	5
PVIF at 10%	1.000	0.909	0.826	0.751	0.683	0.621
PVIF at 20%	1.000	0.833	0.694	0.579	0.482	0.402

((3 + 4) + 2 + 1 = 10 marks)

Answer :

- Calculation of NPV and IRR

NPV of project M:

Year	Cash Flows	Discount factor (10%)	Discounted values (₹)	Discount factor(20%)	Discounted values (₹)
0	(4,00,000)	1.000	(4,00,000)	1.000	(4,00,000)
1	70,000	0.9.9	63,630	0.833	58,310
2	1,60,000	0.826	1,32,160	0.694	1,11,040
3	1,80,000	0.751	1,35,180	0.579	1,04,220
4	1,50,000	0.683	1,02,450	0.482	72,300
5	40,000	0.621	24,840	0.402	16,080
NPV			58,260		(38,050)

IRR of Project M:

At 20% NPV is (-) 38,050 and at 10% NPV is 58,260

$$\therefore \text{IRR} = 10 + \frac{58260}{58260 + 38050} \times 10 = 10 + \frac{58260}{96310} \times 10 = 10 + 6.05 = 16.05\%$$

NPV of Project N:

Year	Cash Flows (₹)	Discount factor (10%)	Discounted Values (₹)	Discount factor (20%)	Discounted values (₹)
0	(4,00,000)	1.000	(4,00,000)	1.000	(4,00,000)
1	4,36,000	0.909	3,96,324	0.833	3,63,188
2	20,000	0.826	16,520	0.694	13,880
3	20,000	0.751	15,020	0.579	11,580
4	8,000	0.683	5,464	0.482	3,856
5	6,000	0.621	3,726	0.402	2,412
NPV			37,054		(5,084)

IRR of Project M: 18.79%

- (ii) Both the projects are acceptable because they generate the positive NPV at the company's cost of capital at 10%. However, the company will have to select PROJECT M because it has higher NPV. If the company follows IRR method, then PROJECT N should be selected because of higher internal rate of return (IRR). But when NPV and IRR give contradictory results, a project with higher NPV is generally preferred because of high return in absolute terms. Hence, Project M should be selected.
- (iii) The inconsistency in the ranking of the projects arises because of the difference in the pattern of the cash flows. Project N generated the major cash flow in the first year itself.

2013 - Dec [10] (c) Nava Ratna Ltd. has just installed MACHINE R at a cost of ₹ 2,00,000. This machine has 5 years life with no residual value. The annual volume of production is estimated at 1,50,000 units, which can be sold at ₹ 6 per unit. Annual operating costs are estimated at ₹ 2,00,000 (excluding depreciation) at this output level. Fixed costs are estimated at ₹ 3 per unit for the same level of production.

The company has just come across another model called MACHINE S, capable of giving the same output at an annual operating costs of ₹ 1,80,000 (excluding depreciation). There will be no change in fixed costs. Capital cost of this machine is ₹ 2,50,000 and the estimated life is 5 years with no residual value.

The company has an offer for sale of MACHINE R at ₹ 1,00,000. But the cost of dismantling and removal will amount to ₹ 30,000. As the company has not yet commenced operation, it wants to sell MACHINE R and purchase MACHINE S.

Nava Ratna Ltd. will be a zero-tax company for 7 years in view of several incentives and allowances available. The cost of capital may be assumed as 14%.

Required:

- (i) Advise the company whether it should opt for replacement.

- (ii) What would be your advice, if MACHINE R has not been installed but the company is in the process of selecting one or the other machine?

[Given: PVIF for 1-5 years = 0.877, 0.769, 0.675, 0.592, 0.519]

(10 marks)

Answer:

Replacement of Machine R: Incremental cash outflow:

Cash outflow of Machine S ₹ 2,50,000

Less: Sale value of Machine R (₹ 1,00,000 - 30,000) ₹ 70,000

Net outflow ₹ 1,80,000

Incremental cash flow from Machine S:

Annual cash flow from Machine S:

[(1,50,000 × 6) - 1,80,000 - (1,50,000 × 3)] Annual ₹ 2,70,000

Cash flow from Machine R:

[(1,50,000 × 6) - 2,00,000 - (1,50,000 × 3)] ₹ 2,50,000

Net inflow ₹ 20,000

Present value of Incremental cash inflow:

= 20,000 × (0.877 + 0.769 + 0.675 + 0.592 + 0.519) = ₹ 68,640 NPV of Machine S = 68,640 - 1,80,000 = ₹ (-) 1,11,360.

[₹ 2,00,000 Spent on Machine R is a sunk cost and hence it is not relevant for deciding the replacement]

Decision: NPV of Machine S is negative. Replacement is not advised. If it selects one of the two, independent NPV is to be calculated for this decision.

Independent evaluation of Machine R & Machine S:

(All in ₹)

Particulars	Machine R	Machine S
Units produced	1,50,000	1,50,000
Selling Price @ ₹ 6	9,00,000	9,00,000
Less: Operating cost (Exclusive of depreciation)	2,00,000	1,80,000
Contribution	7,00,000	7,20,000
Less: Fixed cost	4,50,000	4,50,000
Annual cash flow	2,50,000	2,70,000
PV of cash flows for 5 years, i.e., [Sum of PVIF for 14%,5]		
3.432 × 2,50,000	8,58,000	
3.432 × 2,70,000		9,26,640
Cash out flow	2,00,000	2,50,000
NPV	6,58,000	6,76,640

Decision: Choose Machine S as NPV of S is higher than that of R.

2015 - June [5] (a) A Ltd. company has undertaken market research at a cost of ₹ 4 Lakhs in order to forecast the future Cash Flows of an Investment Project with an expected life of four years as follows:

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Year	1	2	3	4
Sales revenue	₹ 25,00,000	₹ 51,40,000	₹ 1,37,80,000	₹ 9,06,000
Costs	₹ 10,00,000	₹ 20,00,000	₹ 50,00,000	₹ 35,00,000

These forecast Cash Flows are before considering inflation of 4.7% p.a. The Capital Cost of the project, payable at the start of first year will be ₹ 40 Lakhs. The Investment Project will have zero scrap value at the end of the fourth year. The level of working capital investment at the start of each year is expected to be 10% of the sales revenue in that year.

Capital allowances would be available on the Capital Cost of the Investment Project on a 25% reducing balances basis. A Ltd. pays tax on Profit at an annual rate of 30% per year with tax being paid one year in arrears.

A Ltd. has a nominal (money terms) after tax Cost of Capital of 12% per year. Discount Factor at 12% is as under:

Year	1	2	3	4	5
Discount Factor	0.893	0.797	0.712	0.636	0.567

Calculate the net Present Value of the Investment Project in nominal terms and comment on its financial acceptability. **(10 marks)**

Answer:

Calculation of Net Present value of the investment project using a nominal terms approach. (₹ In '000')

Year	1	2	3	4	5
Sales Revenue	2617.50	5634.52	15815.74	1088.72	-
Less: Costs	1047.00	2192.42	5738.66	4205.86	-
Net Revenue	1570.5	3442.10	10077.08	-3117.14	-
Less: Tax Payable	-	(471.16)	(1032.64)	-3023.12	-
Capital Allowance	-	300.00	225.00	168.76	506.3
After Tax Cash Flow	1570.50	3270.94	9269.44	-5971.5	506.3
Less: Working Capital	-301.72	(1018.12)	1472.70	108.87	-
Project Cash Flow	1268.78	2252.82	10742.14	(5862.63)	506.3
Discount Factor 12%	0.893	0.797	0.712	0.636	0.567
Present Value of Cash Flow	1133.02	1795.5	7648.4	(3728.63)	287.1

(₹ In '000')

P. V. of Future Cash Flow	7135.34
Less: Initial Investment	(4000.00)
Less: Working Capital	(261.76)
NPV	2873.58

The net present value is ₹ 2873.58. So the investment is financially acceptable.

Working Notes:

1.

(₹ In '000')

Year	1	2	3	4
Sales Revenue	2500	5140	13780	906
Inflated sales (by 4.7%)	2617.5	5634.52	15815.74	1088.7

Inflated costs have been calculated accordingly although the normal discount rate is 12% and general rate of inflation is 4.7%.

2. Capital Allowance

Cost of project = ₹ 40,00,000

Tax @ 30% = ₹ 12,00,000

$12,00,000 \times 25\% = 3,00,000$

$(12,00,000 - 3,00,000) \times 25\% = 2,25,000$

$(9,00,000 - 2,25,000) \times 25\% = 1,68,750$

$12,00,000 - 3,00,000 - 2,25,000 - 1,68,750 = 5,06,250$

3. Working Capital

10% of Incremental Sales.

$(2617.50 - 5634.52) \times 10\% = (301.72)$

$(5634.52 - 15815.74) \times 10\% = (1018.12)$

$(15815.74 - 1088.72) \times 10\% = 1472.70$

$(1088.72 - 0) \times 10\% = \underline{108.87}$

261.76

2015 - Dec [5] (a) A company is considering which of two mutually exclusive projects it should undertake. The Finance Director thinks that the project with the higher Net Present Value (NPV) should be chosen whereas the Managing Director thinks that the one with the higher Internal Rate of Return (IRR) should be undertaken especially as both projects have the same initial outlay and length of life. The company anticipates cost of capital of 10% and the net after tax cash flows of the projects are as follows:

Year end	0	1	2	3	4	5
Cash flows (000) Project X	(200)	35	80	90	75	20
Project Y	(200)	218	10	10	4	3

- Calculate the NPV of each project **(4 marks)**
- Which project do you think will have a higher internal rate of return (IRR)? Why? **(2 marks)**
- Under what circumstances will NPV and IRR give different ranking of projects? Why? **(2 marks)**
- Which project would you recommend? Why? **(2 marks)**

Answer:

(a) (i) Calculation of the NPV

Project X

Years	Cash Flows	Discount Factor @10%	Discounted values
0	(200)	1.00	(200)
1	35	0.91	31.85
2	80	0.83	66.4
3	90	0.75	67.5
4	75	0.68	51
5	20	0.62	12.4

NPV	29.15
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Project Y

Years	Cash Flows	Discount Factor @10%	Discounted values
0	(200)	1	(200)
1	218	0.91	198.38
2	10	0.83	8.30
3	10	0.75	7.50
4	4	0.68	2.72
5	3	0.62	1.86
NPV			18.76

- (ii) Project Y will have a higher IRR since Y has very high initial cash inflow. Project Y has a payback of less than 2 years. Whereas project X has smaller cash flows which are never in bulk. Hence Y will have a much higher IRR. IRR assumes that cash flows are reinvested at IRR rates. Whereas NPV assumes investment only at the discount rate.
- (iii) IRR and NPV can give different ranking if, projects compared have uneven cash inflows – the one with higher initial inflows has a higher IRR. When there are initial as well as intervening cash outlays (for e.g. heavy repairs, etc.), so that in the intervening period within the life of the project net cash flows are negative and positives we have a multiple IRR situation. Whereas the NPV is unique.
- (iv) Project X can be recommended if the project has to run through completion and must exist for 5 years, since the net wealth added is higher. Project Y can be recommended if there is any other investment opportunity for the cash flows generated in the 1st year such that total NPV during the full 5 years is higher than project X.

2016 - June [3] (b) A company is considering a proposal of installing a drying equipment. The equipment would involve a cash outlay of ₹ 6,00,000 and net working capital of ₹ 80,000. The expected life of the project is 5 years without any salvage value. Assume that the company is allowed to charge depreciation on straight line basis for income tax purpose. The estimated before-tax cash inflows (₹'000) are given below:

Year-end	1	2	3	4	5
Before-tax cash inflows	240	275	210	180	160

The applicable income-tax rate of the company is 35%. If the company's cost of capital is 12%, calculate the equipment's discounted payback period, and net present value. **(6 marks)**

Answer:

Statement showing the calculation of present value of CFAT: [₹ 000]

Particulars	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Cash flows before tax	240	275	210	180	160
Less: Tax @ 35%	(84)	(96.25)	(73.5)	(63)	(56)
After tax cash flows	156	178.75	136.5	117	104
Add: tax saving on depreciation	42	42	42	42	42
Net cash flow after tax	198	220.75	178.5	159	146
Release of working capital	–	–	–	–	80

CFAT for last year	–	–	–	–	226
PVF at 12%	0.8929	0.7972	0.7118	0.6355	0.5674
PV	176.79	175.98	127.06	101.04	128.23
Cumulative discounted cash flows	176.79	352.77	479.83	580.87	709.10
NPV = ₹ 709.10 – ₹ 680 = ₹ 29.10 thousand					

Discounted payback period = 4 Years + $(₹ 6,80,000 - 5,80,870) / ₹ 1,28,230 = 4.773$ years

2016 - Dec [5] (a) An eatery is located in its own premises at Street A in a city. The Management is planning a relocation to a nearby new location, College Road, also owned by it so that it can attract new clients. Two years ago, the College Road location was considered and ₹ 2,00,000 was paid to a consultant for site study. Due to metro rail construction, the idea had to be abandoned. Now the road is fit for easy access. Until now, the College Road premises could not be let out and was idle. But now, it can be let out on an annual year end lease rental of ₹ 1,20,000. On similar terms, Street A premises would fetch ₹ 2,50,000. The eatery would have to spend ₹ 10,00,000 on initial refurbishment if it relocates. This will entail a bank loan at 12% interest. 25% of its new sales would be from the old customers at the Street A premises who represented 25% of the Street A sales value. Other information is given below:

Figures (₹/annum) (valid for the next 5 years)	Street A (same as per existing values)	College Road
Sales	15,00,000	21,00,000
Variable Cost	10,00,000	11,00,000
Contribution	5,00,000	10,00,000
Fixed Cost (excluding depreciation)	1,50,000	2,40,000
Depreciation	30,000	

- (i) Depreciation is on straight line basis over 5 years. Assume that the life of the project is 5 years from now in both the premises.
- (ii) Income Tax rate applicable is 35% and taxes are payable at the end of the year.
- (iii) Cash flows from operations arise at the end of the year.
- (iv) There is no salvage value in both the cases at the end of the project life.
- (v) Both the sites are meant for long term usage. There is no sale of the premises envisaged.
- (vi) Weighted average cost of capital until this project begins is 10%.
- (vii) The Bank loan has to be repaid in equal instalments of principal at the end of each year together with the applicable interest on the outstanding principal.
- (viii) Assume no time lag between the capital expenditure and the commencement of operation.
- (ix) Use P.V. factors as given in the table.
- (x) Show calculations to the nearest rupee.
- (xi) The cost - revenue structure is different in both the locations and the above table is applicable for all customers in a location.
- (xii) No significant changes in the working capital requirement.

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You are required to present a statement showing the evaluation on an incremental basis, of relocating to the new premises, showing the rationale behind the cash flows you consider and those that you do not, for the evaluation. Recommend from a financial perspective using the NPV method, whether the eatery should relocate to the College Road premises.

(12 marks)

Answer:

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	College Road			Street A		
	25%	75%	Total (Amount in Rupees)	25%	75%	Total (Amount in Rupees)
Sales Value	5,25,000	15,75,000	21,00,000	3,75,000	11,25,000	15,00,000
Variable Cost	2,75,000	8,25,000	11,00,000	2,50,000	7,50,000	10,00,000
Contribution	2,50,000	7,50,000	10,00,000	1,25,000	3,75,000	5,00,000
Fixed Cost (excluding depreciation)	-	2,40,000	2,40,000	-	1,50,000	1,50,000
Profit (before depreciation)	2,50,000	5,10,000	7,60,000	1,25,000	2,25,000	3,50,000
Depreciation			2,00,000			30,000
Profit			5,60,000			3,20,000

Statement showing relevant cash flows for NPV method

Items of Cash Flow	Amount (in Rupees)	Working Note
Cash profits from operations (year end 1 to 5)	+ 2,66,500	(From existing customers + 1,25,000; from new customers + 2,85,000) Alternatively, difference in the total profit columns since cost revenue structures are different. Hence, ₹ 4,10,000 before tax, i.e., ₹ 2,66,500 after 35% tax.
Lease Rental of Street A premises	+ 84,500	Opportunity cost of Street A premises = ₹ 2,50,000 less amount that would have been gained by rent of College Road ₹ 1,20,000 = Opportunity loss, i.e., ₹ 1,30,000 is the opportunity gain, less 35% taxes.
Tax shield on Depreciation	+ 59,500	Depreciation (new) = ₹ 2,00,000 less: Old = ₹ 30,000; Net = ₹ 1,70,000; Tax Shield 35% = 35% × ₹ 1,70,000
Total inflows from the project	+ 4,10,500	

P.V. factor at 12% × .65 = 7.8% years 1 to 5	4.014	12% is the project's cost of capital. Average thus far should not be taken, since this project involves this cost. Cost after tax = 65% of 12%. This is the minimum return that the project should fetch for acceptance.
Present value of inflows	+ 16,47,747	
Initial Outlay = Present value of outflows	- 10,00,000	Occurs at end of year zero or beginning of year 1. Hence discount rate = 1
Net Present Value	+ 6,47,747	
Decision: It is recommended to relocate to the new premises.		
Cash flows not considered in the evaluation :		
Consultant's fee	2,00,000	Sunk cost. It has been incurred irrespective of the project and hence not considered.
Bank Interest		Not considered since it does not arise from the project. It is a financing decision. The specific cost of financing is considered in the cut off rate used for the NPV.
Bank Loan – Repayment	2,00,000	Not a project outflow.

2017 - June [2] (a) A Ltd. is considering replacement of an existing machine or to spend money on overhauling it. A Ltd. currently pays no taxes. The replacement machine costs ₹ 50,000 now and requires maintenance of ₹ 5,000 at the end of every year for 5 years. At the end of 5 years, it would have a salvage value of ₹ 10,000 and would be sold. The existing machine requires increasing amounts of maintenance each year and its salvage value falls each year as follows:

Year	Maintenance (₹)	Salvage (₹)
Present	0	20,000
1	5,000	12,500
2	10,000	7,500
3	15,000	0

The cost of capital of A Ltd. is 15%.

End of year	1	2	3	4	5	6
Present value factor @ 15%	0.8696	0.7561	0.6575	0.5718	0.4972	0.4323

When should the company replace the machine? **(8 marks)**

2017 - June [5] (b) ABC Ltd. has a capital budget of ₹ 2 crore for the year. From the following information relating to six independent proposals, select the projects if (i) the projects are divisible and (ii) projects are indivisible in order to maximise the NPV.

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Proposal	Investment (₹)	NPV (₹)
I	8,500,000.00	5,000,000.00
II	3,500,000.00	2,600,000.00
III	6,000,000.00	2,000,000.00
IV	4,000,000.00	2,500,000.00
V	6,000,000.00	5,000,000.00
VI	8,000,000.00	(2,500,000.00)

(6 marks)