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本书自1975年第一版出版以来已重版十次,持续获得读者高度赞赏,是一本有影响的优秀高级会计教材。

本书的特点主要有两个方面:

第一,取材新。书中有很多其他美版教材不具有的内容,例如:(1)第1章反映了美国安然事件后作出会计整肃要求的萨班·奥克斯莱法案(2002年),并引述了美国注册会计师协会等的相关文件。(2)许多题材重新引述了美国证券交易委员会纠正错误会计实践的《会计及审计执行文件》。(3)反映了美国财务会计准则委员会和国际会计准则委员会的准则趋同计划和多处不同点的对比。

第二,简要。近年美版大学高级会计学教材多在结构上显得偏颇,例如合并报表题材中含有大量较低层次簿记性操作,而且往往这部分内容占相当大篇幅。而本书这些内容压缩,却仍概括了所有重点,从而可以较少课时达到基本相同的效果,值得向我国读者推荐。

我们在本书的编辑过程中,充分考虑两国法制的差别,某些会计题材在中短期内没有迅速趋同的前景。从实际效果出发,压缩和删减了非营利组织会计。此外,美版会计教材大多配有丰富的习题,篇幅过大。考虑到我国一般教学计划中没有这样大的课时比重,对习题部分也作了精简。

本书可作为国内大学会计专业本科生、研究生高级会计课程教材。

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Preface

A MODERN APPROACH TO ADVANCED ACCOUNTING

Like the nine editions preceding it, Modern Advanced Accounting, 10e, provides students with the tools necessary to succeed in the modern world of accounting. The emphasis throughout the book is on financial accounting concepts and on the application of those concepts to problems arising in both business and nonbusiness organizations. Specialized accounting entities such as partnerships and affiliated companies and topics such as international accounting standards and business segments are dealt with in terms of current-day accounting issues. The book continues to earn high praise from reviewers and adopters for the following:

Case Studies That Challenge Students to Get Beyond the Basics

Modern Advanced Accounting, 10e, continues to emphasize case studies involving analytical and conceptual thinking on both accounting and ethical issues, some of which require students to research suggested references on the Internet. These cases challenge students to stretch their thinking beyond the basic accounting issues.

A Special Emphasis on Ethics



Modern Advanced Accounting begins with a chapter on ethical issues in accounting, and integrates coverage of ethics as appropriate in the subsequent chapters. Coverage of ethical issues in those chapters is denoted by a special icon. The ethics codes of the AICPA, FEI, and IMA are presented, along with summaries of numerous SEC Accounting and Auditing Enforcement Releases and illustrations of financial accounting and reporting from public companies' financial reports.

Extensive End-of-Chapter Material to Ensure Mastery of the Material

The learning and assignment material provided at the end of the chapter is divided into four groups: review questions, exercises, cases, and problems. Review questions may be used by students as a self-testing and review device to measure comprehension of key points. Exercises typically cover a specific point or topic and do not require extensive computations. Cases require analytical reasoning, but generally require little or no quantitative data. Students are required to analyze business situations, to apply accounting standards, and to propose or evaluate a course of action. Finally, the problems demonstrate the concepts presented in the theoretical discussion included in the chapter. Ample opportunity exists to vary homework assignments from term to term.

A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION TO FACILITATE LEARNING

Following the first chapter on ethical issues in advanced accounting, the remaining 18 chapters are grouped into five areas of concentration to facilitate the planning and presentation of the subject matter and make it easier for students to learn and retain the concepts and procedures presented.

Part One: Accounting for Partnerships and Branches (Chapters 2 through 4)

Following ethical issues in Chapter 1, the first section deals with the accounting principles and procedures for partnerships, joint ventures, and branch operations. Partnerships (limited liability, general, and limited) and joint ventures are covered in

Chapters 2 and 3, which take the student from the basic concepts of partnership accounting often presented in an introductory accounting course to the more complex problems of income sharing, realignment of partners' equities, and liquidation. Chapter 4, which deals with home office—branch relationships and combined financial statements, provides a logical stepping-stone to the six chapters dealing with business combinations and consolidated financial statements.

Part Two: Business Combinations and Consolidated Financial Statements (Chapters 5 through 10)

The sequencing of topics in Chapters 5 through 10 is designed to take the student from the less complex date-of-business combination accounting and financial statement display issues to the more rigorous features of post-combination accounting and display matters. Where appropriate, provisions of the FASB's proposed *Statement*, "Consolidated Financial Statements: Purpose and Policy," are discussed in Chapters 6 through 10.

Part Three: International Accounting: Reporting of Segments, for Interim Periods, and to the SEC (Chapters 11 through 13)

The many complex matters involved in international accounting are discussed in Chapters 11 and 12, which emphasize the increasing importance and impact of the International Accounting Standards Board. The three topics covered in Chapter 13 are indirectly related to the subject matter of Chapters 11 and 12 and thus are included here.

Part Four: Accounting for Fiduciaries (Chapters 14 and 15)

The fourth section of the book includes chapters entitled "Bankruptcy: Liquidation and Reorganization" and "Estates and Trusts." Although some instructors may not cover these two traditional topics in their courses, I believe that it is imperative to include them for those who wish to do so. Many accountants in today's practice environment must assist clients with problems of bankruptcy, liquidation, reorganization, and the accounting for estates and trusts.

NEW TO THE TENTH EDITION

The text and supplementary materials have been revised to reflect the latest accounting pronouncements and standards, including:

- The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and its creation, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, in Chapters 1 and 13.
- The Financial Accounting Standards Board's reexamination of purchase accounting for business combinations in Chapter 5.
- · Variable interest entities and special purpose entities in Chapter 6.
- Financial Accounting Standards Board/International Accounting Standards Board convergence project in Chapter 11.
- FASB Interpretation No. 46 (original and revised), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities" in Chapter 6.
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Chapter One

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Scope of Chapter

Ethics-right conduct-has been a subject of discussion for centuries. For example:

In Nicomachean Ethics, Book II, Aristotle (384-322 BC) wrote:

It is no easy task to be good... wherefore, goodness is both rare and laudable and noble. In

Meditations, Books III and VII, Marcus Aurelius (121-180 AD) declared:

A man then must stand erect, not kept erect by others... Be thou erect or be made erect.

William Shakespeare (1564-1616) provided the following speeches in two of his plays:

lago. Good name in man and woman, dear my lord,

Is the immediate jewel of their souls,

Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing;

'Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands;

But he that filches from me my good name

Robs me of that which not enriches him

And makes me poor indeed,

(Othello, 3.3, 155—160)

Mowbray. The purest treasure mortal times afford

Is spotless reputation: ...

Mine honour is my life; both grow in one;

Take honour from me, and my life is done...

(The Tragedy of King Richard II, 1, 1, 177—183)

Recent highly publicized accounting scandals have made it clear that ethical conduct of accountants has not met the standards inherent in the foregoing quotations. In the article "Scandal Scorecard," The Wall Street Journal described 12 egregious accounting frauds involving publicly owned business enterprises; many of the frauds involved the chief financial officer, controller, chief accounting officer, and other accountants of the enterprises. One outcome of those and other scandals was the enactment of the federal Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX), which authorized the establishment of a Public Company Accounting Oversight Board to regulate the conduct of accountants both in public practice and in publicly owned business enterprises.

The vocabulary of accounting now includes the following terms:

Cute accounting to describe stretching the form of accounting standards to the limit, regardless of the substance of the underlying business transactions or events Cooking the books to indicate fraudulent financial reporting

^{1 &}quot;Scandal Scorecard," The Wall Street Journal, October 3, 2003, p. 81.