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Preface

The extremely favorable response to previous editions indicates that our view of accounting education and of the role of intermediate accounting within the education process is shared by many accounting instructors. We continue to believe that accounting education should prepare students both to do accounting and to understand and critically evaluate accounting. Intermediate accounting should reflect these dual objectives. While most intermediate accounting textbooks share these two objectives and appear, on the surface, to be very similar in terms of content and organization, our text and supporting materials do have several distinctive characteristics.

ORGANIZATION AND COVERAGE

Based on input from adopters and reviewers, the chapter sequence has been altered somewhat from the fourth edition. We describe the environment of financial accounting in Chapter 1 and present a conceptual framework for financial accounting and reporting in Chapter 2. The accounting process and the resulting financial statements are discussed in Chapters 3, 4, 5, and 6. As discussed later in the preface, Chapter 6 has been revised to a more introductory level of presentation of the statement of cash flows. The statement of cash flows is revisited in more depth in Chapter 21. Revenue recognition is the subject of Chapter 7, which may be used at any point in the course. Asset accounting and reporting are covered in Chapters 8 through 12. Accounting for financial instruments is covered in Chapters 13 and 14. The special topics of leases, pensions and other postretirement benefits, and income taxes are presented in Chapters 15, 16, and 17, respectively. Chapter 18 covers contributed capital and retained earnings. Chapter 19 covers accounting changes and error corrections. Earnings per share is the subject of Chapter 20. Chapter 21 is a two-part chapter which covers the statement of cash flows and segment and interim reporting. Time value of money concepts and sample applications continue to be presented in an appendix at the end of the text. Adopters may cover this material at any point in their course. FASB pronouncements and other FASB actions through early 1994 have been incorporated in the text. The major changes resulting from FASB activities since the publication of the fourth edition are presented in Chapters 13 and 14 (mark-to-market accounting), 17 (income taxes), and 18 (stock options).

CONCEPTUAL
INTEGRATION WITH
A STRONG
PROCEDURAL
ORIENTATION

We introduce and discuss in detail the conceptual framework of accounting in Chapters 1 and 2. This framework is used throughout the text to explain and evaluate accounting procedures. To further our objective of integrating the conceptual framework throughout the text, we include a summary of important topics and concept applications at the end of each chapter. These summaries reinforce the relationship between the conceptual framework and the procedures discussed in the chapter, in addition to providing a review of chapter highlights. Also, alternative accounting procedures and disclosure alternatives are evaluated routinely in terms of their usefulness in predicting and assessing cash flows to the company.

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As in previous editions, we have made a major effort to enhance the presentation and readability of the material. Characteristics of the fourth edition which have been favorably received have been retained and expanded. In addition, we have made several significant changes in the organization of material to facilitate the learning process.

PRESENTATION AND READABILITY

Most intermediate accounting textbooks do an adequate job of describing accounting procedures for the straightforward accounting topics, such as inventory cost flows, depreciation accounting, and accounting for receivables. However, our coverage of even these relatively simple topics stands out when compared to competing texts, because we do more than describe accounting procedures. Our presentation of procedures is amply illustrated, with many exhibits, margin notes, and references to real-world situations. Moreover, references to the conceptual framework are woven through our procedural discussions to emphasize the relationship between accounting concepts and procedures.

Users of the first four editions have reinforced our belief that we present the more complex accounting topics in a clear, concise, and thorough manner. Rather than shying away from controversial and difficult problem areas, we attack them head-on, using the conceptual framework to critically evaluate the accounting alternatives. We have added summary exhibits and illustrations of several key topics to clarify the issues discussed. In addition, we have again increased the number of margin notes in this edition. We have used appendixes to enhance the flow of the chapters and to improve instructor flexibility in terms of content coverage.

END-OF-CHAPTER MATERIAL

Our end-of-chapter material is extensive and diverse. There are nearly 1,000 cases, exercises, and problems in the text. Much of the problem material that appeared in the fourth edition has been revised, and many new cases have been added. Much of the new end-of-chapter problem material is of moderate difficulty. The new material has been class-tested, and the solutions to all end-of-chapter material have been thoroughly reviewed by the authors and by outside reviewers.

OTHER IMPORTANT FEATURES

Early Presentation of Revenue Recognition A thorough understanding of revenue recognition criteria as a means of compensating for uncertainty about future cash flows is essential to understanding specific accounting procedures. Therefore, revenue recognition is presented early in the text (Chapter 7). This placement also reflects the authors' preference for introducing conceptual material early in the course. However, this chapter may be covered at any time after Chapter 2.

Complex Issues Treated in a Flexible Manner A building block approach is used to present accounting for leases (Chapter 15), pensions and other postretirement benefits (Chapter 16), income taxes (Chapter 17), and earnings per share (Chapter 20). A conceptual introduction to these topics is followed by explanations of progressively more complex procedural issues. The presentation is organized so that the material may be covered in varying degrees of detail.

Short-Term and Long-Term Investments Covered in One Chapter Because there are more similarities than differences between accounting for short-term and long-term investments, coverage within a single chapter is pedagogically sound and efficient.

Present and Future Value Coverage Concepts of present and future value are discussed in an appendix at the end of the text and are used in several chapters. Time diagrams are used extensively throughout the text to clarify the concepts of present and future value.

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Flexibility The organization of the fifth edition allows a great amount of flexibility to users. As an example, the text appendix on present value can be covered at any point in the course. Many users may wish to cover this material as a tool along with the accounting cycle (Chapter 3). Others may wish to cover the present value material immediately prior to Chapter 14 on debt instruments. Still others may choose not to spend any class time on this material but instead have the students use it as a resource when dealing with accounting issues that require present value concepts and applications. As another example, having the statement of cash flows presented at two different levels of complexity at two different places in the text increases flexibility in coverage. Some users may wish to cover both chapters. Others may prefer only the early, introductory level of coverage of the statement of cash flows, while still others, whose students have a working knowledge of the statement of cash flows, may choose to use only the in-depth coverage of the statement in Chapter 21.

Relationship between Accounting and the Environment Accounting issues are frequently evaluated in terms of their historical development and economic consequences. For example, the oil and gas accounting controversy is discussed in Chapter 12, the politics of accounting for leases is discussed in Chapter 15, and political influences on accounting for pensions and other postretirement benefits are described in Chapter 16.

Ethics and Professionalism in Accounting Ethics is a topic of growing concern to the general public, businesses, and the accounting profession. In fact, people speak of an "ethics crisis" in business, although many opinion polls indicate that the public's perception of corporate ethics has not changed much in the last ten years. The accounting profession, in particular, is given high marks for ethical conduct. Nevertheless, sensing an obligation to promote high ethical standards, we include in Chapter 1 a section on the importance of ethics in financial accounting and reporting. Elsewhere in the text are illustrations that often have ethical implications. For example, the revenue recognition illustrations on pages 307 and 315–316 in Chapter 7 may have ethical considerations. As another example, the illustrations on pages 616 and 617 in Chapter 13 may raise ethical issues. In addition, several cases throughout the text deal with ethical issues.

International Accounting Standards The globalization of business has led to an increased awareness of and interest in accounting standards in other countries. Also, the development of international accounting standards is beginning to have an impact on worldwide accounting standards. Throughout the text, to provide the student with some perspective from which to view U.S. accounting standards, we have added comparisons of U.S. accounting standards to those of other developed countries and to international accounting standards.

Extensive Use of Real-World Examples Numerous excerpts from actual financial statements are presented to relate the text coverage to the practice of accounting. For example, a complete set of financial statements for Bristol-Myers Squibb is included in the appendix to Chapter 4 and is referenced in several chapters. We have drawn on the published financial statements of many other companies, such as McDonald's, Ford, and Tenneco, to demonstrate reporting practices.

Major Changes in the Fifth Edition

■ Chapter 6 on the statement of cash flows has been completely rewritten to cover the statement at an introductory level, in recognition of the fact that many students who study from this text may have had little, or no, exposure to this topic in introductory

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accounting. The statement of cash flows is revisited in more depth in Part A of Chapter 21. The latter coverage incorporates such topics as leases, pensions, deferred taxes, and mark-to-market accounting. Real world examples of both the direct and indirect approaches to presenting the operating activities section of the statement of cash flows are provided.

- Error analysis and correction has been moved from Chapter 3 to Chapter 19. The resulting material in Chapter 3 is a thorough review of the accounting process and the accounting cycle using a single set of data throughout the chapter. Additionally, a section on converting from cash-basis accounting to an accrual basis of accounting has been added at the end of Chapter 3.
- Detailed coverage of accounting changes has been moved from Chapter 4 to Chapter 19. The resulting content of Chapter 19—accounting changes and error analysis and correction—is similar to many existing intermediate accounting textbooks.
- Segment and interim reporting has been moved from Chapter 4 to Chapter 21. Chapter 21 is a two-part chapter dealing with the statement of cash flows (Part A) and segment and interim reporting (Part B).
- Contingencies has been moved from Chapter 5 to Chapter 8. This change, in conjunction with the changes listed above, allows students to focus primarily on format issues related to the income statement and balance sheet in Chapters 4 and 5.
- Chapter 12 contains a summary of the FASB *Exposure Draft* on impairments of long-lived assets and Chapter 18 provides coverage of the FASB *Exposure Draft* on the use of stock options as compensation.
- Chapters 13 and 14 on financial instruments have been revised to include the accounting and reporting requirements of *Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 115* on "mark-to-market accounting." Chapter 14 also contains coverage of *Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 114* on loan impairments, including impairments associated with troubled debt restructurings.
- Chapter 16 on pensions and other postretirement benefits has undergone a substantive revision. Because the concepts and, in most cases, the procedures that underlie accounting for a pension plan are identical to those of a health care plan, these topics are covered together, rather than separately as was done in the fourth edition. We believe that this approach is more efficient, eliminates unnecessary duplication, and strengthens students' understanding of the accounting issues associated with pensions and other postretirement benefit plans.
- Chapter 17 has been updated to reflect the requirements of *Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109* on accounting for income taxes.
- In addition to many new exercises and problems in the end-of-chapter materials, the authors have added several new cases. Many of these cases are "open-ended" and do not necessarily have a "right" answer.
- Many new real-world examples of reporting practices have been added.

The text is accompanied by a full ancillary program with items designed to complement your teaching efforts and your students' learning process. If you would like information and costs on the supplemental materials, please contact your local McGraw-Hill representative. We value both your interest and our supplements.

SUPPLEMENTARY LEARNING AIDS

Student Mastery Guide by John Cumming and Clayton Hock (both at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio). Each chapter contains a list of chapter objectives and a detailed chapter review. The Self-Study Learning section includes a review of key terms and concepts, true-false questions, multiple-choice questions, and extended problems—all with solutions. A final section discusses common errors.

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Working Papers By Diane Adcox (University of North Florida). This supplement provides students with the forms necessary to work the problems and exercises at the ends of chapters in the text. There are two volumes of working papers; one for each half of the text.

Sails Away Practice Set by Nancy O'Rourke Tang and Donald Tang (both at Portland State University). Based on a combined wholesaling, retailing, and service concern, the *Practice Set* is designed to provide students with a comprehensive review of the accounting process and practice in the application of concepts and skills. Students are given the opportunity to assess a series of complex events to determine year-end accrual, disclosure, or adjustment, and to complete a full set of financial statements, including all related footnotes.

Computer-Assisted Practice Set by Louis F. Biagioni (Indiana University). GEMCO is a challenging computer-assisted practice set available for use in the intermediate accounting course. Class-tested by the author, it teaches students the accounting cycle while familiarizing them with computer accounting systems. GEMCO requires students to record transactions, make adjusting entries, and generate the reports of the General Microcomputers Company, Inc. Transactions for two months are provided. Those for the first month are to be done manually. Three sets of transactions, ranging from simple to difficult, provided for the second month are to be done on computer. An electronic spread-sheet template is provided for the completion of the statement of cash flows. The package includes extensive HELP screens and tutorials that make the programs educational and unique. Available for use with the IBM PC/PC-XT and true compatibles.

Intermediate Accounting Problem Solver by Dilip D. Kare and Thomas L. Barton (both at University of North Florida). Students will be able to solve more than 160 exercises and problems from the text. This modern and user-friendly software runs directly from DOS on any IBM compatible computer. A computer symbol in the margin of the text identifies the exercises and problems that can be solved using this software.

AccKnowledge Software for Intermediate Accounting by Thomas L. Barton and Dilip D. Kare (both at University of North Florida). This package is designed to help students learn some of the toughest Intermediate Accounting Topics including leases, pensions, bonds, and earnings per share. AccKnowledge helps students not only with the number crunching, but also with the many complicated rules found in these subjects. Available for IBM compatible computers.

Student Interactive Spreadsheet Software by Glenn E. Owen (University of California, Santa Barbara). Using this software, students work with problems from the text and observe the effects of changing variables and scenarios. Available for IBM compatible computers and Macintosh computers.

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Instructor's Resource Manual by Stephen J. Dempsey (University of Vermont) and Janet Kimbrell (Oklahoma State University). This manual increases the breadth of teaching materials available to professors. Each chapter begins with a restatement of the chapter objective. This section is followed by a detailed lecture outline and a point-by-point chapter review. Lecture topics are provided, as are issues for reflection and discussion. An annotated bibliography suggests extra reading materials. A summary of chapter and problem material coverage and tables of assignment characteristics also are provided. Much of the material is accompanied by detailed illustrations that expand the extensive visual exhibits in the text.

Solutions Manual This volume provides fully worked solutions to all questions, cases, exercises, and problems in the text. The solutions are thoroughly explained and each step is illustrated to enhance discussion of assignment and other materials.

Solutions Manual for Sails Away Practice Set by Nancy O'Rourke Tang and Donald Tang (both at Portland State University). This booklet contains completed journal entries, income statements, and worksheets for the manual practice set. A sample grading sheet is included.

Check Figures This booklet provides key figures in the solutions to the end-of-chapter assignments. These figures allow students to check the accuracy of their work at an intermediate stage in the solution process.

Transparencies Solutions from the *Solutions Manual* for all end-of-chapter exercises and problems are available on transparencies for use as a classroom aid in reviewing homework assignments. Fifty exhibits from the text and chapter outlines are also included in the transparencies set.

Test Bank by Alan H. Falcon (Loyola Marymount University) and John A. Marts (The University of North Carolina–Wilmington). The *Test Bank* includes approximately 1,500 questions and problems. Each chapter offers multiple-choice questions, extended problems, and, in most chapters, essay questions. Also in this edition are guides to all questions indicating the topics tested by multiple-choice questions and the difficulty level of problems and essays.

Computerized Test Bank: RHTest and MicroTest RHTest and MicroTest give access to a broad range of testmaking functions. Instructors can prepare tests quickly and easily. This powerful program allows instructors to view questions as they are selected for a test; scramble questions to create different versions of the test; add questions; edit questions; select questions by type (multiple-choice, true-false, matching, essay, or short answer), objective, and difficulty; and view and save a test. It includes all the questions available in the printed test bank. RHTest is available for the IBM PC/PC-XT and true compatibles; MicroTest is available for the Macintosh.

Instructors Interactive Spreadsheet Software by Glenn E. Owen (University of California, Santa Barbara). Using problems from the text, instructors can engage in whatif scenarios and demonstrate the effects of changing variables. Available for IBM compatible computers and Macintosh computers.

Presentation Software by Glenn E. Owen (University of California, Santa Barbara). A complete set of computerized instructional materials that can be easily projected in class to highlight lectures and stimulate student involvement. Consists of animated illustrations, graphics, demonstration problems, definitions, charts, and more. Available for IBM compatible computers.

Accounting Case Videotapes This video package consists of eight vignettes covering various accounting topics. A correlation chart in the accompanying Critical Thinking Guide coordinates the various topics with the text chapters. The Critical Thinking Guide by Mark S. Bettner (Bucknell University) provides for each vignette: a brief summary, the key concepts and topics, suggested homework assignments, student handouts, small group activities, discussion questions, and teaching notes.

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