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AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS EXAMINATIONS

[Following is the text of the examinations in auditing, law and accounting presented by the board of examiners of the American Institute of Accountants May 15 and 16, 1930.]

Examination in Auditing

MAY 15, 1930, 9 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

Answer all the following questions:

No. 1 (10 points):

State the principal objects for which auditors' working papers are made and preserved.

No. 2 (10 points):

Having received letters from several local customers questioning statements of account rendered them, your client engages you to make a detailed audit of the branch store from which the statements were sent. You direct a senior to make the audit after informing him of the circumstances. He finds in the course of a week many discrepancies for which the local cashier, who also keeps the books, offers vague and unsatisfactory explanations. At the close of a day the senior "as usual" (he says) puts all his working papers in his brief-case, which he locks and places in the store safe. The next morning he finds the office in confusion, the safe looted, and his brief-case gone—likewise the cashier. Several pages have been torn out of the cashbook, and the customers' ledger has disappeared. All this is reported to you and you take personal charge.

- (a) Will you complete or retire from the audit?
 - (b) What fees, if any, will you charge your client?

No. 3 (10 points):

What special facts should be ascertained and how may they be verified in a detailed audit of accounts of any one of the following:

- (a) Automobile dealers
- (b) Stockbrokers
- (c) Farmers

No. 4 (10 points):

The church of X engages you to audit the books and certify the annual report of its treasurer. You find that the revenues consist of open plate collections, pew rents, envelope pledges, donations and interest from an endowment fund. The expenses are those ordinarily to be found in such cases. A good system of depositing all receipts in bank and making all disbursements by cheque is in force.

Assuming that you find the books correct as far as you can verify them, write a brief report of what you have done, closing with your certificate.

No. 5 (10 points):

In auditing the books of the A. B. Company you find an item of \$1,000 debited to notes-payable account, but no canceled note is produced in support thereof, nor can you find a similar amount previously credited to this account. For good and sufficient reasons you do not desire to question the officers of the company until you have more information regarding the transaction.

- (a) How would you proceed to obtain that information?
- (b) What may you expect to learn?

No. 6 (10 points):

Entering upon an audit of the A. B. Company you are handed the general books of account and a trial balance thereof. You learn that the company owns all or a controlling amount of the stock of several subsidiaries, carried on the books at cost. The trial balance shows open accounts with each of the subsidiaries.

State what influence this knowledge would have upon you, and why, in respect to

- (a) Proving the accuracy of the trial balance
- (b) The steps you would take

No. 7 (10 points):

State three methods, with your arguments for and against each one, of showing as an investment the premiums paid by a corporation on a policy in its favor on the life of its president.

No. 8 (10 points):

In auditing the books of Roe & Co. you find among the notes receivable one endorsed by John Doe, which is six months overdue, the maker having refused to pay it. You learn that Roe & Co. have neglected to notify John Doe of the default.

At the same time you happen to be auditing the books of John Doe, have already learned of this endorsement and propose to show it in a footnote on his balance-sheet as a contingent liability, with his knowledge and consent, though he "thinks" it has been paid.

Bearing in mind that, under the laws of the state in which this transaction occurs, John Doe is now discharged as endorser, how will you handle this matter in order to show it correctly on the respective balance-sheets?

No. 9 (10 points):

State in detail the proper methods of verifying the securities owned by a "fixed investment" company.

No. 10 (10 points):

A purchased bonds in 1910 for \$100,000. Their fair market value March 1, 1913, was \$112,000. He sold them in 1929 for \$90,000. His only other income for 1929 was a salary of \$45,000 and interest \$5,000, with no deductions claimed. Disregarding any exemptions or credits to which he might be entitled, show the calculations you would make to ascertain the income-tax A will have to pay. (Surtax on \$50,000 is \$2,980; on \$28,000, \$720.)

Examination in Accounting Theory and Practice

PART I

Мау 15, 1930, 1 р. м. то 6 р. м.

The candidate must answer the first four questions and one other question.

No. 1 (38 points):

You are engaged by the X Company, Inc., manufacturers of cotton cloth, to prepare (a) statement showing cost per pound of cloth sold, (b) profit-and-loss statement for the year 1929 and (c) balance-sheet as at December 31, 1929.

A trial balance, taken from the books and covering the period from June 19 to December 31, 1929, was as follows:

	Dr.	Cr.
Property—real estate and plant (cost)	\$ 676,170	
Investments	378,114	
Cash	86,425	
Accounts receivable	17,444	

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Inventories, January 1, 1929:				
Raw material—cotton	\$	69,080		
In process	-	62,437		
Finished goods		86,940		
Fuel		2,097		
Mill supplies		4,910		
Property maintenance		815		
Purchases—raw material		77,594		
" —fuel		4,600		
Expenses		2,116		
Insurance		1,546		
Mill supplies		7,389		
Repairs		3,488		
Property maintenance		2,242		
Taxes		4.023		
Water rent		4,310		
Labor		116,043		
Brokerage		2,770		
Executive salaries		6,400		
Prepaid insurance		2,154		
Bad debts		450		
Yarn account		100	\$	6,250
Accounts payable			*	4,362
Sales—finished merchandise				328,757
"—waste				13,250
Reserves:				10,200
For depreciation				384,126
" plant improvement				100,000
Income from investments				8,844
" " rentals				2,233
Wages and salaries accrued				9,128
Capital stock:				,,
Preferred				400,000
Common				200,000
Surplus and profit and loss				162,607
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The items following, representing transactions from January 1 to June 18, 1929 (inclusive), were transferred to the profit-and-loss account as at the latter date:

Sales—finished merchandise. Purchases—raw material. Fuel. Expenses. Insurance. Mill supplies. Repairs. Property maintenance. Taxes (local). Water rent. Yarn account. Labor. Brokerage. Executive salaries. Income from investments. "" rentals.	\$ 4,760 2,279 2,100 7,845 3,764 1,285 3,600 4,250 6,250 100,468 3,001 4,400	\$ 6,494 1,946
	\$ 215,130	\$ 250.322

The inventories, by pounds, were as follows:

	1929	1929	
Raw material	306,663 101,752 86,229	150,155 104,287 23,343	
Purchases of raw material during the year Waste sales during the year	00,		557,706 lbs. 214,214 "

In the preparation of the cost statement, all manufacturing expenses, with the exception of labor, may be grouped under one caption.

Because of an internal check by processes and accurate waste records, it has been customary to value the inventories on the basis of the cost statement.

Depreciation on fixed assets was determined to be \$26,541.

No. 2 (12 points):

Electrical sound-producing equipment is leased to a theatre company under a ten-year agreement which provides for (a) the return of the equipment, at the expiration thereof, in good condition, allowing for reasonable wear and tear and for obsolescence; (b) an initial payment of \$6,000 plus weekly payments of \$300 for the first two years (104 weeks) and \$75 per week during the remaining eight years.

The initial payment represents part of the licence fee and entire cost of installation of equipment.

Fifty per cent. of the amounts payable weekly during the twoyear period represents licence fee and the other fifty per cent. insurance and interest under deferred-payment plan.

Subsequent payments represent service and inspection charges.

You may consider five years (260 weeks) as a conservative basis of amortization, regardless of the longer life of the lease, in view of the frequent improvements in motion-picture equipment.

Give specimen initial and weekly entries you would recommend to be set up on the theatre company's books.

No. 3 (15 points):

Selected Securities, Inc., a corporation organized for the purpose of investing in securities, was managed, during the calendar

year 1929, by the Specialized Management Corporation under an agreement which included the following provisions:

"Specialized Management Corporation agrees to manage the financial operations of Selected Securities, Inc., and to provide, in addition to financial counsel, all necessary office facilities and personnel. Expenses, such as interest, taxes, legal and accounting fees and custody of securities, will be paid by Selected Securities, Inc."

"Selected Securities, Inc. agrees to pay the Specialized Management Corporation for its services as financial advisor, etc., twelve per cent. of the net profits realized each year and accrued at the close of each year upon securities held. Such compensation shall not be included as an expense in determining the amount of net profit upon which the compensation is payable."

From the following trial balance of Selected Securities, Inc., at December 31, 1929, prepare the journal entries required to bring taxes and management compensation accrued upon the books. Prepare, also, a profit-and-loss statement for the year ended December 31, 1929, and a balance-sheet as at the close thereof.

Determine the liquidating value of the company's stock at December 31, 1929.

SELECTED SECURITIES, INC.

Trial balance, December 31, 1929

Cash at bank. Cash on loan at call. Securities (at cost) * Dividends receivable. Cost of securities sold. Legal fees. Auditing fees. Interest paid. Dividends paid. Securities sold. Dividends received. Interest received. Rights sold. Capital (40,000 shares, no par value).	\$ 30,349.02 100,000.00 1,628,741.20 1,250.00 1,369,520.00 5,000.00 2,600.00 8,362.00 4,000.00	\$1,507,400.00 28,450.00 9,685.32 4,286.90 1,600,000.00
	\$3,149,822.22	\$3,149,822.22

No. 4 (20 points):

You are engaged by a firm of attorneys to advise and aid in a general reorganization of their offices, with particular reference to accounting procedure, cost, etc.

^{*}The market value of the securities held at December 31, 1929, was \$1,657,150. All rights sold were in respect to securities which had been sold at December 31, 1929.

Upon investigation you find that it has been the practice to keep a chronological record of hours spent upon each undertaking and, upon completion of a matter, to bill the client from this record, taking into consideration pre-established minimum rates per hour for the various partners and attorneys, the nature of the work, etc.

The operations of the firm as a whole result in a profit, but no attempt beyond rough estimates has ever been made to determine the cost per hour to the firm of each member of the staff. Further investigation leads you to believe that much individual work is done at less than cost.

You discuss the situation with the firm members and you are requested to prepare for their consideration a comparative table showing the direct, overhead and total costs per hour to the firm of each partner and attorney, in comparison with the minimum billing rates in effect.

From the above information and the following data, construct the required table, bearing in mind the fact that the partners wish the accounting system, which you are about to install, to provide for recording the direct cost of available time, sickness, holidays and other non-chargeable time.

- (a) The three partners are actively engaged in the practice of law
- (b) The legal staff, including the partners, numbers nine, and may be designated by numbers in your solution, numbers 1 to 3 being the partners.
- (c) The normal working year per man is conceded to be 1,981 hours and 181 hours per annum are considered a reasonable allowance per man for all non-chargeable time.
- (d) The partners draw \$1,000 each per month which they consider as salary. The annual salaries of the members of the legal staff are:

- (é) The minimum billing rates per hour are: Numbers 1, 2 and 3, \$10; Number 4, \$7.50; Number 5, \$6.50; Number 6, \$4.50 and Numbers 7, 8 and 9, \$3.
- (f) The firm's actual expenses for the year under review (exclusive of partners' drawings) were as follows:

Salaries: Legal staffStenographersOthers	15,641.00
	\$47,796.00

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Rent	3,730.51 3,101.15 2,514.63
	\$78,510.27

No. 5 (15 points):

The stock transactions following were made by A:

Jan. 5, 1926 Purchased 300 shares of X Corporation for \$3,000.

Sept.1, 1927 Twenty per cent. stock dividend received.

Feb. 1, 1928 Purchased 100 additional shares of X Corporation for \$6,800.

Jan. 1, 1929 Twenty-five per cent. stock dividend received.

Jan. 2, 1930 Stockholders of record, on this date, were entitled to purchase one (1) additional share of stock for \$50 for every five (5) shares held, option expiring February 2, 1930.

300 rights sold for \$3 each.

125 shares of X Corporation sold for \$10,000.

Feb. 1, 1930 Exercised option on remaining rights. Market value of stock was \$90.

You are requested to ascertain (a) the profit on the sale of rights, (b) profit on sale of stock and (c) cost of remaining stock held, as required by the federal tax regulations.

Note:—Make your computations to the nearest cent, disregarding extended decimal figures.

No. 6 (15 points):

An individual inherits a one-sixth royalty in coal lands, estimated to contain 188,160,000 tons of coal. The property is leased on a royalty basis of 25 cents per ton, payable annually, and it is expected that the coal will be extracted in equal amounts annually over a period of 40 years.

Calculating interest at 6 per cent., what is the individual's interest in the property?

Six million tons of coal were mined during the first year.

What proportion of the royalty received should be treated as income and what as return of capital?

Given $(1.06)^{40} = 10.285718$.

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Give reasons for all answers

GROUP I

Answer all questions in this group

No. 1 (10 points):

\$5,000

No. 657

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Newark, N. J., Jan. 15, 1929.

E. R. Cater has deposited in this bank Five Thousand Dollars payable to the order of himself on the surrender of this certificate properly endorsed, with interest at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$.

J. H. BENEDICT, Cashier.

Is the foregoing a negotiable instrument? What is it called? What is its use?

No. 2 (10 points):

Jones decides to purchase a tractor for use on his farm. The George Tractor Company manufactures and markets a tractor under the trade name of "Challenge Tractors." Jones purchases a "Challenge" tractor but after about two weeks' use he finds that it is not of sufficient power for his work because his farm is largely soft muck land used for raising market vegetables. He seeks to return the tractor and the George Tractor Company seeks to recover an unpaid balance of the purchase price. Which of them would succeed?

No. 3 (10 points):

Jones, Johnson and Perry form a partnership. Jones contributes \$5,000, Johnson \$3,000 and Perry \$1,000. The partnership agreement omits any provision indicating how the profits are to be divided. If the business results in profit how will such profit be shared by the partners?

No. 4 (10 points):

A man dies on August 15, 1929. His estate is still in process of settlement on December 31, 1929. How is the income of the decedent and of his estate for 1929 returned for federal incometax purposes? What personal exemptions would be allowed against the 1929 income of the decedent, his estate and his widow?

No. 5 (10 points):

You become secretary of a large corporation and, among other duties, have charge of all transfers of the corporation's stock. To safeguard the corporation what formalities would you require with reference to each certificate presented for transfer?

GROUP II

Answer any five of the questions in this group, but no more than five. No. 6 (10 points):

What is the distinction between insolvency laws and bank-ruptcy laws?

No. 7 (10 points):

The M Company, a boatbuilder, selected certain mahogany lumber in the Y Company's yard and bought and paid for it. The Y Company agreed to load the lumber on a railroad freight car to be placed on the siding in its yard. Before the Y Company had the opportunity to do so, the lumber was destroyed by a fire which was not due to any fault of the Y Company. On whom does the loss fall?

No. 8 (10 points):

Assume that in question No. 7 the Y Company had loaded the lumber on the freight car and had consigned the car to the M Company, but before the car was started on its journey fire had destroyed the car and its contents. Would there be any responsibility different from that developing from the conditions given in question 7 and, if so, why?

No. 9 (10 points):

Allen, by fraud, induces Bates to issue a negotiable promissory note to him. Allen then sells the note to Cameron, who is a holder in due course. Cameron, in turn, negotiates the note to Davis who, while not a party to the fraud, has full knowledge of it. Can Davis recover from Bates? State the rule involved and the reason for it.

No. 10 (10 points):

The board of tax appeals, in a case known as "Matter of Mc-Neil," decided that commissions paid to brokers by owners for consummating leases of space in buildings are deductible in the year when paid, instead of in annual instalments spread over the terms of the leases as previously ruled by the commissioner of internal revenue. The commissioner announced his non-acquies-

cence in this decision. What is the significance of this action and how would you advise a client to handle similar commissions in his income-tax return for 1929?

No. 11 (10 points):

X, Y and Z entered into a partnership which, by the provisions of the partnership agreement, was to continue for a term of three years. Z, however, during the first year disagreed many times with X and Y as to business policies, such disagreements resulting in strained personal relations between the partners. At the close of the first year X and Y decided to drop Z from the partnership and so informed him. Could X and Y compel Z to withdraw?

No. 12 (10 points):

A owns 100 shares of stock of the X Steel Corporation. At a meeting of the board of directors held in January, 1929, a dividend was declared, payable April 1, 1929, to stockholders of record March 1, 1929. A died on March 15, 1929, leaving a will under which everything that he owned at the time of his death was left in trust, the income thereof only to be paid to his wife during her life. When the dividend was paid to the executors on April 1, 1929, was it proper to treat it as part of the trust estate or as income payable to the wife?

No. 13 (10 points):

The commissioner of internal revenue has ruled adversely to your contentions on certain items of an income-tax return of your client and has assessed an additional tax. To what tribunals may the case be taken for review of the commissioner's action?

Examination in Accounting Theory and Practice

PART II

Мау 16, 1930, 1 р. м. то 6 р. м.

The candidate must answer all the following questions:

No. 1 (25 points):

Following are the balance-sheets of companies M and N as at December 31, 1929:

Company M Assets

Current: Cash	\$ 50,000	
Accounts receivable—customers		
" —N company	100,000	
Inventories	480,000	
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		\$1, 4 30,000

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Fixed—less reserve for depreciation		\$3,500,000 800,000
of common stock, acquired July 1, 1929) Prepaid expenses		20,000 1,000,000
		\$6,750,000
Liabilities		
Current: Notes payable	\$ 400,000 200,000 105,000 45,000	\$ 750,000
Funded debt:		a 730,000
First-mortgage bonds		2,000,000
Preferred—6 per cent. cumulative, 10,000 shares of \$100 each	1,000,000	
Common—30,000 shares, no par value	2,500,000	3,500,000
Surplus		500,000
		\$6,750,000 ======
Company N		
Assets		
Current: CashAccounts receivable—customersInventories	\$ 15,000 300,000 150,000	\$ 465,000
Fixed—less reserve for depreciation		800,000 5,000 250,000
		\$1,520,000
Liabilities		
Current: Notes payable	\$ 100,000 150,000 29,000 21,000	
Funded debt:		\$ 300,000
Serial gold notes		400,000
Preferred—4,000 shares, no par value; cumulative dividends of \$5 per share, per annum Common—24,000 shares, no par value	300,000 400,000	#00.000
Surplus		700,000 120,000
		\$1,520,000

Particulars of the surplus accounts of the respective companies are shown as follows:

4000	Company M		
1929 Jan. 1	Balance		\$ 345,250
Mar. 31 June 30	Preferred dividend, March quarter	\$ 15,000	120,000
June 30	Net income for the half year Dividends—preferred, June quarter "—common, half year	15,000	120,000
Sept. 30	"—common, half year Preferred dividend, September quarter	90,000 15,000	
Oct. 15	Dividend received on N company preferred	15,000	
Dec. 31	stock for quarter ended September 30th Net income for the half year		4,750 270,000
	Dividends—preferred, December quarter	15,000	2,0,000
	"—common, half year	90,000 500,000	
		\$740,000	\$740,000
1930		====	
Jan. 1	Balance		\$500,000
	Company N		
1929	D-1		4 44 000
Jan. 1 Mar. 31	BalancePreferred dividend, March quarter	\$ 5,000	\$ 44,000
June 30	Net loss for the half year	50,000	
Sept. 30	Preferred dividend, June quarter " " September quarter	5,000 5,000	
Dec. 15	Increase on appraisal of fixed assets		90,000
31	Net income for the half year	5,000	80,000
	" —common stock	24,000	
	Balance down	120,000	
		\$214,000	\$214,000
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Jan. 1	Balance		\$ 120,000

From the foregoing, you are required to prepare a consolidated balance-sheet, as at December 31, 1929.

No. 2 (10 points):

On January 1, 1915, the H J Corporation sold to a broker \$300,000 (face value) of its 5 per cent. bonds at 92½ net, receiving cash therefor.

The bonds contained a clause permitting the H J Corporation to call bonds on December 31st of each year, beginning December 31, 1918, but not more than \$40,000 (face value) of bonds could be called in any one year and provision was to be made for the payment of all remaining unredeemed bonds on December 31, 1929.

Bonds are called as follows:

December	31,	1918	\$25,000	(face	value)
44	"	1919	25,000	` "	"
		1921	35,000	"	"
**		1922	20,000		"
"		1925	40,000	"	44
"		1926	10,000	"	"
6.6	"	1928	40,000	"	"

Formulate an account for the discount on bonds, setting forth therein the credits at December 31st of each year for charges made to the income account of the corporation from 1915 to 1929.

No. 3 (30 points):

From the following trial balances of the Standard Products Company, Inc., prepare balance-sheet as at December 31, 1929, and income and profit-and-loss account for the year ended December 31, 1929, after setting up reserve for 1929 federal income tax. Also prepare a statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year ended December 31, 1929:

Cash. Accounts receivable—trade. Inventories. Investments. Life-insurance policies—cash surrender value. Land and buildings Vouchers payable (expenses). Accounts payable—trade. Purchase-money mortgage, payable June 30, 1934. Reserve for depreciation. Capital stock 7% preferred. Capital stock Foremon. Surplus. Sales. Interest on investments Cost of merchandise (see note 5) Returns and allowances—purchases Selling, general and administrative expenses. Interest paid. Life insurance.	\$ 52,349.12 155,036.45 95,024.20 100,000.00 5,605.20 285,000.00	\$ 6.026.12 82,030.78 75,000.00 100,000.00 200,000.00 229,958.07	1,134,964,90 15,470,92 387,547,92 3,000,00 6,279,50	\$ 15,940.50 201,783.97 100,000.00 87,500.00 100,000.00 200,000.00 422,958.07 1,542,768.40 5,000.00 8,742.50
	\$693,014.97 ======	\$693,014.97	\$2,684,693.44 ===================================	\$2,684,693.44

The statements submitted should disclose all information available.

Note that no dividends were paid on common stock.

From increase in land and buildings account, less write-up reflected in surplus and \$100,000 purchase-money mortgage ascertain cash payment for new land and buildings.

Note that increase in inventories—\$15,072.50—was credited to cost-of-merchandise account.

No. 4 (18 points):

Following is the trial balance, after closing, of X and Y, a partnership:

	Dr.	Cr.
Cash	\$ 1,000	
Accounts receivable	30,000	
Inventory	15,000	
Automobiles	5,000	
Accounts payable	•	\$15,000
Loan from X		5,000
Capital—X		10,000
`" Y		21,000
	\$51,000	\$51,000
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X and Y have disagreed to such an extent that a dissolution of the partnership is mutually decided upon and you have been engaged to realize the firm's assets and liquidate its liabilities. The partnership agreement provides that profits and losses shall be shared equally.

The automobiles are disposed of for \$2,500 and the inventory, in its entirety, is sold to another firm for \$13,500. The cash received from these sources, together with the cash shown in the trial balance is distributed forthwith.

Subsequently, you collect the accounts receivable and pay expenses as follows:

	Accts. rec. face amount	Discount allowed	Cash received	Expenses paid
1st period	\$ 2,000	\$ 300	\$1,700	\$500
2nd "	10,000	500	9,500	
3rd "	10,000	600	9,400	600
4th "	8,000	200	7,800	500

At the end of each period indicated above, you make the proper cash distributions.

Prepare a statement showing the separate distributions and the liquidation of the liabilities and capital.

No. 5 (17 points):

Your examination of the accounts of the Smithtown Home for Children discloses the following:

The home was founded on January 1, 1930, by two men who contributed as follows: mortgages, \$100,000; bonds valued at \$200,000; land valued at \$75,000; buildings and equipment valued at \$120,000 and cash \$20,000 for general purposes.

According to the trustees' minutes, the following funds were established: Smith endowment fund, \$150,000, and Taylor endowment fund, \$150,000, representing investments in mortgages and bonds, the income therefrom to be used for general purposes; property and equipment fund, representing the property and equipment of the institution, and general fund, representing the general funds of the institution.

The following transactions were recorded in the cashbook during the three months ended March 31, 1930:

Receipts: Original contribution for general purposes Mortgage principal. Donation for improvements to buildings Donation for painting and repairs to buildings Bond interest Mortgage interest. Board and maintenance of children	\$20,000 10,000 15,000 5,000 2,500 2,500 5,000	\$60,000
Payments: Ice plant Petty cash fund Board and maintenance of children General and administrative expenses	\$ 5,000 100 17,900 2,000	25,000
Balance—March 31, 1930		\$35,000

At March 31, 1930, bond interest due and uncollected amounted to \$500; uncollected charges for board and maintenance of children \$6,000; unpaid bills for general expenses \$500 and for board and maintenance of children \$500.

In accordance with the above information, prepare a balancesheet as at March 31, 1930, and a statement of income collectable and expenditures for the three months ended that date.