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ABOUT UPDATING SUPPLEMENT VERSION 37.3

Information that is only six months old is eligible to be tested on the CPA exam. Candidates with the 37th edition and corresponding software (version 11) will find the information in the version 37.3 updating supplement more than adequate for the July-August 2009 exam window and later exam windows.

When new information first becomes available, the examiners tend to test new or changed portions of concepts lightly. Coverage of information after that point may increase, if it is in a heavily tested area. Do not fall into the trap of attaching undue significance to new information merely because it is new.

Remember, with the information and techniques in our material, passing the exam is an attainable goal. ***Adhere to a reasonable study plan—and pass the first time!***

STUDY OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO CANDIDATES

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Candidates choosing to use previous editions of our books must accept responsibility for adequately updating their materials. Candidates should consider the strain that this will add to the already time-consuming process of studying for the exam. (Material in earlier updating supplements is incorporated within the 36th edition and the corresponding version 10 software, as appropriate.)

Candidates with the 36th edition and corresponding software also will want Updating Supplement Version 36.2. Updating Supplement Version 36.2 contains questions released in 2007 by the AICPA. (Material in the series 36 updating supplements is incorporated within the 37th edition, as appropriate.)

Candidates with editions earlier than the 36th are strongly encouraged to purchase new materials. At a minimum, these candidates should read the supplements pertaining to the edition that they have. Each supplement has information on the appropriate supplements for the edition previous to the one it updates. Candidates choosing to use previous editions of our books must accept responsibility for adequately updating their materials. Candidates should consider the strain that this will add to the already time-consuming process of studying for the exam. Material in the related updating supplements may be reviewed to determine the nature and quantity of information that has changed from one edition to another.

SIMULATIONS: UNCHANGED

There are no simulations in the BEC exam section in the 2008 exam windows. Bisk Education will include notice of this and any other exam changes in the appropriate future updating supplements.

The AICPA examiners have not made an official announcement on when, if ever, they will add simulations to the BEC exam. Our best estimate currently is that if the AICPA examiners add simulations to BEC, it will be when the content specification outline (CSO) is changed. The AICPA plans to implement new CSO in late 2010 and will include written communications. The examiners generally announce changes at least six months in advance of the exam window that the changes affect.

ERRATA

The following errors are in the 37th edition printed book. If you find other items that you believe are ambiguous or in error, please contact the Bisk Education editors (help@cpaexam.com) with details.

Chapter 51

Page 51-50, Questions 13 & 18 (ID 7289 & 7288): The questions and explanations should have the phrase “net working capital” rather than the phrase “working capital.” With these changes, the answers are correct as they are.

Page 51-54, Question 59 (ID 7349): The explanation should have the term “at” rather than the term “after” in both instances. The question and answer are correct as they are.

Page 51-60, Question 112 (ID 7359): The question and explanation should have the phrase “net working capital” rather than the phrase “working capital.” With these changes, the answer is correct as is.

Chapter 53

Page 53-38, Question 91 (ID 8305): The question should not have dollar signs next to the numbers in the answer columns. With this change, the answer and explanation are correct as they are. (Correct in version 11 software.)

Page 53-39, Questions 97 & 98 (ID 8297 & 8298): These questions reference line OW, where they should reference line OA. With these changes, the answers and explanations are correct as they are. (Also in version 11 software; correct in version 11.01 software.)

Chapter 54

Page 54-36, Question 43 (ID 7930): The question and answer are correct as they are. The explanation should have the word “conditions” rather than the word “contentions.” (Correct in version 11 software.)
