CONTRIBUTION MARGIN INCOME STATEMENT

Key Terms and Concepts to Know

Contribution Margin Income Statement

- The contribution margin income statement is used for analysis and decision-making.
- The contribution margin income statement separates expenses by behavior, emphasizing the distinction between expenses that change when the level of activity changes and those that are unaffected by it.
- The traditional income statement separates expenses by function emphasizing the distinction between production and administrative and selling expenses.
- Gross margin is the first key measure of profitability.
- The type of income statement does not affect revenue and net income.
- Contribution margin is the first key measure of profitability.
Key Topics to Know

Contribution Margin Income Statement

- The contribution margin income statement separates expenses into fixed and variable categories.
- As explained in other modules, mixed costs must be separated into their variable and fixed elements before a contribution margin income statement can be prepared.
- Contribution margin income statement takes the following form:

Sales
Cost of Goods Sold
Gross Margin
Operating Expenses:
Selling
Administrative
Operating Income

Sales
Variable Expenses:
Production
Selling
Administrative
Contribution Margin
Fixed Expenses:
Production
Selling
Administrative
Operating Income

Stays the same
Variable cost
Fixed cost

Example #1

S Company manufactures and sells guitars for beginning students. Their income statement for April was as follows:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sales</td>
<td>$600,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cost of Goods Sold</td>
<td>400,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gross Margin</td>
<td>200,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Selling and Administrative Expenses:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Selling expense</td>
<td>60,000</td>
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<td>Administrative expense</td>
<td>90,000</td>
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Operating Income $50,000

The product sells for $300 each. Variable selling expenses are $20 per unit sold with the remaining selling expenses being fixed. The administrative expenses are 40% fixed. The company's manufacturing costs are 25% fixed, with total variable manufacturing costs of $150 per unit.

Required: Prepare an income statement using the contribution margin approach.

**Solution #1**

| Units sold | $600,000/$300 | 2,000 |
| Sales | $600,000 |
| Variable Expenses: | | |
| Cost of goods sold | $400,000*75% | 300,000 |
| Selling expenses | $20*2,000 | 40,000 |
| Administrative expenses | $90,000*60% | 54,000 |
| Contribution Margin | $206,000 |
| Fixed Expenses: | | |
| Cost of goods sold | $400,000-300,000 | 100,000 |
| Selling expenses | $60,000-40,000 | 20,000 |
| Administrative expenses | $90,000*40% | 36,000 |
| Operating Income | $50,000 |
Practice Problems

Practice Problem #1

The L Company is a retailer that sells lawn mowers. The income statement for the month of June showed a gross margin of $60,000 and operating income of $20,000. Selling and administrative expenses were 50% fixed. Two hundred mowers were sold at an average price of $750 per unit. All mowers are purchased from Toro and John Deere.

Required:  

a) Prepare an income statement for the month using the contribution approach.

b) What is the contribution margin per unit?

Practice Problem #2

I Company established the following standard price and cost information:

- Sales price per unit: $50
- Variable manufacturing cost per unit: $32
- Fixed manufacturing cost: $100,000
- Fixed selling expenses: $40,000

I Company expected to produce and sell 20,000 units. Actual production and sales amounted to 21,500 units.

Required:  

a) Prepare a budgeted income statement using the contribution approach.

b) Prepare an actual income statement using the contribution approach.

c) Prepare a budgeted income statement using the traditional approach.

d) Prepare an actual income statement using the traditional approach.
**True / False Questions**

1. Variable costs per unit remain constant.
   - True    False

2. Fixed costs vary in total.
   - True    False

3. The relevant range is the range in which costs remain variable.
   - True    False

4. Contribution margin is defined as sales revenue less variable costs.
   - True    False

5. The unit contribution margin tells how much each additional unit sold will contribute to covering variable costs.
   - True    False

6. If volume increases, all costs will increase
   - True    False

7. The contribution margin is the same as the gross margin.
   - True    False

8. Profit is the unit contribution margin multiplied by the number of units sold minus fixed costs.
   - True    False

9. The contribution income statement is used for external reporting.
   - True    False

10. Revenue minus cost of goods sold equals contribution margin.
    - True    False
Multiple Choice Questions

1. If sales revenue doubles, variable costs will
   a) decrease in total
   b) increase in total
   c) decrease on a per unit basis
   d) increase on a per unit basis

2. Costs that remain the same in total, regardless of changes in activity level are:
   a) variable costs
   b) fixed costs
   c) mixed costs
   d) step-variable costs

3. Increasing the fixed portion of cost of goods sold
   a) Increases contribution margin
   b) Decreases contribution margin
   c) Increases gross profit
   d) Decreases gross profit

4. When S Company sells 40,000 units, its total variable cost is $96,000. What is its total variable cost when it sells 45,000 units?
   a) $84,000
   b) $96,000
   c) $108,000
   d) It cannot be determined from the information given.

5. If sales revenue doubles, fixed costs will
   a) decrease in total
   b) increase in total
   c) decrease on a per unit basis
   d) increase on a per unit basis

6. If units sold doubles at the same selling price per unit
   a) Variable expenses will double
   b) Fixed expenses will double
   c) Contribution margin ratio will double
   d) None of the above
7. Arnold Corp has a selling price of $20, variable costs of $15 per unit, and fixed costs of $25,000. Profit is expected to be $300,000 at its anticipated level of production. What is the unit contribution margin?
   a) $5.00
   b) $10.00
   c) $27.50
   d) $20.00.

   The next 3 questions refer to the following information.
   Anton Company produces and sells bicycles for $500. The variable costs per unit are $300 plus a sales commission of 15% of the selling price. Total fixed costs consist of $16,000 in fixed overhead and $9,000 in fixed selling and administrative costs. Sales volume was 200 units.

8. The gross margin for the year is:
   a) $16,000
   b) $31,000
   c) $24,000
   d) $25,000

9. The contribution margin for the year is:
   a) $16,000
   b) $31,000
   c) $24,000
   d) $25,000

10. The contribution margin ratio is:
    a) 60%
    b) 40%
    c) 25%
    d) 75%
Solutions to Practice Problems

Practice Problem #1

a)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Total</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Units sold</td>
<td>200</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sales</td>
<td>750 units x 200 units</td>
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<tr>
<td>Variable expenses:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cost of goods sold</td>
<td>$150,000 - 60,000</td>
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<td>(Sales - Gross Margin)</td>
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<td>S &amp; A expenses</td>
<td>($60,000-20,000) x 50%</td>
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<td>(Gross Margin-Op.Income)x50%</td>
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<td>Contribution margin</td>
<td>$40,000</td>
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<td>Fixed expenses:</td>
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<td>Cost of goods sold</td>
<td>All variable for a retailer</td>
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<td>S &amp; A expenses</td>
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<td>Operating income</td>
<td>$20,000</td>
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b) $200.00

Practice Problem #2

a)

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<th>Actual Volume</th>
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<td>Variable manufacturing cost</td>
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<td>Contribution margin</td>
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<td>Fixed manufacturing cost</td>
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<td>Net Income</td>
<td>$220,000</td>
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Solutions to True / False Problems

1. True
2. False - fixed costs are constant in total.
3. False – the relevant range is the range of activity for which fixed costs remain constant in total.
4. True
5. False - contribution margin contributes to covering fixed costs and then profit.
6. False – total fixed costs do not change when volume changes,
7. False - direct costs have a direct and easily traceable relationship to cost objects.
8. True
9. False – the contribution income statement is used for internal decision-making.
10. False - Revenue minus variable costs equals contribution margin.
Solutions to Multiple Choice Questions

1. B
2. B
3. D
4. C
5. C
6. A
7. A
8. C
9. D
10. C