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POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN GLOBAL BUSINESS LEADERSHIP (PGDGBL)

Term-End Examination December, 2012

MGB-001 : FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR BUSINESS DECISIONS

Time: 3 hours Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Attempt any five questions. All questions carry equal marks.

- 1. Why must financial statements be analysed? Identify and briefly discuss the basic components of each of the three principal financial statements reported by business entities.
- 2. What is meant by the term break-even point? What benefits can be derived from break-even analysis? What data are necessary to construct a break-even chart?
- 3. What is the impact on earnings of the different methods of depreciation? Explain.
- 4. Evaluate the following statement: "Ratio analysis is useless. A firm never paid its trade credit with a current ratio or met a long-term payment with a financial ratio".

- 5. What is the relevant range, and why must it be considered in preparing a flexible budget?
- 6. What does price variance measure? How is it computed?
- 7. Why is no single working capital investment and financing policy necessarily optimal for all firms? Why additional factors need to be considered in establishing a working capital policy?
- 8. How do excess cash balances arise in a disbursement system? Why are ethical problems a greater issue in disbursement than in collection?
- 9. What is the purpose of holding inventory? If a firm reduces the average age of inventories, what effect might this action have on the cash cycle and on the firm's total sales?