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MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (MP)

Term-End Examination

June, 2020

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Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Weightage : 70%

Note: (i) Attempt any three questions from Section A.

(ii) Section B is compulsory.

(iii) All questions carry equal marks.

Section-A

 (a) What is a Product ? Taking the example of any product of your choice, explain the anatomy of the product i.e. the core benefits, tangible specifications and augmented features.

- (b) Explain the term 'Product Line'. Discuss the important factors that make companies pursue product line extensions as a significant element of their marketing strategy.
- 2. (a) Name a product each, that in your view is in the 'introduction' and 'maturity' stage of its PLC. What recommendations do you have for these products with regards to their marketing strategies ?
 - (b) Briefly explain the BCG growth-share matrix. What are its limitations ? Explain.

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- (a) Taking the example of packaged fruit juice, explain the alternative bases available to marketers for its positioning.
 - (b) Discuss the strategic relevance of branding to marketers, giving suitable examples.
- 4. Write short notes on any three of the following :
 - (a) Types of pricing
 - (b) Brand equity measurements
 - (c) Sources of new product ideas
 - (d) Sales forecasting methods
 - (e) Concept testing

Section-B

5. Taking any consumer product of your choice, formulate its packaging strategy. Your strategy should cover the following aspects :

- (a) Functions to be performed by the packaging.
- (b) How the packaging can be used for product differentiation ?
- (c) Legal and social aspects of packaging.

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