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MS-056

MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME (MP)

Term-End Examination

June, 2020

MS-056 : MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

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

1. "Material management procedures are strategically placed within an organization. They have different meanings for different people." Comment on the statement. Also explain the objectives and advantages of material management in an organization.

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2. Identify the elements that determine a stronger and longer buyer-seller relationship. Does multiple sourcing lead to a bad relations with suppliers ? Who or why not ?
3. In manufacturing planning and control (MPC) systems, why is detailed capacity requirements planning necessary, even when aggregate planning (or rough-cut capacity planning) has been carried out earlier ? Explain, preferably with the help of the flowchart of MRP II.
4. "If you reduce work-in-progress (WIP) then you expose many organizational bottlenecks." Comment on this statement. Also state the reasons for your agreement and disagreement.
5. Why customer service, packaging and production scheduling are considered to be inter-functional management activity ? How can they be managed effectively within a functionally organized firm ?

6. "Receiving is an important control point in a firm's materials system." Explain the statement in the light of the receiving procedure and receiving system.
7. Write short notes on any *three* of the following :
- (a) Material flow process
 - (b) Vendor networking
 - (c) Manufacturing, planning and control
 - (d) Benefits of spare parts management
 - (e) Warehouse layout
 - (f) Simulation methods for materials information : A system approach.