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Project Management

Master of Business Administration (MBA-13/MBA-12/MBA-10)

Fourth Semester, Examination, 2017

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 60

Note: This paper is of sixty (60) marks containing three (03) sections A, B and C. Learners are required to attempt the questions contained in these sections according to the detailed instructions given therein.

Section-A

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Note: Section 'A' contains four (04) long answer type questions of fifteen (15) marks each. Learners are required to answer *two* (02) questions only.

- 1. What are the various characteristics of Project Management? Also explain the different principles of Project Management.
- 2. What are the different types of Projects? Also explain the factors that should be considered by the project manager while selecting a project.
- 3. Using examples, discuss the various steps involved in location break-even analysis to identify an ideal location.

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4. A small project involves seven activities and their time estimates are listed in the following table. Activities are identified by their beginning (i) and ending (ii) node numbers:

Activity	Estimated Duration (weeks)				
(i/j)	Optimistic Most Likely		Pessimistic		
1—2	1	1	7		
1—3	1	4	7		
1—4	2	2	8		
2—5	1	1	1		
3—5	2	5	14		
4—6	2	5	8		
5—6	3	6	15		

- (a) Draw the network diagram of the activities in the project.
- (b) Find the expected duration and variance for each activity. What is the expected project length?
- (c) Calculate the variance and standard deviation of the project length.

Section–B (Short Answer Type Questions)

Note: Section 'B' contains eight (08) short answer type questions of five (05) marks each. Learners are required to answer *four* (04) questions only. Answers of these questions must be restricted to two hundred fifty (250) words approximately.

Briefly discuss any four (04) of the following (1 to 7):

1. Project as a Systems.

- 2. Challenges in Project Management.
- 3. Location Analysis Techniques.
- 4. Capacity Requirement Planning.
- 5. Objectives of Methods Study.
- 6. Principles of Materials Handling.
- 7. Project Evaluation Techniques.
- 8. A dairy firm had three plants located in a state. The daily milk production at each plant is as follows:

Plant 1: 6 million litres, Plant 2: 1 million litres and

Plant 3: 10 million litres

Each day, the firm must fulfil the needs of its four distribution centres. The minimum requirement of each centre is as follows:

Distribution Centre 1: 7 million litres

Distribution Centre 2 : 5 million litres

Distribution Centre 3:3 million litres

Distribution Centre 4 : 2 million litres

Cost (in hundreds of rupees) of shipping one million litre from each plant to each distribution centre is given in the following table:

Distribution Centre

		D_1	D_2	D_3	D_4
Plant	P_1	2	3	11	7
Tiant	P_2	1	0	6	1
	P ₃	5	8	15	9

Find the initial basic feasible solution for given problem by using North-West Corner Rule.

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Section-C

(Objective Type Questions)

Note: Section 'C' contains ten (10) objective type questions of one (01) mark each. All the questions of this section are compulsory.

Write True/False against the following:

- 1. A programme includes teams from various projects.
- 2. Vertical job enlargement is sometimes known as job enrichment.
- 3. One key to successful project management is to commit to a fixed budget and schedule as early as possible and then stick to it.
- 4. The travelling-salesman problem cannot be solved as an assignment problem.
- 5. M/M/1 waiting line model assumes that service time for consumers are positively exponentially distributed.

Fill in the blanks:

- 6. are individuals who speed-up work and achieve coherence of communications while managing a project.
- 7. is a method of lowering the firm's investment in inventory without affecting the production of the organization.

Indicate the correct answer-option:

- 8. Which of the following phase of life cycle of a project is mainly a refinement of the ideas described in conception phase?
 - (a) Formation Phase
 - (b) Build-up Phase
 - (c) Production Phase
 - (d) Operation Phase

- 9. Which of the following is the objective of network analysis?
 - (a) Minimize total project duration
 - (b) Minimize total project cost
 - (c) Minimize production delays, interruption and conflicts
 - (d) All of the above
- 10. Which of the following method is a combinatorial optimization algorithm that helps in solving the assignment problem?
 - (a) Hungarian method
 - (b) Vogel's approximation method
 - (c) Least Cost method
 - (d) None of the above

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