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Third Semester

Business Administration

Elective — MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

(For those who joined in July 2016 and afterwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Materials management determine which cost categories within the company which have substantial effect on company profits.
  - (a) Material cost
  - (b) Overhead cost
  - (c) Capital goods cost
  - (d) All of these

2. Which is not a character of a good coding system?
- (a) Brevity
  - (b) Improper Choice of Coding Symbols
  - (c) Flexibility
  - (d) Proper layout of Codes.
3. Annual increase in cement prices during the summer and corresponding decrease during the winter months is an example of \_\_\_\_.
- (a) Cyclical time series event
  - (b) Seasonal time series event
  - (c) Trend time series event
  - (d) All time series event
4. \_\_\_\_ is a modular software system designed to integrate the main functional areas of an organization's business processes into a unified system.
- (a) Enterprise resource planning
  - (b) Enterprise reallocation planning
  - (c) Enterprise resource program
  - (d) Enterprise resource platform

5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the process of sourcing goods and services from the international market across geopolitical boundaries.
- (a) Regional sourcing
  - (b) Global sourcing
  - (c) Re-sourcing
  - (d) Off-sourcing
6. Which is a criteria for evaluation in vendor selection?
- (a) Inappropriate delivery timing
  - (b) Price stability
  - (c) Poor quality
  - (d) Executive's appearance
7. Which of the following is not a lifting equipment?
- (a) Overhead cranes and their supporting runways.
  - (b) Patient hoists
  - (c) Vehicle tail lifts
  - (d) Industrial kiosk
8. Which is a setback of outsourcing?
- (a) Meet customer demand
  - (b) More flexibility
  - (c) Unanticipated Hidden costs
  - (d) Focus on core business aspects

9. \_\_\_\_\_ are those which are not damaged and have economic worth but are not suitable for the company's specific operations.
- (a) Obsolete items
  - (b) Salvage
  - (c) Procurement items
  - (d) Wish-list items
10. \_\_\_\_\_ is the average period of time from when you purchase inventory to when you collect cash for the sale.
- (a) Lead time
  - (b) Operating cycle
  - (c) Waiting time
  - (d) Neonatal operating time

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Summarize the functions of materials management.

Or

- (b) Corroborate the nexus of materials management with Sales function.

12. (a) Enlist factors influencing external purchase to own production.

Or

- (b) What do you know about MRP II? Is it different from MRP?

13. (a) State the factors corroborating centralized purchasing. What are the merits?

Or

- (b) Define global sourcing. State its disadvantages.

14. (a) What is material handling equipment? Mention the types.

Or

- (b) List out the types of conveyor systems.

15. (a) Give the meaning and uses of MIS report.

Or

- (b) Write a note on  
(i) In-bound logistics and  
(ii) Out-bound logistics

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Explain the meaning and objectives of materials management.  
Or  
(b) Write on codification and standardisation.
17. (a) Throw light on the techniques of forecasting.  
Or  
(b) Define bill of materials. Mention its uses, levels and types.
18. (a) Debrief vendor management and vendor selection process.  
Or  
(b) What is electronic procurement? Brief its dimensions.
19. (a) Summarize the principles of materials handling system.  
Or  
(b) Encapsulate the precautions to be taken by workers while moving materials.  
(i) Mechanically and  
(ii) Manually
20. (a) Deliberate the pros and cons of JIT.  
Or  
(b) What does fourth party logistics mean to supply chain management?
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