



PROGRAMME: MASTERS OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA-9)

MODULE: OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT (Trimester 3)

ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES

Dear Student

Listed below are assignment guidelines: Those specific to your assignment questions as well as general guidelines.

General guideline for assignments

Your assignments should incorporate a minimum of 8 references. You are required to utilise and conduct research beyond the module guide and prescribed texts. Accessing reputable academic journals is therefore recommended.

Assignment Guidelines: Operations and Supply Chain Management

1. The assignment should not exceed 8000 words.
2. The assignment covers all areas of the syllabus, emphasising the need for students to integrate the knowledge across the various chapters in the module guide and the prescribed textbooks.
3. Students must focus on responding to the requirements of each question; this requires an analysis of each question in order to ascertain these requirements.
4. Students must present relevant information in their responses, correctly referenced, in a logical and coherent manner so that the question is answered.
5. Students are reminded that the answers to case study questions are not necessarily found in the case study. The case study presents a scenario and the questions require that this scenario (or context) be considered.
6. For Question 1:
 - 6.1 In question 1.1 the theory on supplier performance indicators must be elaborated upon and applied to the Walmart information.
 - 6.2 In question 1.2, students must identify the risks (external and internal supply chain risks) and apply this to Walmart.
7. For question 2:

Comparative calculations must be made to ascertain how the shipment must be made.

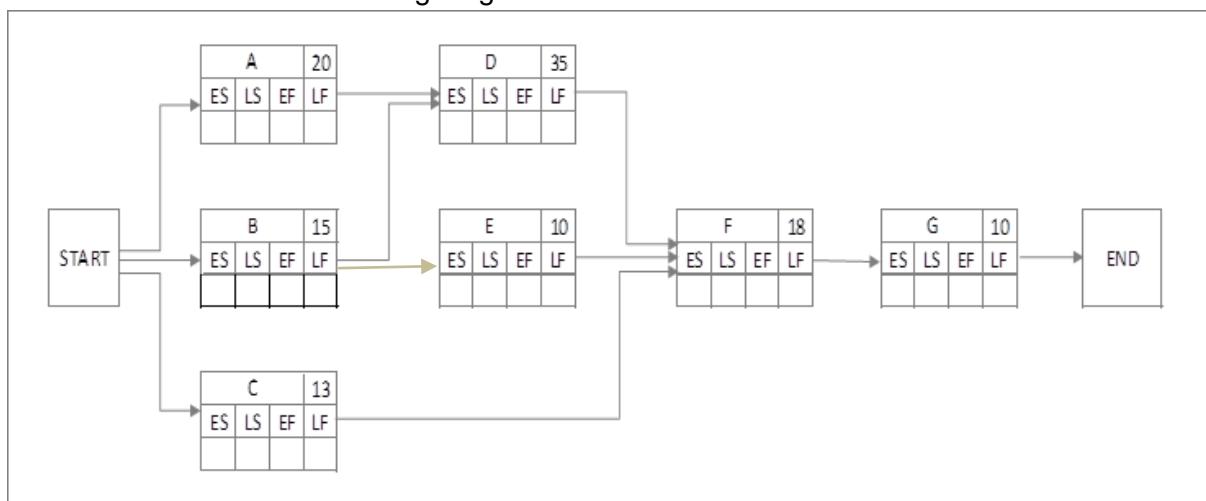
8. For question 3:

- 8.1 Students must consult the section on quality management and answer the relatively straightforward questions 3.1 (Check Sheet) and 3.2 (Pareto Chart).
- 8.2 In question 3.3, a discussion of the decisions that must be made to resolve the identified complaints is required. Students must bear in mind the Pareto analysis and what it means.

9. For question 4:

Students must consult the section on project management and answer the questions (4.1 Critical path identification, 4.2 ES, LS, EF and LF for each activity, and 4.3 Slack time for each activity). Note that activities on the critical path have zero slack time – this can be used to check the answers to 3.1 and 3.3.

Please note that the following diagram must be used.



Should you require further assistance please email studentsupport@regent.ac.za

All the best with your studies

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