

# Essentials of Digital Marketing (4341601) - Winter 2024 Solution

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## Question 1(a) [3 marks]

Explain three important factors that influence a website's SEO ranking.

### Solution

**Table 1.** SEO Ranking Factors

Factor	Description
<b>Content Quality</b>	Fresh, relevant, keyword-optimized content that provides value to users
<b>Backlinks</b>	High-quality external websites linking to your site (domain authority)
<b>Technical SEO</b>	Site speed, mobile-friendliness, SSL certificate, and proper site structure

- **Content Quality:** Search engines prioritize websites with original, valuable content
- **Backlinks:** Act as votes of confidence from other websites
- **Technical SEO:** Ensures search engines can crawl and index your site efficiently

### Mnemonic

CBT - Content, Backlinks, Technical

## Question 1(b) [4 marks]

Define data privacy and its importance in digital marketing.

### Solution

**Data Privacy** is the protection of personal information collected from users during digital marketing activities.

**Table 2.** Importance of Data Privacy

Aspect	Importance
<b>User Trust</b>	Builds customer confidence and loyalty
<b>Legal Compliance</b>	Avoids penalties from GDPR, CCPA regulations
<b>Brand Reputation</b>	Prevents negative publicity from data breaches

- **User Trust:** Customers share more data when they trust your privacy practices
- **Legal Compliance:** Mandatory compliance with data protection laws
- **Brand Reputation:** Data breaches can severely damage brand image

### Mnemonic

TLR - Trust, Legal, Reputation

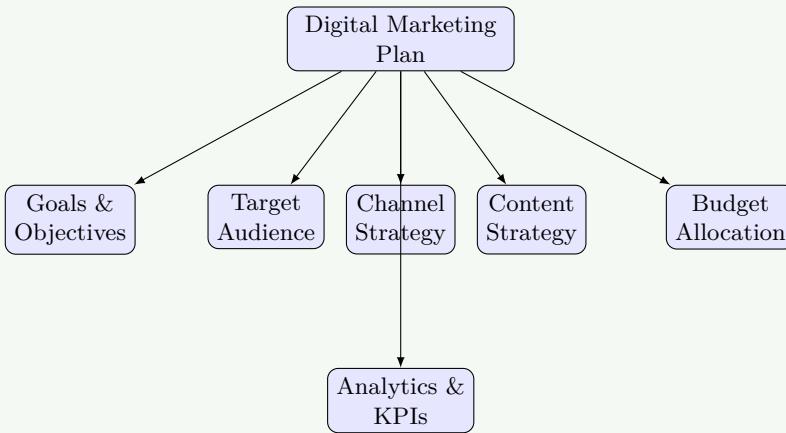
## Question 1(c) [7 marks]

Explain the key components of a digital marketing plan.

### Solution

**Table 3.** Digital Marketing Plan Components

Component	Description
<b>Goals &amp; Objectives</b>	SMART goals aligned with business objectives
<b>Target Audience</b>	Demographics, psychographics, and behavior analysis
<b>Channel Strategy</b>	Selection of appropriate digital platforms
<b>Content Strategy</b>	Content types, themes, and publishing schedule
<b>Budget Allocation</b>	Resource distribution across channels
<b>Analytics &amp; KPIs</b>	Measurement frameworks and success metrics



**Figure 1.** Digital Marketing Plan Structure

- **Goals & Objectives:** Define specific, measurable outcomes
- **Target Audience:** Create detailed buyer personas
- **Channel Strategy:** Choose optimal mix of social media, email, SEO, PPC
- **Content Strategy:** Develop engaging content calendar
- **Budget Allocation:** Distribute resources based on ROI potential
- **Analytics & KPIs:** Track performance and optimize continuously

### Mnemonic

GT-CCBA - Goals-Target, Channels-Content-Budget-Analytics

## Question 1(c OR) [7 marks]

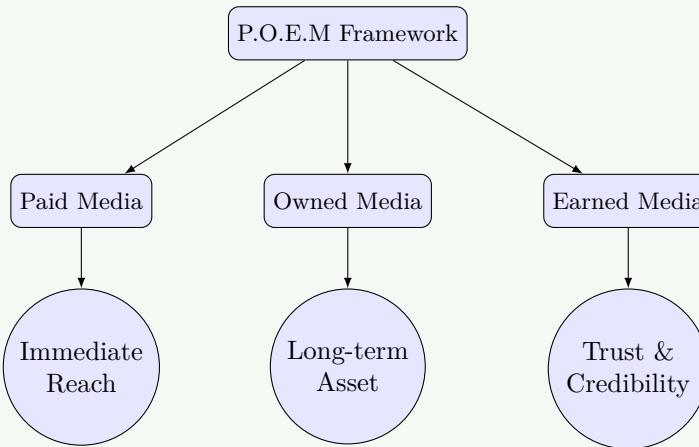
Define the P.O.E.M. Framework and explain its importance in digital marketing.

### Solution

P.O.E.M. stands for **Paid**, **Owned**, **Earned**, **Media** framework for digital marketing strategy.

**Table 4.** P.O.E.M Framework

Media Type	Description	Examples
Paid	Media you pay for	Google Ads, Facebook Ads, YouTube Ads
Owned	Media you control	Website, Blog, Email list, Mobile app
Earned	Media gained through credibility	Social shares, Reviews, PR mentions

**Figure 2.** P.O.E.M Framework

- **Paid Media:** Provides immediate visibility and targeted reach
- **Owned Media:** Creates long-term assets and brand control
- **Earned Media:** Builds trust and authentic brand advocacy

**Mnemonic**

POE - Pay, Own, Earn

**Question 2(a) [3 marks]****Differentiate between black hat and white hat SEO techniques.****Solution****Table 5.** White Hat vs Black Hat SEO

Aspect	White Hat SEO	Black Hat SEO
<b>Methods</b>	Ethical, guideline-compliant	Manipulative, rule-breaking
<b>Results</b>	Sustainable long-term growth	Quick but temporary gains
<b>Risk</b>	Safe from penalties	High risk of penalties

- **White Hat SEO:** Follows search engine guidelines for sustainable results
- **Black Hat SEO:** Uses deceptive practices for quick ranking gains
- **Risk Factor:** Black hat techniques can result in complete site bans

**Mnemonic**

WEB - White Ethical Benefits, Black Breaks-rules

## Question 2(b) [4 marks]

Explain how search engine algorithms work and how they rank websites.

### Solution

**Table 6.** Search Engine Process

Process	Function
<b>Crawling</b>	Bots discover and scan web pages
<b>Indexing</b>	Pages stored in search engine database
<b>Ranking</b>	Algorithm determines page relevance and authority
<b>Results</b>	Best matches displayed for user queries

- Crawling:** Web crawlers follow links to find new content
- Indexing:** Content analyzed and stored in massive databases
- Ranking:** 200+ factors determine search result positions
- Results:** Most relevant pages shown first to users

### Mnemonic

CIRR - Crawl, Index, Rank, Results

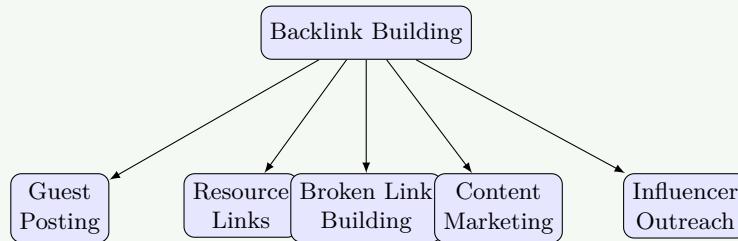
## Question 2(c) [7 marks]

Describe the strategies for building backlinks.

### Solution

**Table 7.** Backlink Strategies

Strategy	Description	Effectiveness
<b>Guest Posting</b>	Write articles for other websites	High
<b>Resource Link Building</b>	Get listed in industry directories	Medium
<b>Broken Link Building</b>	Replace broken links with your content	High
<b>Content Marketing</b>	Create shareable, valuable content	Very High
<b>Influencer Outreach</b>	Partner with industry influencers	High



**Figure 3.** Backlink Building Strategies

- Guest Posting:** Builds relationships and authority in your niche
- Resource Link Building:** Establishes credibility through directories
- Broken Link Building:** Provides value by fixing broken resources
- Content Marketing:** Naturally attracts links through quality content
- Influencer Outreach:** Leverages established audiences for link opportunities

**Mnemonic**

GRBCI - Guest, Resource, Broken, Content, Influencer

**Question 2(a OR) [3 marks]**

Explain the importance of backlinks, website speed and performance in search engine ranking.

**Solution**

**Table 8.** SEO Factors Impact

Factor	Impact on SEO
<b>Backlinks</b>	Authority and trust signals
<b>Website Speed</b>	User experience ranking factor
<b>Performance</b>	Core Web Vitals affect rankings

- **Backlinks:** Act as votes of confidence from other websites
- **Website Speed:** Faster sites rank higher and reduce bounce rates
- **Performance:** Google prioritizes sites with good Core Web Vitals

**Mnemonic**

BSP - Backlinks, Speed, Performance

**Question 2(b OR) [4 marks]**

Differentiate between on-page and off-page SEO, and provide examples of each.

**Solution**

**Table 9.** On-Page vs Off-Page SEO

SEO Type	Focus	Examples
<b>On-Page</b>	Website optimization	Title tags, meta descriptions, content optimization
<b>Off-Page</b>	External factors	Backlinks, social signals, brand mentions

- **On-Page SEO:** Controls elements within your website
- **Off-Page SEO:** Builds authority through external validation
- **Examples:** On-page includes keyword optimization; off-page includes link building

**Mnemonic**

IO - Internal Optimization, External Elevation

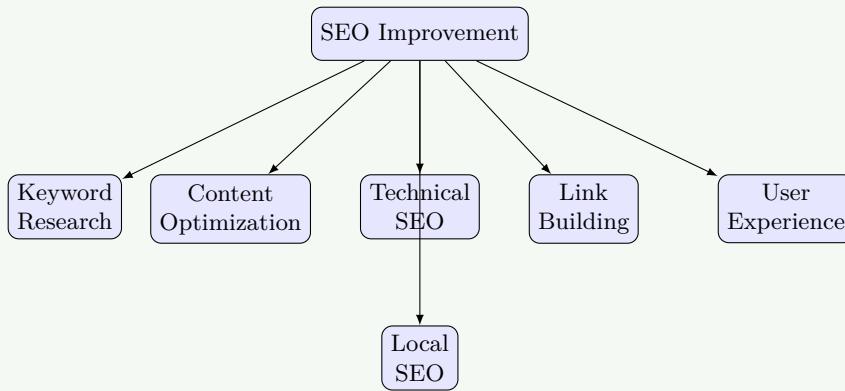
**Question 2(c OR) [7 marks]**

Explain Different ways to improve SEO rankings.

## Solution

**Table 10.** SEO Improvement Methods

Method	Description	Impact
<b>Keyword Research</b>	Target relevant, low-competition keywords	High
<b>Content Optimization</b>	Create valuable, keyword-rich content	Very High
<b>Technical SEO</b>	Improve site speed, mobile-friendliness	High
<b>Link Building</b>	Acquire quality backlinks	Very High
<b>User Experience</b>	Enhance site usability and engagement	Medium
<b>Local SEO</b>	Optimize for local search results	High (for local business)



**Figure 4.** Ways to Improve SEO

- **Keyword Research:** Foundation for all SEO efforts
- **Content Optimization:** Provides value while targeting keywords
- **Technical SEO:** Ensures search engines can effectively crawl your site
- **Link Building:** Builds domain authority and trust
- **User Experience:** Reduces bounce rate and increases engagement
- **Local SEO:** Critical for businesses with physical locations

### Mnemonic

KC-TLUL - Keywords, Content, Technical, Links, User-experience, Local

## Question 3(a) [3 marks]

Differentiate between single-touch and multi-touch attribution models.

## Solution

**Table 11.** Attribution Models

Model Type	Credit Assignment	Use Case
<b>Single-Touch</b>	100% credit to one touchpoint	Simple customer journeys
<b>Multi-Touch</b>	Credit distributed across touchpoints	Complex customer journeys

- **Single-Touch:** First-click or last-click gets full credit
- **Multi-Touch:** Linear, time-decay, or position-based attribution
- **Usage:** Multi-touch provides more accurate customer journey insights

**Mnemonic**

SM - Single Simple, Multi Multiple

**Question 3(b) [4 marks]**

Explain how businesses can set up goals in Google Analytics.

**Solution**

**Table 12.** Setting up Goals

Step	Action
<b>1. Access Goals</b>	Navigate to Admin → View → Goals
<b>2. Choose Template</b>	Select from template or create custom
<b>3. Configure Details</b>	Set goal name, type, and conditions
<b>4. Verify Setup</b>	Test goal using verification feature

- **Goal Types:** Destination, Duration, Pages/Session, Event goals
- **Configuration:** Define specific conditions for goal completion
- **Verification:** Ensure goals track correctly before implementation
- **Monitoring:** Regular review and optimization of goal performance

**Mnemonic**

ACCV - Access, Choose, Configure, Verify

**Question 3(c) [7 marks]**

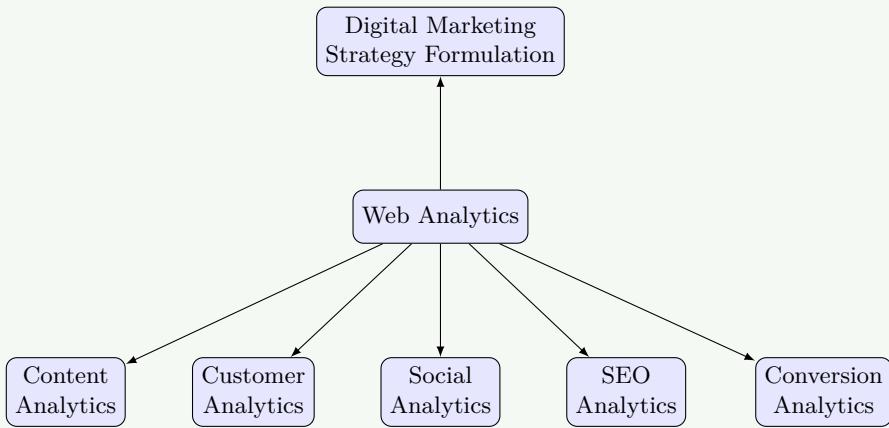
What is the role of web analytics in formulation of digital marketing strategy? Discuss different types of web analytics.

**Solution**

**Role in Strategy:** Web analytics provides data-driven insights for informed decision-making in digital marketing.

**Table 13.** Web Analytics Types

Analytics Type	Purpose	Key Metrics
<b>Content Analytics</b>	Content performance tracking	Page views, time on page, bounce rate
<b>Customer Analytics</b>	User behavior analysis	Demographics, interests, conversion paths
<b>Social Media Analytics</b>	Social engagement measurement	Shares, likes, comments, reach
<b>SEO Analytics</b>	Search performance tracking	Keywords, rankings, organic traffic
<b>Conversion Analytics</b>	Goal completion tracking	Conversion rate, revenue, ROI

**Figure 5.** Role of Web Analytics

- **Strategic Role:** Identifies opportunities, measures performance, guides optimization
- **Content Analytics:** Helps optimize content strategy based on engagement
- **Customer Analytics:** Enables better audience targeting and personalization
- **Social Media Analytics:** Measures social media ROI and engagement
- **SEO Analytics:** Tracks organic search performance and opportunities
- **Conversion Analytics:** Measures bottom-line impact of marketing efforts

**Mnemonic**

CCSSC - Content, Customer, Social, SEO, Conversion

**Question 3(a OR) [3 marks]**

Define the terms: Unique visitors, Average Visit Duration, Bounce rate.

**Solution****Table 14.** Web Metrics Definitions

Metric	Definition
Unique Visitors	Individual users visiting site in specific time period
Average Visit Duration	Average time users spend on website per session
Bounce Rate	Percentage of visitors leaving after viewing one page

- **Unique Visitors:** Counts each person once, regardless of return visits
- **Average Visit Duration:** Indicates content engagement and site stickiness
- **Bounce Rate:** High rates may indicate poor content match or site issues

**Mnemonic**

UAB - Unique, Average, Bounce

**Question 3(b OR) [4 marks]**

Explain A/B testing in web analytics.

### Solution

**A/B Testing** is comparing two versions of a webpage to determine which performs better.

**Table 15.** A/B Testing Components

Component	Description
<b>Version A</b>	Original webpage (control)
<b>Version B</b>	Modified webpage (variant)
<b>Traffic Split</b>	Usually 50/50 random distribution
<b>Metrics</b>	Conversion rate, click-through rate, engagement

- Process:** Split traffic between two versions and measure performance
- Duration:** Run tests long enough for statistical significance
- Variables:** Test one element at a time (headlines, buttons, images)
- Decision:** Implement winning version based on data

#### Mnemonic

ABCD - A-version, B-version, Compare, Decide

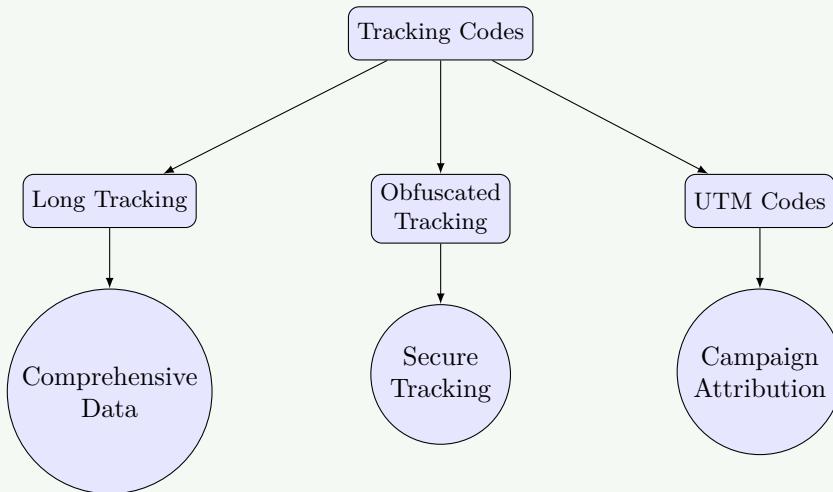
## Question 3(c OR) [7 marks]

Explain following tracking code with their pros and cons: Long tracking code, Obfuscated tracking code, UTM codes

### Solution

**Table 16.** Tracking Code Types

Tracking Type	Description	Pros	Cons
<b>Long Tracking Code</b>	Detailed parameters for comprehensive tracking	Complete data collection, detailed insights	Slow page load, complex implementation
<b>Obfuscated Tracking</b>	Encrypted/hidden tracking parameters	Data security, prevents tampering	Difficult debugging, complex setup
<b>UTM Codes</b>	URL parameters for campaign tracking	Easy implementation, campaign attribution	Manual tagging required, URL appearance



**Figure 6.** Tracking Code Comparison

- **Long Tracking Code:** Best for enterprise-level detailed analytics
- **Obfuscated Tracking:** Ideal for sensitive data protection requirements
- **UTM Codes:** Perfect for campaign tracking and traffic source identification

**Mnemonic**

LOU - Long comprehensive, Obfuscated secure, UTM simple

**Question 4(a) [3 marks]**

Explain different types of YouTube ads.

**Solution****Table 17.** YouTube Ad Types

Ad Type	Format	Placement
<b>Skippable In-Stream</b>	5-second skip option	Before/during videos
<b>Non-Skippable</b>	15-20 seconds, no skip	Before/during videos
<b>Bumper Ads</b>	6 seconds, non-skippable	Before videos

- **Skippable In-Stream:** Cost-effective, pay only for engaged viewers
- **Non-Skippable:** Guaranteed message delivery, higher completion rates
- **Bumper Ads:** Brand awareness, quick memorable messages

**Mnemonic**

SNB - Skippable, Non-skippable, Bumper

**Question 4(b) [4 marks]**

Explain the concept of LinkedIn marketing and discuss its significance in the digital marketing landscape.

**Solution**

**LinkedIn Marketing** focuses on professional networking and B2B relationship building.

**Table 18.** Significance of LinkedIn Marketing

Aspect	Significance
<b>Professional Audience</b>	Decision-makers and industry professionals
<b>B2B Focus</b>	Ideal for business-to-business marketing
<b>Content Authority</b>	Establishes thought leadership
<b>Networking</b>	Direct access to key business contacts

- **Professional Audience:** Higher income, educated demographics
- **B2B Focus:** 80% of B2B leads come from LinkedIn
- **Content Authority:** Share industry insights and expertise
- **Networking:** Build valuable business relationships

**Mnemonic**

PBCN - Professional, B2B, Content, Networking

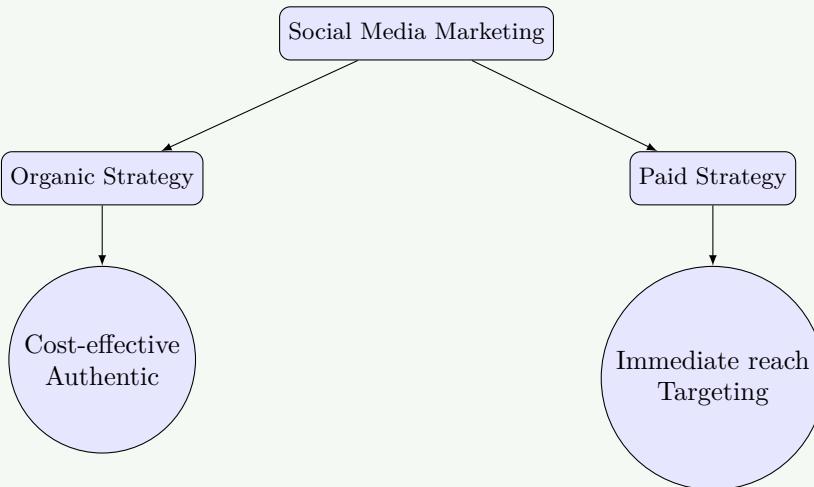
**Question 4(c) [7 marks]**

Describe the key differences between organic and paid social media marketing strategies. Provide two advantages and two disadvantages for each strategy.

**Solution**

**Table 19.** Organic vs Paid Social Media

Strat-egy	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages
Or-ganic	Free content posting and engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost-effective</li> <li>• Builds authentic relationships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited reach</li> <li>• Time-intensive</li> </ul>
Paid	Sponsored content and advertisements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immediate reach</li> <li>• Precise targeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires budget</li> <li>• Temporary results</li> </ul>



**Figure 7.** Organic vs Paid Strategies

**Organic Advantages:**

- **Cost-effective:** No advertising spend required
- **Builds authentic relationships:** Genuine community engagement

**Organic Disadvantages:**

- **Limited reach:** Algorithm restrictions reduce visibility
- **Time-intensive:** Requires consistent content creation and engagement

**Paid Advantages:**

- **Immediate reach:** Instant visibility to target audience
- **Precise targeting:** Advanced demographic and interest targeting

**Paid Disadvantages:**

- **Requires budget:** Ongoing advertising costs
- **Temporary results:** Results stop when advertising stops

**Mnemonic**

OPAL - Organic Patient Authentic Low-cost, Paid Quick Targeted Expensive

## Question 4(a OR) [3 marks]

What are the different types of Twitter ads? Explain any one type briefly.

### Solution

**Table 20.** Twitter Ad Types

Ad Type	Purpose
<b>Promoted Tweets</b>	Increase tweet visibility
<b>Promoted Accounts</b>	Gain more followers
<b>Promoted Trends</b>	Boost trending topics

**Promoted Tweets:** Regular tweets that businesses pay to show to wider audiences beyond their followers, appearing in users' timelines and search results with "Promoted" label.

### Mnemonic

PAT - Promoted tweets, Accounts, Trends

## Question 4(b OR) [4 marks]

Samsung launched a new smart phone in market and want to run YouTube ads. As social media marketing expert which type of YouTube ad format would you will choose and why?

### Solution

**Recommended Format: Skippable In-Stream Ads**

**Table 21.** Ad Selection Reasoning

Reason	Benefit
<b>Cost-Effective</b>	Pay only when users watch 30+ seconds
<b>Product Demonstration</b>	Longer format allows feature showcase
<b>Audience Interest</b>	Skip option ensures engaged viewers
<b>Brand Awareness</b>	Reaches broad audience with smartphone interest

- **Product Demonstration:** Smartphones need visual demonstration of features
- **Audience Interest:** Skip option filters for genuinely interested viewers
- **Cost-Effective:** Only pay for engaged viewers who watch beyond 30 seconds
- **Brand Awareness:** Broad reach for new product launch

### Mnemonic

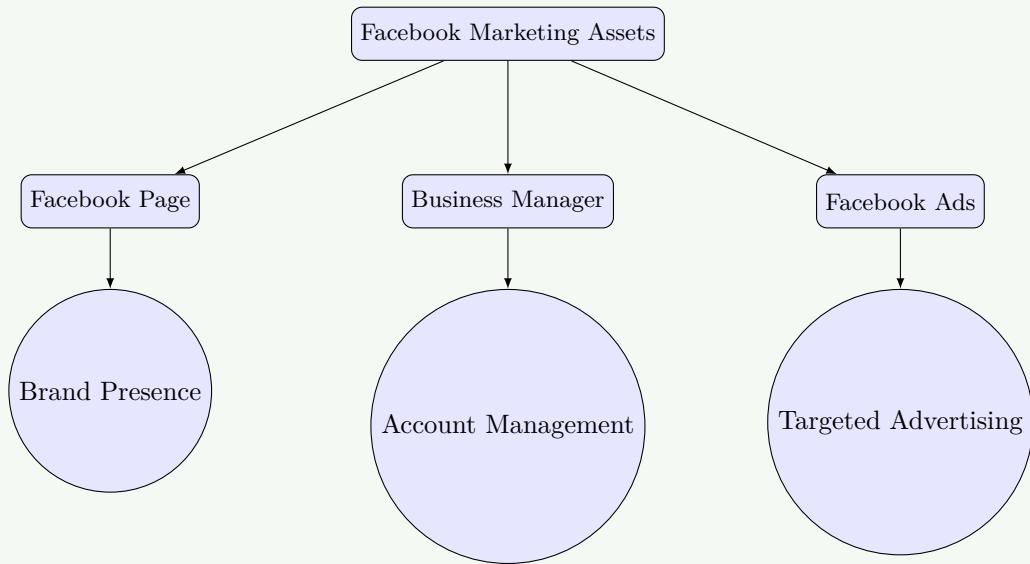
PCAB - Product demo, Cost-effective, Audience interest, Brand awareness

## Question 4(c OR) [7 marks]

Describe the main functions of a Facebook Page, Business Manager, and Facebook Ads. How can these assets help businesses in their marketing efforts?

**Solution****Table 22.** Facebook Marketing Assets

Asset	Main Functions	Marketing Benefits
<b>Facebook Page</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brand presence</li> <li>• Content sharing</li> <li>• Customer engagement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Builds brand awareness</li> <li>• Direct customer communication</li> </ul>
<b>Business Manager</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Account management</li> <li>• Team access control</li> <li>• Asset organization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centralized control</li> <li>• Secure collaboration</li> </ul>
<b>Facebook Ads</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Targeted advertising</li> <li>• Campaign management</li> <li>• Performance tracking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precise audience targeting</li> <li>• Measurable ROI</li> </ul>

**Figure 8.** Facebook Marketing Ecosystem**Marketing Benefits:**

- **Facebook Page:** Creates professional brand presence and enables organic reach
- **Business Manager:** Provides security and organization for multiple accounts and team members
- **Facebook Ads:** Delivers targeted campaigns with detailed analytics and ROI tracking

**Integration Benefits:**

- **Unified Strategy:** All three work together for comprehensive Facebook marketing
- **Data Sharing:** Pixel data from page enhances ad targeting
- **Brand Consistency:** Consistent messaging across organic and paid content

**Mnemonic**

PMA - Page presence, Manager control, Ads targeting

**Question 5(a) [3 marks]**

List the Types of Instagram Content and Ads.

**Solution****Table 23.** Instagram Content and Ads

<b>Content Types</b>	<b>Ad Types</b>
<b>Posts</b>	Photo Ads
<b>Stories</b>	Video Ads
<b>Reels</b>	Carousel Ads
<b>IGTV</b>	Stories Ads
<b>Live</b>	Reels Ads

- **Content Types:** Various formats for organic engagement
- **Ad Types:** Sponsored versions with targeting capabilities
- **Integration:** Ads blend naturally with organic content

**Mnemonic**

PSRIL - Posts, Stories, Reels, IGTV, Live

**Question 5(b) [4 marks]**

What is e-mail marketing? What are different types of e-mail marketing?

**Solution**

**Email Marketing** is direct digital communication with customers through personalized email messages.

**Table 24.** Email Marketing Types

<b>Type</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Example</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	Regular updates and information	Monthly company news
<b>Promotional</b>	Sales and offers	Discount codes, new products
<b>Transactional</b>	Purchase confirmations	Order receipts, shipping updates
<b>Welcome Series</b>	New subscriber onboarding	Introduction to brand and products

- **Newsletter:** Builds relationships through valuable content
- **Promotional:** Drives sales and conversions
- **Transactional:** Provides essential customer service information
- **Welcome Series:** Nurtures new subscribers into customers

**Mnemonic**

NPTW - Newsletter, Promotional, Transactional, Welcome

**Question 5(c) [7 marks]**

Explain different types of ad extensions available in Google Ads with an example of each.

**Solution****Table 25.** Google Ad Extensions

Extension Type	Function	Example
<b>Sitelink Extensions</b>	Additional page links	"About Us", "Contact", "Products"
<b>Call Extensions</b>	Phone number display	"+1-800-123-4567"
<b>Location Extensions</b>	Business address	"123 Main St, City, State"
<b>Callout Extensions</b>	Highlight features	"Free Shipping", "24/7 Support"
<b>Price Extensions</b>	Product/service pricing	"Basic Plan: \$19/month"
<b>App Extensions</b>	Mobile app downloads	"Download our iOS/Android app"

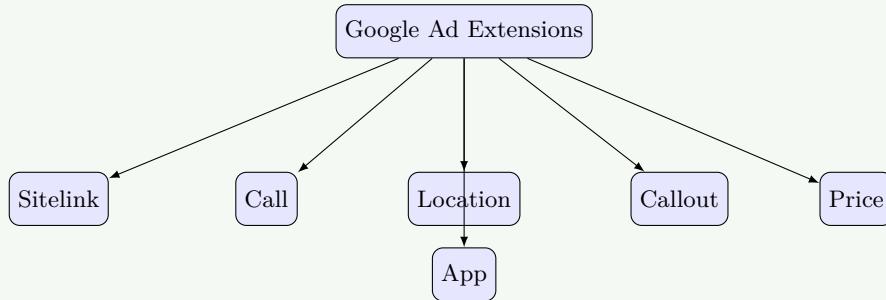


Figure 9. Types of Ad Extensions

**Benefits:**

- Increased CTR:** Extensions make ads more prominent and informative
- Better Quality Score:** Improved ad performance leads to lower costs
- Enhanced User Experience:** Users get more relevant information
- Competitive Advantage:** More screen real estate than competitors

**Implementation:**

- Automatic:** Google may show relevant extensions automatically
- Manual:** Advertisers can create and customize specific extensions
- Performance:** Extensions shown based on predicted impact

**Mnemonic**

SCLCPA - Sitelink, Call, Location, Callout, Price, App

**Question 5(a OR) [3 marks]**

Explain importance and benefits of social media marketing.

**Solution****Table 26.** Social Media Benefits

Benefit	Impact
<b>Brand Awareness</b>	Increases visibility and recognition
<b>Customer Engagement</b>	Direct interaction and relationship building
<b>Cost-Effective</b>	Lower costs compared to traditional advertising

- Brand Awareness:** Exponential reach through sharing and viral content
- Customer Engagement:** Real-time feedback and community building
- Cost-Effective:** High ROI with targeted advertising options

**Mnemonic**

BEC - Brand awareness, Engagement, Cost-effective

**Question 5(b OR) [4 marks]**

Give the difference between PPC and SEO.

**Solution****Table 27.** PPC vs SEO

Aspect	PPC (Pay-Per-Click)	SEO (Search Engine Optimization)
<b>Cost</b>	Paid advertising	Organic/Free traffic
<b>Results</b>	Immediate visibility	Long-term sustainable results
<b>Control</b>	Full control over ads	Limited control over rankings
<b>Duration</b>	Results stop when payments stop	Long-lasting results

- **PPC:** Immediate results but requires ongoing investment
- **SEO:** Takes time to build but provides sustainable long-term value
- **Integration:** Best results come from combining both strategies
- **Budget:** PPC needs advertising budget; SEO needs time investment

**Mnemonic**

ICRD - Immediate vs Continuous, Results vs Duration

**Question 5(c OR) [7 marks]**

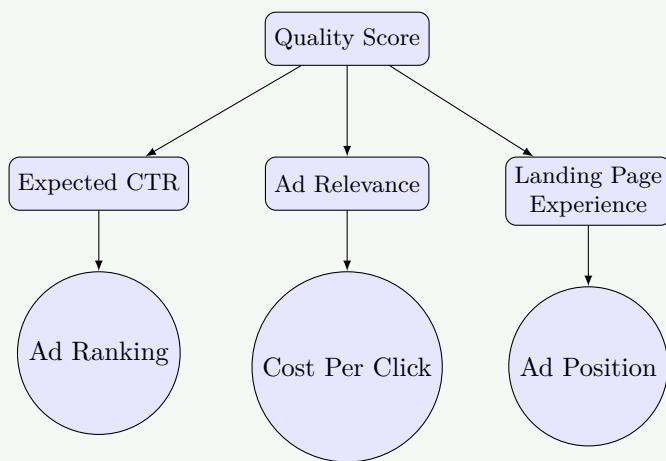
Explain the concept of Quality Score in Google AdWords and its impact on ad rankings.

**Solution**

**Quality Score** is Google's rating (1-10) of ad quality, keywords, and landing pages.

**Table 28.** Quality Score Components

Component	Weight	Impact
<b>Expected CTR</b>	High	Predicted likelihood users will click
<b>Ad Relevance</b>	High	How closely ad matches search intent
<b>Landing Page Experience</b>	Medium	Page quality and user experience

**Figure 10.** Quality Score Impact**Impact on Ad Rankings:****Table 29.** Ranking Impact

Quality Score	Ad Rank Impact	Cost Impact
<b>High (8-10)</b>	Higher positions	Lower CPC
<b>Medium (5-7)</b>	Average positions	Average CPC
<b>Low (1-4)</b>	Lower positions	Higher CPC

**Benefits of High Quality Score:**

- **Lower Costs:** Pay less per click than competitors
- **Better Positions:** Appear higher in search results
- **Increased Visibility:** More ad extension eligibility
- **Improved ROI:** Better performance at lower costs

**Optimization Strategies:**

- **Keyword Relevance:** Match keywords closely to ad copy
- **Ad Copy Quality:** Write compelling, relevant ad text
- **Landing Page:** Ensure fast, relevant, user-friendly pages
- **Account Structure:** Organize campaigns and ad groups logically

**Mnemonic**

EAL-RCP - Expected CTR, Ad relevance, Landing page affect Rank, Cost, Position