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Read the questions carefully.

All questions are compulsory.

Marks are written in small brackets ()

Max. Marks: 40

Time: 120 mins

1. Give one line answer to each of the following questions. Each question carries 1 mark. (10)

- (a) Expand AEIOU in Empathy mapping [CO3, BT 2]
- (b) What is the purpose of developing proof of concept? [CO2, BT 2]
- (c) What is the purpose of developing proof of production? [CO1, BT 2]
- (d) Name any one source of creeping specifications? [CO1, BT 2]
- (e) On which type of analogy vacuum cleaner is based? [CO1, BT 2]
- (f) When is SCAMPER used during Brain storming? [CO2, BT 1]
- (g) Which type of memory is utilized during natural mapping? [CO4, BT 1]
- (h) Name two major ways for securing funding to a startup. [CO5, BT 1]
- (i) What is an intellectual property? [CO5, BT 2]
- (j) Give two examples of innovation. [CO 5, BT 1]

2. Answer following questions in limited words.

- (a) What is the importance of identification of need in a design process? Explain by giving an example. (3) [CO1, BT 4]
- (b) Giving suitable example, explain various phases of product development. (3) [CO2, BT 2]
- (c) By citing example from the videos given to you, explain the importance of taking feedback from the end users during the design process. (4) [CO3, BT 3]

3. Answer following questions in limited words.

- (a) Who is an entrepreneur? Briefly explain any 4 characteristics of an entrepreneur. (3) [CO5, BT 3]
- (b) When is innovation said to take place? Briefly explain various types of innovation (4) [CO5, BT 3]
- (c) With the help of Gulf of execution and gulf of evaluation, explain various stages of action. With help of a schematic diagram, relate various attributes of discoverability to them. (3) [CO4, BT 3]

4. Differentiate among ANY 4 of the following pair of terms. In each case, explain the differences by citing an example. (2.5 X 4 = 10) [BT 2]

i. Memory for arbitrary things vs Memory for meaningful things [CO 4]	ii. Gate Stage method vs Spiral Method of project planning [CO 1]
iii. Innovation vs Invention [CO 1, 5]	iv. Knowledge in world vs Knowledge in head [CO 3]
v. Affordance vs Signifier [CO 2]	vi. Business vs startup [CO 5]