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**SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**  
**MAY/JUNE 2012 EXAMINATION**

MBA 741/841 Management Planning and Control Systems  
Time Allowed: 2 hours

*INSTRUCTION* : Attempt any 3 question of your choice. Each question carries 23.3 marks. Present your answer legibly and logically using relevant examples.

- (1) What is the nature of the relationship between planning and the key managerial tasks and why are planning and control termed Siamese twins? ( 23 .3marks )
- (2) (a) Briefly describe the key elements of the planning process.  
(b) Why is planning described as a process? How does a defect in any part of the process affect the entire plan? ( 23 .3marks)
- (3) Briefly mention and define three control methods known to you. For each of these methods, give a detailed explanation of the process, advantages and disadvantages and critical success factors. ( 23 .3marks )
- (4) Why are operational control methods not suitable for strategic controls? Describe any three types / instruments of strategic control known to you. ( 23 .3marks )
- (5) What are the roles of the CEO and the planning manager in administering the system. ( 23 .3marks )

