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MARCH/APRIL 2016 EXAMINATION
SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

Course Code: ENT 417

Credit Unit: 2

Course Title: Production Management I

Time Allowed: 2 Hours

Instructions:

1. Attempt question number one (1) and any other two (2).
2. Question number 1 is compulsory and carries 30 marks while the other 2 carry 20 marks each.
3. Present all your points in coherent and orderly manner.

1. (a) Discuss the factors to be considered when selecting plant and equipment. (10 marks)
(b) Outline the responsibilities of the specialist staff that are involved in maintenance. (5 marks)
(c) Highlight the objectives of method study. (5 marks)
(d) Discuss five types of operations control. (10 marks)
2. (a) Distinguish between simplification and standardization. (4 marks)
(b) Differentiate between specialization and diversification. (4 marks)
(c) Why do organizations embark on diversification? (5 marks)
(d) Discuss the fact that 'production function' exists in all types of industry. (7 marks)
3. (a) What is production? (5 marks)
(b) Identify and discuss the key aspects of production. (15 marks)
4. (a) Discuss the prime responsibilities of the planning and control department (6 marks)
(b) Highlight the main tasks of progress control. (4 marks)
(c) Distinguish between centralized inspection and floor inspection. (4 marks)
(d) Distinguish between work measurement and method study with examples. (6 marks)
5. (a) Discuss the key decisions to be made in equipment design. (5 marks)
(b) Discuss the merits of process and product layout. (5 marks)
(c) Define work measurement and discuss its techniques. (10 marks)