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This paper consists of **EIGHT (8)** pages including the front page. Section A: Objective (25 questions – answer **ALL**) Section B: Essay (3 questions – answer **ALL**)

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(CLO stated at the end of each question is referring to the learning outcome of the topic assessed. The CLO stated is only for lectures' references.)

#### **SECTION A**

### **OBJECTIVES (25 marks)**

#### **INSTRUCTION:**

This section consists of TWENTY FIVE (25) objective questions. Answer ALL questions.

- 1. "The design, operation and improvement of the systems that create and deliver the firms primary products and services". This statement refers to [CLO 1]
  - A. Logistics Management
  - B. Inventory and Stocks Management
  - C. Supply Chain Management
  - D. Reverse Logistics Management.
- 2. Below are the processes of Supply Chain Management, **EXCEPT** [CLO 1]
  - A. Sourcing
  - B. Buying
  - C. Planning
  - D. Delivering
- 3. Which of the following is the reason why companies outsource their resources? [CLO 2]
  - A. To reduce cost of operations
  - B. To minimizing the defects of product
  - C. To provide good service from other logistics provider
  - D. To reduce the usage of man power
- 4. A few logistics providers should be considered before outsourcing, because [CLO 2]
  - A. to get the best logistics providers available to meet their needs
  - B. to get the lowest price of services
  - C. to protect their business legacy
  - D. to create a good relationship between the company and logistics providers

- 5. Which of the following is the reason that drives companies to outsource globally? [CLO 2]
  - A. Technology exchange driven
  - B. Cost of operations driven
  - C. Organizationally driven
  - D. Time consuming driven
- 6. Below are the challenges face by the companies that outsource globally, **EXCEPT** [CLO 2]
  - A. poor coordination
  - B. no-brainer logistics provider
  - C. overload non-core activities
  - D. cost reduction
- 7. "Development and management of global supplier relationships to acquire goods and services". This refers to [CLO 2]
  - A. strategic sourcing
  - B. domestic logistics provider sourcing
  - C. international business and supply chain
  - D. None of the above
- 8. Below are the sourcing strategies, **EXCEPT** [CLO 2]
  - A. Randomly supplier selection
  - B. Spot purchase
  - C. Request for proposal
  - D. None of the above
- 9. Qualitative method in forecasting can be described as [CLO 2]
  - A. a discussion using linear regression technique
  - B. a forecast range of assumptions
  - C. a subjective or judgmental and are based on estimates and opinions
  - D. a method based on ideas that data relating to past demand.

- 10. "Demand for a product or service caused by the demand for other products or services". This statement refers to [CLO 2]
  - A. Independent Demand
  - B. Dependent Demand
  - C. Qualitative Demand
  - D. Quantitative Demand
- 11. Just in Time is being practice in many manufacturing company. Just in Time is a concept to ensure the production or operation of manufacturing or business run smoothly. It can be defined as [CLO 2]
  - A. an inventory management philosophy aimed at reducing waste and redundant inventory by delivering products, components or materials when organizations need them
  - B. an inventory management process where all the components are available and sometimes exceed the storage in order to ensure there are enough supply in a factory
  - C. logistics strategies, in order to ensure the transportation and forwarding are competitive in the industry
  - D. inventory and storage management techniques where the storage exceeds the warehouse space, to create back-up stocks
- 12. Choose the element of Just in Time concept [CLO 2]
  - A. Logistics
  - B. Carriers
  - C. Manufacturing
  - D. Purchasing
- 13. Performance features and reliability are the tools in one of the Supply Chain Management. This Supply Chain Management techniques refers to [CLO 2]
  - A. Total Quality Management
  - B. Inventory Control
  - C. Warehouse Management Systems
  - D. All of the above

- 14. Below are the different modes in transportation, **EXCEPT** [CLO 2]
  - A. Land transport
  - B. Sea transport
  - C. Air Transport
  - D. Freight Transport
- 15. Why companies hold inventory in warehouse? [CLO 2]
  - A. To increase the transportation cost
  - B. To have surplus of stocks and inventory
  - C. To reduce labor cost
  - D. To support the firm's customer services policies
- 16. Determine the element of Total Quality Management (TQM). [CLO 2]
  - A. Focus on the customer.
  - B. Workforce involvement.
  - C. Deming's Way
  - D. Kaizan practices
- 17. The following are tools used in Total Quality Management (TQM) are for the purpose of [CLO 2]
  - A. generate the ideas.
  - B. organize the data.
  - C. identify problems.
  - D. calculate operation cost
- 18. The tools used in generating the ideas as follows, **EXCEPT** [CLO 2]
  - A. Histograms
  - B. Check sheet.
  - C. Scatter diagram.
  - D. Cause-and-effect diagram.

- 19. Flow diagram can be explained as [CLO 2]
  - A. a tool to present data in an organized fashion, indicating process problems from most to least severe.
  - B. annotated boxes representing process to show the flow of products or customers.
  - C. a tool to aid in brainstorming and isolating the causes of a problem.
  - D. a tool to determine frequencies for specific problems.
- 20. Transportation service companies are classified legally as [CLO 2]
  - A. common carriers.
  - B. contract carriers.
  - C. exempt carriers.
  - D. All of the above.
- 21. Pipelines are able to deliver only limited amount of products because [CLO2]
  - A. the flow of products within the pipeline are monitored and controlled by computer.
  - B. losses and damages due to pipelines leaks or breaks are extremely rare.
  - C. climatic conditions have minimal effects on products moving in pipelines.
  - D. All of the above.
- 22. Intermodal movements are combination of two or more modes in single product movements. Which of the following is **NOT** a Intermodal Transportation? [CLO 2]
  - A. Stern.
  - B. Piggy Back.
  - C. Road Railer.
  - D. Train.
- 23. "This warehouse is used to store of personal stock rather than merchandise. The property is typically stored for an extended period as temporary layover option". This statement refers to [CLO 3]
  - A. Special Commodity Warehouse
  - B. Household Good Warehouse
  - C. Public Warehouse
  - D. General Merchandise Warehouse

- 24. Factors that might influence channel structure in Supply Chain Management includes [CLO 1]
  - A. technological, cultural, physical, social and political factors.
  - B. cost and time factors
  - C. labor, technological and transportation factors
  - D. All of the above
- 25. Below are the advantages of Public Warehouse, **EXCEPT** [CLO 2]
  - A. conservation of capital
  - B. the ability to increase warehouse space to cover peak requirements
  - C. degree of control
  - D. reduced risk

#### **SECTION B**

#### ESSAY (75 marks)

#### **INSTRUCTION:**

This section consists of THREE (3) essay questions. Answer ALL questions.

# **QUESTION 1**

a) Explain what is outsourcing. [CLO 2]

(10 marks)

b) Discuss **FIVE (5)** reasons why companies outsource resources to logistics provider. [CLO 2] (15 marks)

### **QUESTION 2**

a) Describe Countertrade. [CLO 2]

(10 marks)

b) Discuss Capacity Planning. [CLO 2]

(15 marks)

# **QUESTION 3**

Transportation is a vital activity in transporting both freight and passengers around the world.

a) Discuss the modes of transportation. [CLO 2]

(10marks)

- b) Identify the differences between Private Warehouse and Public
  Warehouse. [CLO 2] (5marks)
- c) Explains **FIVE (5)** roles of a warehouses? [CLO 2] (10 marks)