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### **INSTRUCTIONS**

Answer **all** Questions.

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Start **each** question on a new page in your answer booklet.

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The marks allocated to **each** question are shown at the end of the section.

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**Show all your workings.**

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Credit will be given for logical, systematic and neat presentations.

1. Briefly, explain the following Production and Operations Management terms:
  - a. Lean production [4 marks]
  - b. Batch production [4 marks]
  - c. Fixed position layout [4 marks]
  - d. Operations management [4 marks]
  - e. Total Quality Management [4 marks]
2. Explain the role and responsibilities of the Operations manager within an organisation. [10 marks]
3. A restaurant prepares and serves food and drink to customers. Meals are generally served and eaten on premises but many restaurants also offer take-out (take-away) and food delivery services. Restaurants vary greatly in appearance and offerings including a wide variety of cuisines and service models. Restaurants may include wait staff or waitstaff, others provide counter service and some are buffet style. State 6 inputs, 4 conversion processes, 4 outputs, 2 managers and 4 feedback of the restaurant [10 marks]
4. The results of inspection of 10 samples each containing 4 units are tabulated in the following table:

No. of Observations	Sub-group size			
	a	b	c	d
1	47	32	44	35
2	33	33	34	34
3	34	34	31	34
4	12	21	24	47
5	35	23	38	40
6	19	37	31	27
7	23	45	26	37
8	33	12	29	43
9	25	22	37	33
10	29	32	30	13

- a. Compute the control limits for the X and R charts. Explain how the results can be used to control the production system in future. [10 marks]
  - b. Explain the main features of Deming's quality philosophy. [10 marks]
5. You are given the estimated annual demand of 10000 gallons of paint, an annual carrying cost of \$0.75 per gallon and ordering cost of \$150 per order. Given also that  $TC = \frac{DC_o}{Q} + CD + \frac{QC_h}{2}$ , where TC = total cost, Q = order quantity, D = annual demand,  $C_h$  = cost of holding item for the whole year and  $C_o$  = cost of placing an order.
  - (a) Calculate the
    - i) Optimum order quantity ( $Q^*$ ) [3 Marks]
    - ii) Total Cost (TC) [4 Marks]

- iii) Number of orders per year [3 Marks]
- iv) Order cycle time [3 Marks]
- (b) State three assumptions of the Economic Order Quantity (EOQ) model [3 Marks]
- (c) Explain the ABC inventory classification system [4 marks]

6. The process of equalising the amount of work at each workstation is called line balancing

- (a). What are the objectives of line balancing? [4 Marks]
- (b). A company needs to produce 40 photocopier machines per day. There are 480 minutes available per day. Given the following additional information:

Task	Performance time (minutes)	Predecessors
A	10	-
B	11	A
C	5	B
D	4	B
E	12	A
F	3	C, D
G	7	F
H	11	E
I	3	G, H

- i) Draw and label a precedence diagram [5 Marks]
- ii) Calculate the desired cycle time required for the line [2 Marks]
- iii) Calculate the minimum number of workstations [2 Marks]
- iv) Group the elements into workstations [3 Marks]
- v) Calculate the efficiency and balance delay of the line [4 Marks]

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Additional information

1: Capacity Utilisation	Capacity utilization rate = $\frac{\text{Capacity used}}{\text{Best operating level}}$
2: Moving Average	$MA_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n D_i}{n}$
3: Weighted Moving Average	$WMA_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n W_i D_i}{n}$
4: Smoothing Model	$F_{t+1} = \alpha D_t + (1 - \alpha) F_t$
5: Adjusted Smoothing Model	$AF_{t+1} = F_{t+1} + T_{t+1}$
6	$T_{t+1} = \beta (F_{t+1} - F_t) + (1 - \beta) T_t$
7: Linear Model	$y = a + bx$ $b = \frac{\sum xy - n\bar{x}\bar{y}}{\sum x^2 - n\bar{x}^2}$ $a = \bar{y} - b\bar{x}$
8: Productivity Measure	Productivity = $\frac{\text{Outputs}}{\text{Inputs}}$
9: Equation	$y = VC(Q) + FC$
10: Total Cost	$TC = \frac{Q}{2} C_h + \frac{D}{Q} C_o + DC$
11: Location Factor Rating	$LFR = \text{Max} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n W_i S_{1i}; \sum_{i=1}^n W_i S_{2i}; \dots \dots \dots; \sum_{i=1}^n W_i S_{ni} \right\}$
12: Centre of Gravity	$x = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i W_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n W_i}, \quad y = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i W_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n W_i}$
13: Load Distance	$LD = \sum_{i=1}^n l_i d_i$ $d_i = \sqrt{(x_i - x)^2 + (y_i - y)^2}$
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