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Time: 3 Hours Max.Marks:75

Note: i) Question paper consists of Part A, Part B.

- ii) Part A is compulsory, which carries 25 marks. In Part A, Answer all questions.
- iii) In Part B, Answer any one question from each unit. Each question carries 10 marks and may have a, b as sub questions.

PART - A

(25 Marks)

- 1.a) List out the characteristics and the benefits of Project management? [5]
- b) Distinguish between internal risk and external risk of a project. [5]
- c) Explain the various means of financing a project. [5]
- d) Discuss the essential ingredients of quality control process. [5]
- e) How is the authority of a typical project manager different from the authority of other managers? [5]

PART - B

(50 Marks)

- 2.a) What aspects of a project might involve some degree of uncertainty? Why it is so?
 - b) Describe the main phases of the project life cycle. [5+5]

OR

- 3.a) What can a firm do to stimulate the flow of project ideas?
 - b) Comment critically on the unique features/risk management initiatives of any large construction project with which you are conversant. [5+5]
- 4.a) What is a feasibility study? Why is it important in project appraisal?
 - b) Describe the various types of feasibility studies undertaken in project evaluation context.

[5+5]

OR

- 5.a) Discuss the steps involved in sensitivity analysis undertaken for project risk analysis.
 - b) Ram is considering an investment which requires a current outlay of Rs.25,000. The expected value and standard deviation of cash flows are as follows:

Year	Expected value(Rs.)	Standard deviation(Rs.)			
1	12,000	5,000			
2	10,000	6,000			
3	9,000	5,000			
4	8,000	6,000			

The cash flows are perfectly correlated. Calculate the expected net present value and standard deviation of net present value of this investment, given that the risk-free rate of interest is 8 percent. [5+5]

6.a) A company is considering two projects, Project A and Project B, each of which requires an initial outlay of Rs.50 million. The expected cash flows from these projects are:

Year	Project A (Rs. In millions)	Project B (Rs. In millions)
1	11	38
2	19	22
3	32	18
4	37	10

- i) What is the payback period for each of these projects?
- ii) What is the discounted payback period for each of the projects if the cost of capital is 12 percent?
- iii) If the two projects are independent and the cost of capital is 12 percent, which project(s) should the firm invest in?
- b) What are the properties of the NPV rule?

[6+4]

OR

- 7.a) Explain the three steps involved in calculating a firm's weighted average cost of capital (WACC)?
 - b) Amway Ltd issued 15 year,14 percent bonds 5 years ago. The bond which has a face value of Rs.100 is currently selling at Rs.108.
 - i) What is the pre-tax cost of debt?
 - ii) What is the after-tax cost of debt? (Assume a 35 percent tax rate).
 - c) Omega Ltd has a target capital structure of 60 percent equity and 40 percent debt. Its cost of equity is 18 percent and its pre-tax cost of debt is 14 percent. If the tax rate is 35 percent, what is the WACC? [3+3+4]
- 8. A work project consists of twelve activities labelled A through L. Upon being asked to specify the order in which the jobs had to be done the manager answered as follows:

 A, B and C are the first activities of the project and can start simultaneously and immediately. A and B precede D while B precedes E,F and H. Activities F and C precede G while E and H precede I and J. C,D,F and J precede K which, in turn, precedes L. Futher I, G and L are the terminal activities of the project.

The completion times of the various activities are listed below:

Activity	A	В	C	D	Е	F	G	Н	I	J	K	L
Time(days)	6	4	10	1	1	3	14	6	9	2	7	5

- a) Draw a network diagram corresponding to this project.
- b) Obtain lengths of all the paths and determine the critical path.

[5+5]

OR

- 9.a) Explain briefly the three phases of the project control process.
 - b) Discuss the different ways of measuring ongoing work progress in a project.

[5+5]

- 10.a) Distinguish between leading and managing a project.
 - b) Discuss why a project manager, to be effective, must understand how stakeholders can affect the project and develop suitable methods for managing the dependencies/web of relationships. [5+5]

OR

- 11.a) Outline the conditions of management and the team members essential for team building interventions to succeed and give three examples of situations where team building could be fruitfully employed.
 - b) What is 'social support' and what are its sources?
 - c) Does social support reduce job stress? Explain.

[4+3+3]