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**MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS
(Common for ALL BRANCHES)**

Duration: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 70

Note: 1. This paper contains questions from 5 units of Syllabus. Each unit carries 14 marks and have an internal choice of Questions.

2. All parts of Question must be answered in one place.

BL – Blooms Level

CO – Course Outcome

			BL	CO	Max. Marks
UNIT-I					
1	a)	List out characteristics of Management Information Systems.	L2	CO1	7 M
	b)	Is strategic planning essential for an organization - Justify?	L2	CO1	7 M
OR					
2	a)	Define MIS. Explain its role in improving an industry.	L2	CO1	7 M
	b)	Distinguish between information system & management information system.	L2	CO1	7 M
UNIT-II					
3	a)	Highlight the characteristics of Business Decision Making.	L3	CO2	7 M
	b)	Describe in detail the process of Decision Making.	L2	CO2	7 M

OR

4	a)	What is the role of information in generating a quality product?	L2	CO2	7 M
	b)	List out the factors of success and failure for MIS.	L3	CO2	7 M

UNIT-III

5	a)	Describe various software testing strategies in TQM.	L2	CO2	7 M
	b)	Explain how MIS is applied in any sector using online transaction processing system?	L2	CO2	7 M

OR

6	a)	Analyze the importance of production management system in implementing MIS.	L3	CO2	7 M
	b)	What are the applications of MIS in marketing management for satisfying the consumer?	L2	CO2	7 M

UNIT-IV

7	a)	Highlight the functionality of Decision Support System.	L3	CO3	7 M
	b)	Explain the importance of Group Decision Support Systems (GDSS).	L2	CO3	7 M

OR

8	a)	What is the role of artificial intelligence for management decisions?	L3	CO3	7 M
	b)	Highlight the importance of business process re-engineering.	L3	CO3	7 M

UNIT-V

9	a)	Explain in detail the importance of Electronic Commerce Environment.	L3	CO4	7 M
	b)	Describe about Secure Electronic Transaction.	L2	CO4	7 M

OR

10	a)	Explain the types of secure transport protocols.	L2	CO4	7 M
	b)	List out the modes of electronic commerce.	L3	CO4	7 M

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Scheme of EvaluationMaximum Marks-70

- 1a) Characteristics of MIS- 7M
- 1b) Strategic planning- 7M

- 2a) Definition of MIS-3M
 Role in improving an industry-4M
- 2b) Information system- 3M
 Management Information System- 4M

- 3a) Business Decision Making- 7M

- 3b) Process of Decision Making- 7M

- 4a) Information a quality product- 7M
- 4b) Factors of success in MIS - 4M
 Factors of failures in MIS – 3M

- 5a) Software testing strategies in TQM- 7M
- 5b) Online transaction processing system- 7M

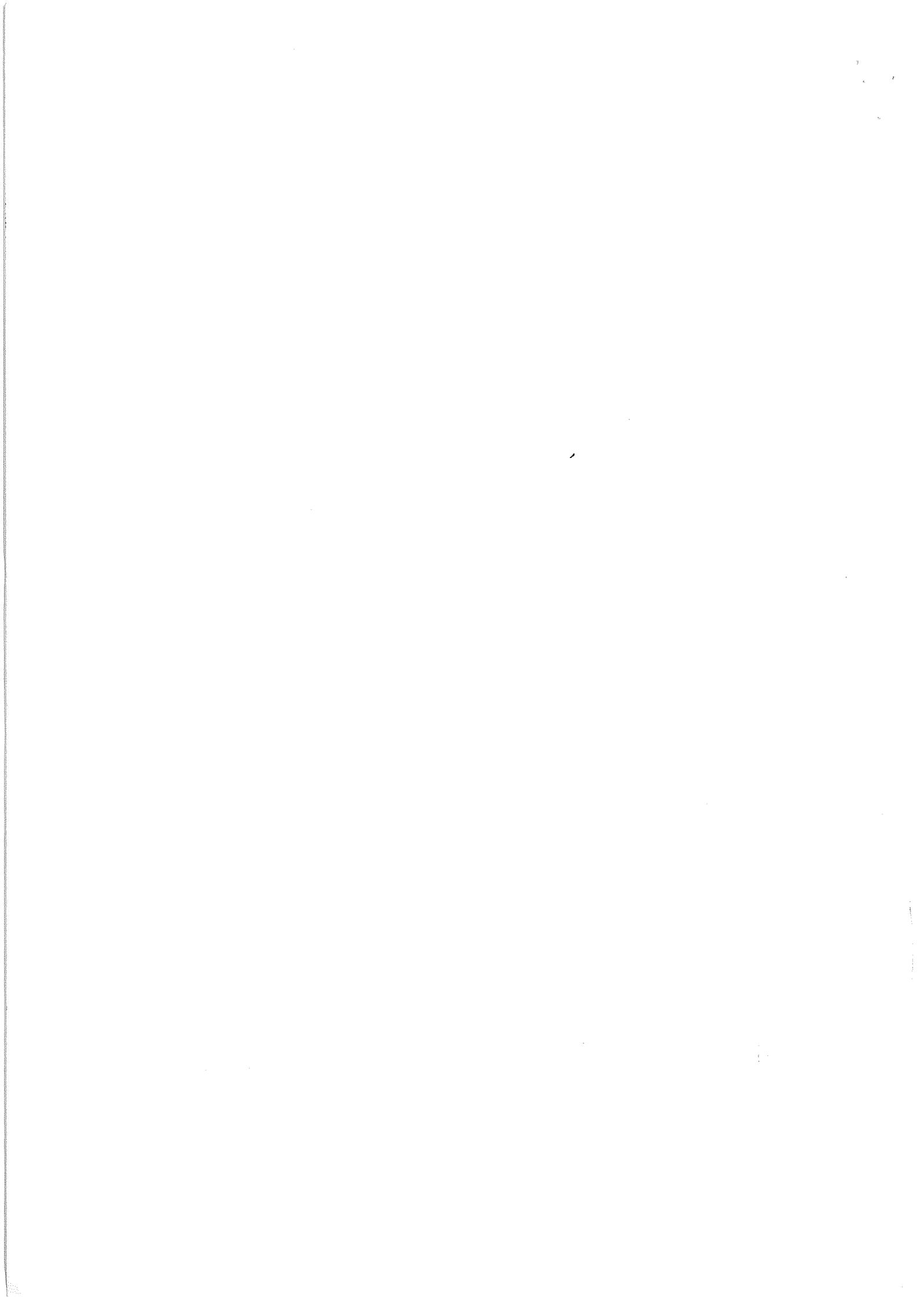
- 6a) Production Management- 5M
 Model system diagram – 2M
- 6b) Marketing Management system Application - 7M

- 7a) Functionality of DSS- 7M
- 7b) About GDSS- 7M

- 8a) AI for Management decisions- 7M
- 8b) Business Process Re-Engineering- 7M

- 9a) Importance of e-commerce environment- 7M
- 9b) Secure electronic transaction - 7M

- 10a) Secure transport protocols- 7M
- 10b) Modes of e-commerce - 7M



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1a) List out Characteristics of Management Information Systems. FM

- Provides reports with fixed and standard formats.
- Uses internal data stored in the computer system.
- Requires formal requests from users.
- Designed to support planning, controlling, and decision-making at managerial levels.
- Combines data from different functional areas (finance, HR, production, marketing).
- Uses a shared and consistent data source to avoid duplication.
- Provides information at the right time for effective decision-making.
- Relies on computers, software, and networks for data processing and reporting.

1b) Is strategic planning essential for an organization-Justify? FM

The following reasons make planning an essential management process to keep the business in a good shape and condition:

1. Market forces
2. Technological change
3. Complex diversity of business
4. Competition
5. Environment (Threats, Challenges, and Opportunities)

1. Market Forces:

- It is very difficult to predict the market forces such as the demand and supply, the trend of the market growth, the consumer behaviour and the choices, the emergence of new products and the new product concepts.
- The ability of the organization to predict these forces and plan the strategies is limited for the various reasons.
- The market forces affect the sales, the growth and the profitability.
- With the problems arising out of market forces, it is difficult to reorient the organization quickly to meet the eventualities adversely

affecting the business unless the business is managed through a proper business plan.

2. Technological change

- There are a number of illustrative cases throughout the world on the technological breakthroughs and changes which have threatened the current business creating new business opportunities.
- The emergence of the microchip, plastic, laser technology, fibre optics technology, nuclear energy, wireless communication, audio-visual transmission, turbo engines, thermal conductivity and many more, are the examples which have made some products obsolete, threatening the current business, but at the same time, have created new business opportunities.

3. Complex diversity of business

- The scope of business is wide, touching many fronts.
- The variety of products, the different market segments, the various methods of manufacturing, the multiple locations, the dependence on the external factors, such as the transport, the communications and the manufacturing resources brings complexity in the management of business.
- Many factors are uncontrollable and unless there is a plan, prepared with due consideration to the diverse and complex nature of business, handling these factors is not possible.
- This might lead to the loss of business opportunity.

4. Competition

- Facing competition in the business means fighting on a number of fronts. Competition could be direct or indirect.
- It may share the market or create a new product which will shift the market affecting your business.
- Strategies also have to be implemented in a proper sequence as business competition demands an intricate planning, testing and implementation of the strategies.
- The competition should never be underestimated and has to be met squarely through corporate planning.

5. Environment (Threats, Challenges, and Opportunities):

- The environment is beyond the control of the management. Depending upon the organisation's business and its propose, different environments have bearing on the fortunes of business.

- Forecasting the probable environment changes like the change in population, population mix, consumer preferences and their behaviour, government policies, new opportunities and so on and so forth, is a major task under corporate planning.
- Planning is neither forecasting nor making future decisions today; it is making current decisions in the light of future.
- Planning does not eliminate the risk but provides an effective tool to face it.

2a) Define MIS? Explain its role in improving an industry.

- Simply MIS stand For Management Information System.

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We can divide in to three Word and Understand Part by part

- Management: - "Management is function to do the work at the Right time, by the right Person, For the Right Job."
- Information: - "Information is the Collection of Organized data which plays a Vital Role for decision making."
- System:-"System Consist for a set of elements which Provides a Framework to convert Unorganized (Data) into Organized Information."
- Management Information System (MIS) provides information for the managerial activities in an organization.
- The main purpose of MIS provides accurate and timely information necessary to facilitate the decision-making process and enable the organizations operational functions to be carried out effectively.
- Management Information System (MIS) is basically concerned with processing data into information and then communicated to the various Departments in an organization for appropriate decision-making.

Role of Management Information System

- Helps in Decision making.
- Helps in Coordination among the Department.
- Helps in Finding out Problems.
- Helps in Comparison of Business Performance.
- The MIS, therefore, plays a vital role in the management, administration and operations of an organization.

2b) Distinguish between information system and Management Information System.

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Information System (IS):

- An information system is a broad term that refers to the collection of hardware, software, data, people, and processes used to manage and process information within an organization. It encompasses various systems that can serve different purposes, such as transaction processing, data management, and communication.
- Examples include transaction processing systems (TPS), customer relationship management (CRM) systems, and supply chain management (SCM) systems.
- Information systems can be used at all levels of the organization and may or may not be tailored specifically for management purposes.

Management Information System (MIS):

- A Management Information System is a specialized subset of information systems specifically designed to help managers make better, data-driven decisions. It involves the collection, processing, and dissemination of information to support planning, controlling, and decision-making functions within an organization.
- MIS focuses on delivering summarized, timely, and relevant data that aligns with the information needs of different levels of management (operational, tactical, and strategic).
- It primarily serves mid-to-upper-level managers and is more focused on the needs of management than general information systems.

In summary, while all MIS are information systems, not all information systems are MIS. An information system serves general organizational needs, whereas a Management Information System is designed specifically to meet the informational requirements of managers to aid in decision-making and strategy.

3a) Highlight the Characteristics of Business Decision Making. FM

The major characteristics of the business decision-making are:

Sequential in nature:

- The business decision-making is sequential in nature.
- In business, the decisions are not isolated events. Each of them has a relation to some other decision or situation.
- The decision may appear as a "snap" decision but it is made only after a long chain of developments and a series of related earlier decisions.

Exceedingly complex due to risks and trade offs:

- The decision-making process is a complex process in the higher hierarchy of management.
- The complexity is the result of many factors, such as the inter-relationship among the experts or decision makers, a job

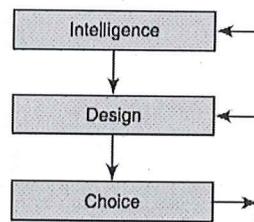
responsibility, a question of feasibility, the codes of morals and ethics, and a probable impact on business.

Influenced by personal values:

- The personal values of the decision maker play a major role in decision-making.
- A decision otherwise being very sound on the business principle and economic rationality may be rejected on the basis of the personal values, which are defeated if such a decision is implemented.
- The culture, the discipline and the individual's commitment to goals will decide the process and success of the decision.

3b) Describe in details the process of decision making.

- Decision-making is a process which the decision maker uses to arrive at a decision.
- The core of this process is described by Herbert Simon in a model.
- He describes the model in three phases as shown in Fig. viz.: (a) Intelligence; (b) Design; and (c) Choice. MIS follow this model in its development stage.



Intelligence:

- Raw data collected, processed and examined.
- Identifies a problem calling for a decision.

Design:

- Inventing, developing and analyzing the different decision alternatives and testing the feasibility of implementation.
- Assess the value of the decision outcome.

Choice:

- Select one alternative as a decision, based on the selection criteria.

4a) What is the role of information in generating a quality product?.

- The quality of information can be measured on the four dimensions, viz., utility, satisfaction, error and bias.

- The utility dimensions has four facets—the form, the time, the access and the possession.

The Form:- If the information is presented in the form the manager requires, then its utility increases.

The Time:- If it is available when needed, the utility is optimized.

The Access:- If the information is easily and quickly accessible through the Online Access System, its utility gets an added boost.

The Possession:- Lastly, if the information is possessed by the manager who needs it, then its utility is the highest.

- Many of the organizations suffer from the possessive nature of the managers making an access difficult for the other users of the information.
- Improving the quality through increasing a utility means an increase in the cost.
- The balance, therefore, is to be maintained between the cost and the utility.

Satisfaction:

- The one common key for measuring the quality could be satisfaction of the decision maker.
- The degree of satisfaction would determine the quality of the information.
- If the organization has a high degree of satisfaction, then one can be safe in saying that the information systems are designed properly to meet the information needs of the managers at all the levels.

Error

- An error is the third dimension of the quality of the information.
- The errors creep in on account of various reasons, namely:
 1. An incorrect data measurement.
 2. An incorrect collection method.
 3. Failure to follow the prescribed data processing procedure.
 4. Loss of data or incomplete data.
 5. Poor application of data validation and control systems.
 6. A deliberate falsification.

- The measures of system auditing, the use of the test data and conducting a physical audit of the record versus the reality would help considerably to control the errors arising out of wrong processing.

Bias

Impartiality

- An impartial information contains no bias and has been collected without any distorted view of the situation.
- The partiality creeps in, if the data is collected with a preconceived view, a prejudice, and a pre-determined objective or a certain motive.

Validity

- The validity of the information relates to the purpose of the information.
- In other words, it is the answer to the question—does the information meet the purpose of decision-making for which it is being collected?

Reliability

- It is connected to the representation and the accuracy of what is being described.
- For example, if the organization collects the information on the product acceptance in the selected market segment, the size of the sample and the method of selection of the sample will decide the reliability.

Consistency

- The information is termed as inconsistent if it is derived from a data which does not have consistent pattern of period.
- Somewhere, the information must relate to a consistent base or a pattern.
- For example, you have collected the information on the quantity of production for the last twelve months to fix the production norms.

Age

- If the information is old, it is not useful today.
- The currency of the information makes all the difference to the users.
- If the information is old then it does not meet any characteristics of the information viz., the update of knowledge, the element of surprise and the reduction of uncertainty, and the representation.

4b) List out the factors of success and failure for MIS.

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- There are some features which make the MIS a success and some others, which make it a failure.
- These factors can be summarized as follows.

Features Contributing to Success:

If an MIS is to be a success then it should have all the features listed as follows:

- The MIS is integrated into the managerial functions. It sets clear objectives to ensure that the MIS focuses on the major issues of the business. Also adequate development resources are provided and the human and organizational barriers to progress are removed.
- An appropriate information processing technology, required to meet the data processing and analysis needs of the users of the MIS, is selected.
- The MIS is oriented, defined and designed in terms of the user's requirements and its operational viability is ensured.

Features Contributing to Failures:

Many a times MIS is a failure. The common observed features responsible for this are listed as follows.

- The MIS is conceived as a data processing and not as an information processing system.
- The MIS does not provide that information which is needed by the managers but it tends to provide the information generally the function calls for. The MIS then becomes an impersonal system.
- Underestimating the complexity in the business systems and not recognizing it in the MIS design leads to problems in the successful implementation.
- Adequate attention is not given to the quality control aspects of the inputs, the process and the outputs leading to insufficient checks and controls in the MIS.
- The MIS is developed without streamlining the business processing systems in the organization.

5a) Discuss various software testing strategies in TQM. FM

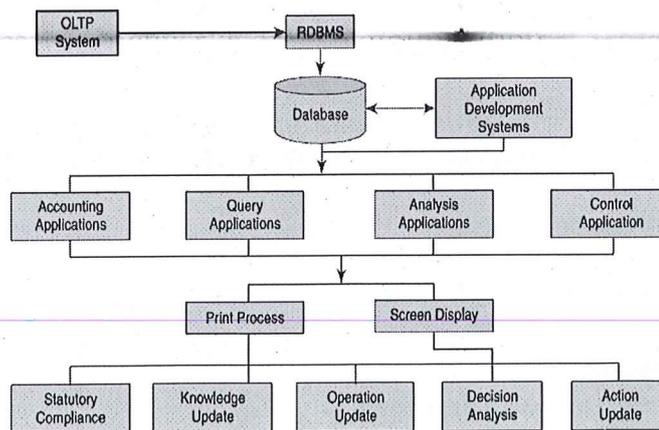
- The objective of the Total Quality Management (TQM) in the information systems design is to assure the quality of information.
- This is done by ensuring, verifying, and maintaining software integrity through an appropriate methodology choice amongst the technology, design and architecture.
- It institutes appropriate procedures with checks and controls in all the processes of information systems development.

- The quality of information is governed by the quality of the information processing system design.
- The perception of good quality is that of a customer or a user of the information system and not that of the conceiver, the planner or the designer of the information system.
- TQM addresses all these requirements of the information systems development.
- It ensures that the information system design is flexible, bug free and easy to maintain with the changing needs.
- In the TQM application to information systems, the technologies play a vital role.
- We can make two parts of these technologies.
- First, as a current and the second one as the emerging technologies.
- The current technologies are database management, distributed data processing, object orientation, parallel processing, data warehousing and replication, networks and communication.
- The emerging technologies are Internet/Intranet, EDI and E-Mail, Groupware for term based application, client/server for application processing, multi-media for voice, video, image processing, imaging systems for image creation, storage mixing knowledge-based (KBS) for expert, artificial intelligence system and Computer Aided Software Engineering (CASE) for a systematic application development including I-CASE.

5b) Explain how the MIS is applied in any sector using online transaction processing system.

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- The online transaction processing system develops data for DBMS and the application development is based on such database.
- The model of information processing system is given in Fig.



- For each application, inputs, which are processed by online transaction processing (OLTP) system, are determined.
- The system designer develops the applications with the objective of accounting the transaction based results and providing the reports on the same.

- The second objective is to provide a Query system for assessment of the status on record, result or document.
- The system provides on the spot screen display showing a status, such as stock of an item, balance of an account, position of purchase order and so on.
- Third objective is to provide a system of analysis of processed data revealing certain business trends or results.
- It is supposed to give certain analytical assessment of the event which will throw light on the validity of decisions, policy and rules.
- It is also supposed to provide certain guidelines and norms for strategic and tactical planning.
- The fourth objective is to provide control information to ensure that the business runs as per the plan, progresses in a set direction and achieves the goals.
- The control information is generated by using the standards, norms, targets and budgets.
- The actual results are compared with these entities and exceptions are highlighted.
- The designer of business application focuses the development on the aspect of accounting, querying, analysis and control.

6a) Production Management:

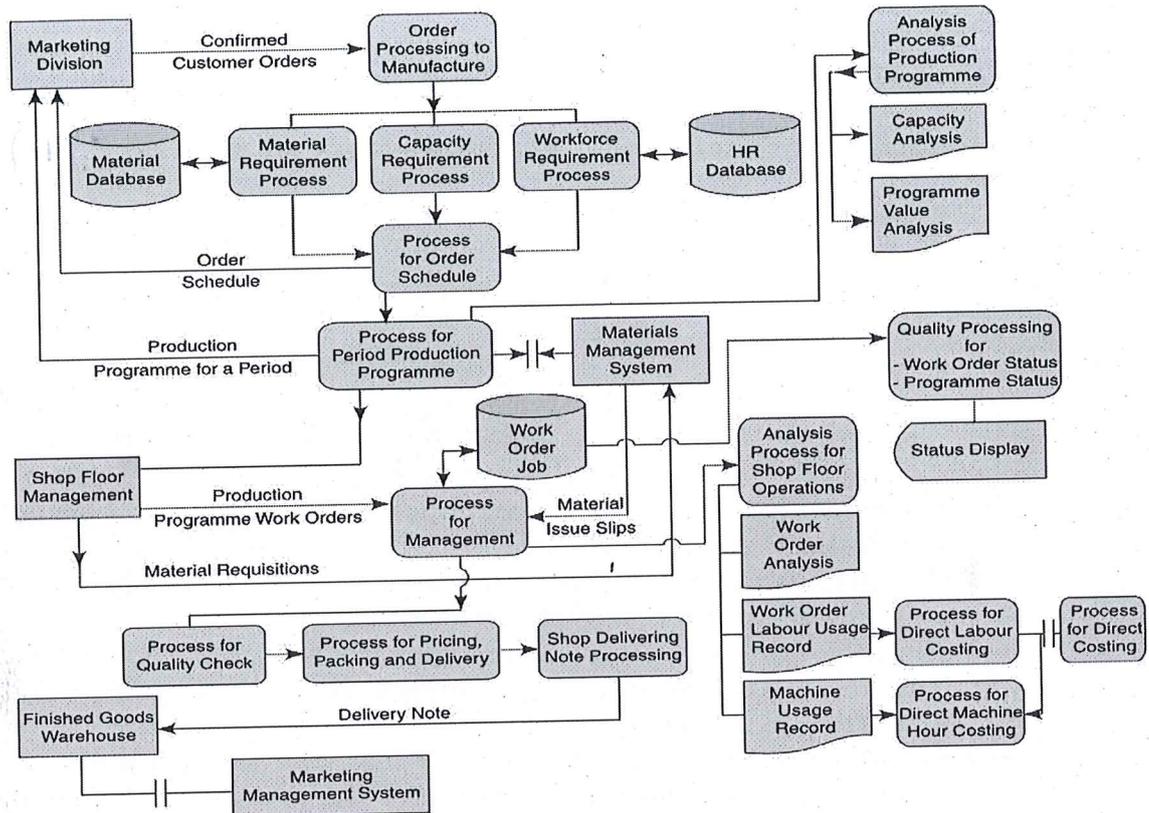
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- The objective of Production Management (PM) function is, to provide manufacturing services to the organization.
- This involves the manufacture of products of a certain specified quality and within certain costs in a stipulated time fulfilling the promises given to the customer.
- The production management function is supported by other functions, viz., Production Planning and Control, Industrial Engineering, Maintenance and Quality Control.

Input Transaction Documents

They relate to planning, issuing and controlling the various tasks involved in the course of production. The details are listed as under:

1. Production programme
2. Production schedule
3. Process planning sheet
4. Job card
5. Job status advice
6. Quality assurance rating form
7. Finished goods advice
8. Breakdown advice
9. Material requirement
10. Material requisition
11. Customer order



Scope: Order Planning – Scheduling – Work order – Manufacturing – Quality Control – Delivery

6b) Marketing Management Applications:

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- The marketing management function deals with satisfying the consumer.
- The scope of function starts from identifying the need of consumer, evolving product concept, designing the product, positioning the product in the market and selling at appropriate price.
- In the process of performing the marketing function, activities such as market research, consumer survey, advertising, sales promotion campaign, stocking of products, developing dealer distributor network from the major tasks.

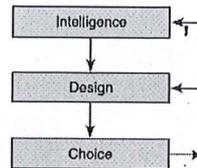
There are several highly process-oriented accounting applications of the marketing management.

- The main accounting entity is sales in terms of quantity and value.
- The detailed entities are as follows:
 1. Product Sale
 2. Product Family
 3. Sales Value
 4. Sales Tax
 5. Dealer
 6. Distributor
 7. Customer
 8. Excise Duty
 9. Zone
 10. Area
 11. Inventory
 12. Receivables
 13. Market Segment
 14. Exports Market
 15. Returns
 16. Complaints

- Accounting applications build a lot of basic data for the organization, which meets the needs of statutory compliance and operations update.

7a) Describe the functionality of decision support system. FM

- Decision Support Systems are an application of Herbert Simon Model.



- The model has three phases, viz. Intelligence, Design and Choice.
- The decision support system basically helps the information system in the intelligence phase where the objective is to identify the problem and then go to the design phase for solution.
- The choice of selection criterion varies from problem to problem.
- It is, therefore, required to go through these phases again and again till a satisfactory solution is found.
- In the use of three phase cycle, you may use either inquiry, analysis, and models or accounting systems to come to a rational solution.
- In decision-making, we know that there are two types of decisions—

Programmable and Non-programmable. '

- The programmable decision, because of its rule base structure, can be computerized, as inputs, processing methodology, analysis and choice of decision-making are predetermined.
- Decision support systems can be built around the rule in case of programmable decision situation.
- While in non-programmable decisions, the rules are not fixed or predetermined, and requires every time the user to go through the decision-making cycle as indicated in the Herbert Simon Model.

7b) Discuss about group decision support systems FM

Group Decision Support Systems (GDSS) are interactive computer-based systems that support decision-making processes for groups. GDSS are designed to facilitate collaboration, improve communication, and structure the decision-making activities of groups, especially in situations where multiple stakeholders or team members need to contribute to a shared outcome. GDSS help reduce barriers to group decision-making, streamline discussions, and lead to more informed and efficient decisions.

Key Features of GDSS

- Collaboration Tools:** GDSS provide tools that help team members communicate, share information, and work together in real-time.

Features may include chat rooms, shared document editing, brainstorming tools, and voting mechanisms.

2. Anonymity: Some GDSS offer anonymous input options, allowing participants to share opinions without fear of judgment or peer pressure. This can lead to more honest and creative contributions.
3. Automated Data Collection and Analysis: GDSS can automatically capture group inputs, organize them, and present results in a clear format, making it easier to analyze data and reach conclusions.
4. Idea Generation and Brainstorming: GDSS facilitate brainstorming sessions by providing tools to capture, organize, and prioritize ideas, helping groups explore all possible solutions.
5. Voting and Ranking: Many GDSS include voting tools that allow members to rank options, making it easier to reach a consensus or majority decision.
6. Documentation: GDSS often document the entire process, from idea generation to final decisions. This documentation is valuable for tracking decisions, accountability, and reviewing outcomes.

Examples of Group Decision Support Systems

1. IBM Lotus Notes
2. Microsoft Teams with Decision-Making Plugins
3. Group Systems Think Tank
4. Google Workspace (with Google Forms)
5. Slack with Polling Apps

8a) What is the role of artificial intelligence for management decisions? JM

- All human beings have intelligence, which they use for problem solving.
- Intelligence when supported by knowledge and reasoning abilities becomes an artificial intelligence.
- When such an artificial intelligence is packed into a database as a system, then what we have is AI system.
- AI systems fall into three basic categories, viz., the Expert Systems (knowledge based), the Natural Language (Native languages) Systems, and the Perception System (vision, speech, touch).
- Artificial intelligence is a software technique applied to the non-numeric data expressed in terms of symbols, statements and patterns.
- It uses the methods of symbolic processing, social and scientific reasoning and conceptual modeling for solving the problems.
- The AI systems are finding applications in configurations, design, diagnosis, interpretation, analysis, planning, scheduling, training, testing and forecasting.
- They liberate experts from solving common/simple problems, leaving the experts to solve complex problems.
- Artificial intelligence systems help to avoid making same mistakes, and to respond quickly and effectively to a new problem situation.

- AI is a field of science and technology where knowledge from other disciplines such as computer science, biology, psychology, mathematics, statistics and engineering is blended together.
- The goal of AI is to develop computer functions and features as close to human intelligence, described as reasoning, learning, problem solving, exhibiting creativity, respond quickly, sort quickly ambiguous and incomplete and or erroneous information or situation.
- This interface enables you to build a 'Virtual Reality'.
- Virtual reality becomes very handy support to test, feel or experience the 'reality' before it is actually created.
- When an architect rotates the model of house for different views, it provides views of the house in virtual reality before building the house.
- Walk through is a simulated virtual experience of walking through house.

8b) Highlight the importance of Business Process Re- Engineering. FM

Definition:

- BPR is the radical redesign of business processes to achieve dramatic improvements in performance, such as cost reduction, increased efficiency, and better customer service.

Purpose:

- BPR is undertaken to fundamentally transform how an organization operates, often by eliminating unnecessary steps, automating processes, and reorganizing roles and responsibilities.

Methodology:

- BPR involves analyzing existing processes, identifying areas for improvement, designing new processes, and implementing the changes. It often requires a change in organizational culture and structure.

Value Stream Mapping in BPR:

- When an organization is undergoing Business Process Reengineering, it often starts with a value stream mapping exercise. This helps BPR teams understand the current state of processes, identify bottlenecks, waste, and areas where MIS can be better utilized to support these processes.

MIS in BPR:

- Management Information Systems play a crucial role in BPR by providing the data and information needed for decision-making during the redesign process. MIS can help identify performance metrics, track

progress, and measure the impact of process changes resulting from BPR efforts.

9a) Explain in details the importance of electronic commerce environment. FM

The electronic commerce (e-commerce) environment is vital in today's digital age for several reasons, driving transformations across business operations, consumer behaviour, and economic landscapes. Here are some of the key reasons why the e-commerce environment is so important:

- E-commerce, short for electronic commerce, is the buying and selling of goods and services over the internet or through other electronic means.
- It has become an integral part of the global economy, transforming the way businesses operate and how consumers shop.
- E-commerce today covers an entire commercial scope online including design and developing, marketing, selling, delivering, servicing, and paying for goods.
- Some E-commerce applications add order tracking as a feature for customer to know the delivery status of the order.
- The entire model successfully works on web platform and uses Internet technology.
- E-commerce process has two participants, namely buyer and seller, like in traditional business model.
- And unique and typical to E-commerce there is one more participant known as 'Merchant Server'.
- Merchant server role in E-commerce ensure secures payment to seller by authorization and authentication of commercial transaction.

In summary, the e-commerce environment has become an essential part of modern commerce, providing both businesses and consumers with flexibility, efficiency, and an expansive marketplace. Its role in driving innovation, creating economic opportunities, and enhancing customer experience highlights why it is indispensable in the digital economy.

9b) Describe about secure electronic transaction. FM

- Internet and web are becoming popular due to easy payment systems protecting the interest of buyer and sellers.
- Different mechanisms and methods are developed to execute payment transactions.

They are the following

- Payments by Consumers: Credit and debit cards, automated teller machines (ATM), stored value cards and electronic banking.
- Online Payments: Digital cash, electronic cheques, smart cards, encrypted credit cards.

- Payments between B2B: Interbank transfers through automated clearing houses.
- Electronic payment systems are safe to a great extent through security mechanisms of password, ID check, cross check on collaborative data, and authentication by third party.
- The companies involved E-commerce, follow secure electronic transactions (SET) protocol, which when incorporated in payment system, offer confidentiality and integrity of information, consumer account authentication, merchant authentication and interoperability on variety of hardwares.

10a) Explain the types of secure transport protocols. *FM*

In e-commerce, secure transport protocols play a crucial role in protecting sensitive information, such as payment details, personal data, and login credentials, as it moves over the internet. Here are some of the primary secure transport protocols used in e-commerce:

Use Secure Payment Gateways:

- Employ reputable payment gateways that comply with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) requirements.
- Payment gateways should use encryption, tokenization, and secure authentication mechanisms to protect payment data.

Adopt Strong User Authentication:

- Implement strong password policies, including password complexity requirements and periodic password changes.
- Encourage users to enable two-factor authentication (2FA) to add an extra layer of security to their accounts.
- Regular Software Updates and Patch Management:
- Keep your e-commerce platform, plugins, and software up to date to patch known vulnerabilities.
- Establish a patch management process to address security updates promptly.

Secure User Account Management:

- Monitor and limit login attempts to prevent brute-force attacks.
- Implement account lockout mechanisms to protect against unauthorized access.

Secure Data Storage and Handling:

- Encrypt sensitive data at rest, such as customer profiles and order histories.
- Use tokenization to replace sensitive payment data with tokens, reducing the risk of data breaches.

Regular Security Audits and Penetration Testing:

- Conduct regular security audits and penetration testing to identify vulnerabilities in your e-commerce system.
- Address identified weaknesses promptly.

Data Backup and Recovery:

- Implement regular data backup procedures to ensure that critical data can be restored in case of data loss or a security incident.

Customer Education:

- Educate your customers about phishing risks and best security practices, such as recognizing phishing attempts and protecting their login credentials.

Fraud Detection and Prevention:

- Employ fraud detection systems and machine learning algorithms to analyze transaction data for unusual patterns and suspicious activities.
- Implement address verification systems (AVS) and card verification codes (CVC/CVV) checks to verify the authenticity of cardholders.

Legal and Regulatory Compliance:

- Stay up to date with changes in e-commerce-related laws and regulations that impact your business and make necessary adjustments to comply with them.

Each of these secure transport protocols contributes to the secure handling of data within an e-commerce environment, ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity of sensitive information like customer details, payment information, and business data. These protocols are crucial to maintaining user trust, complying with regulatory standards, and protecting against cyber threats in online commerce.

10b) List out the modes of electronic commerce.

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- Business-to-Consumer (B2C):
 - In B2C e-commerce, businesses sell products or services directly to individual consumers.
 - Examples: Online retail stores like Amazon, clothing brands selling through their websites, and streaming services like Netflix.
- Business-to-Business (B2B):
 - B2B e-commerce involves transactions between businesses, where one business sells products or services to another.

- Examples: Suppliers selling raw materials to manufacturers, software companies licensing their products to other businesses, and wholesale distributors.
- Consumer-to-Consumer (C2C):
 - C2C e-commerce enables individual consumers to sell products or services to other consumers through online platforms.
 - Examples: Online marketplaces like eBay and peer-to-peer vacation rentals on platforms like Airbnb.
- Consumer-to-Business (C2B):
 - C2B e-commerce occurs when individual consumers offer products or services to businesses.
 - Examples: Freelancers offering their services on platforms like Upwork, bloggers partnering with companies for sponsored content, and individuals selling user-generated content.
- Business-to-Government (B2G):
 - B2G e-commerce involves businesses selling products or services to government agencies and organizations.
 - Examples: Government procurement portals for purchasing office supplies, IT services, or construction contracts.
- Government-to-Citizen (G2C):
 - G2C e-commerce refers to government agencies providing services or collecting fees from citizens online.
 - Examples: Paying taxes or utility bills online, renewing driver's licenses, or applying for government permits through official websites.