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PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN

- Time: 2 Hours Total Marks: 50
 - Note: (i) Attempt ALL questions.
 - (ii) Give suitable examples in support of your answer.
 - (iii) Be precise in your answer.
 - 1. Attempt any two parts of the following:
 - (a) What are major differences between old and new design methods? "The development of communication systems in the present era is technology based development". Explain giving examples. (4+3)
 - (b) "Design by evolution is a slow need-based process". Justify the statement with the help of evolution of any product - say safety razor explaining clearly the necessity of making changes in the product development process. (7)

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(c) Sometimes the demand for a good product suddenly reduces because of new innovations/ new technology. Give seven examples, explaining in each case (i) the competitive product/ technology (ii) its major advantages over the old product (iii) to what extent the new product has replaced the old one. (7)

2. Attempt any two parts of the following:

- (a) Explain what do you understand from design-morphology? Discuss all the three phases of product design. What is the difference between "Specifications" and "Performance Parameters"? Explain how changing the "need statement" results into a different search direction/product. (2+1+1+2)
- (b) What do you understand from "ideation"? Explain how mental blocks reduce the creative ideation capability of individuals. With the help of suitable examples explain how "analogy" helps in getting new ideas. (1+2+3)
- (c) Carry out the "need analysis" for the problem of washing and drying hands in the hostel mess with a capacity of about 300 students. Give a proper need statement, specifications, performance parameters and constraints for this problem. (2+4)

3. Attempt any two parts of the following:

(a) Write a brief note on Brain storming. What is the difference between brain storming and synectics? Give one examples to explain the application of brain storming technique in generating new ideas. (3+1+2) (b) A customer carries out market survey for coloured Television and the data for four types of sets - A, B, C & D are given below. Calculate the composite utility index for each type and indicate to the customer which Television set he should select. (6)

Attributes	Weightage	Limits of attributes	Television sets			
			A	В	С	D
Brand Equity	20%	Minimum 5	8.5	7.8	9.0	7.0
Picture Quality	35%	Minimum 5.5	8.8	7.0	8.2	7.3
Maintenance Rs. per year	15%	Maximum Rs. 100/-	10/-	50/-	10/-	80/-
Cost Rs.	30%	Maximum Rs. 20,000/-	18,500	17,000	19,000	16,700

- (c) Explain the difference between fixed cost and variable cost. A company is producing a single item and is selling at Rs. 10 per unit. The fixed cost is Rs. 40,000 per year and the variable cost is Rs. 6. Calculate: (1+5)
 - (i) Sales volume to earn a profit of Rs. 5,000 per year.
 - (ii) The break-even sales volume if the selling price is reduced by 10%.
- 4. Attempt any two parts of the following:
 - (a) What do you understand from reliability of a system? Using bath-tub curve discuss useful life period of a product. Why the initial failure rate is high? (2+3+1)

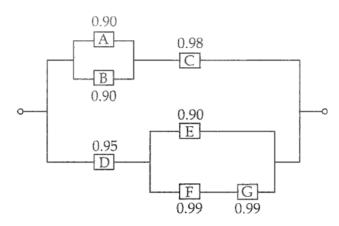
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(b) Find the reliability of system given below where number indicate component reliability. (6)



(c) What do you understand from Man-Machine interface? Giving examples explain the important points to be considered in the design of display systems. (2+4)

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