

Service Marketing

(Time: - 2½ Hours)

[Marks: 75]

N.B: 1. Attempt all questions.

2. Begin every main question on a new page.
 3. Figures to the right indicate full marks.

Q1) Answer any three the following questions.

- a) When a guest checks into a luxury five star hotel, what are the different points at which he or she is likely to have a service encounter?
 b) Explain the difference between a service encounter and a service chain.
 c) Define the term service. Explain any 3 characteristics of service.
 d) Explain the term market segmentation. Discuss any 2 types of market segmentation.
 e) Explain any 2 market positioning strategies.
 f) Explain the difference between undifferentiated and differentiated marketing strategy involved in the evaluation stage of target marketing.

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Q2) Answer any three the following questions.

- a) What is branding? Give any 5 benefits of a strong brand for a hospitality firm?
 b) Explain the terms "Cost Based Pricing" and "Value Based Pricing".
 c) What is the difference between "Market-Skimming Pricing" and "Market-Penetration Pricing"?
 d) What is communication or promotion mix. Briefly discuss any 3 promotional channels used for the promotion of hospitality products.
 e) Explain the pull and push strategy used during distribution and promotion of a product.
 f) Explain the meaning of service blue print. Give a relevant example with a diagram.

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Q3) Answer any three the following questions.

- a) Why is relationship marketing important in today's time of competition?
 b) Discuss any 5 qualities required in a successful entrepreneur who wants to enter into the hospitality sector.
 c) What do you think is the reason for success of multinational fast food chains in India? Do you think Indian chains have been able to make a mark abroad? Discuss with 1 example.
 d) Explain any 5 traits that will be displayed by guests of tomorrow.
 e) Online marketing today, is extremely advantageous for customer relationship management'. Explain.
 f) Briefly discuss the 5 stages that any customer undergoes before he or she buys a hospitality product.

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Q4) Write short notes on any five of the following.

- a) Marketing plan
 b) Moment of truth
 c) Service gap
 d) Psychological Pricing
 e) Service iceberg
 f) Franchising
 g) Alliances

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- h) Prestige Pricing.
- i) Reach, Frequency and Impact
- j) Media vehicles

Q5) Write short notes on any five of the following.

- a) Any 3 qualities expected out of a sales representative at the time of recruitment.
- b) In-house merchandizing
- c) Personal selling
- d) Websites as a channel for online marketing
- e) Difference between "Tour Operator" and "Travel Agent"
- f) "Cold Calling" with an example
- g) Salesmanship vs. sales management
- h) Public relations vs publicity
- i) B to B online marketing domains
- j) B to C online marketing domains