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Higher National Diploma in Management Third Year, Second Semester Examination - 2016

MAN 4105- Managing a Small Business

Instructions for candidates: Answer any five (5) questions All questions carry equal marks Time: Three hours

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Question 01

- (i) Define the following terms
 - a. Small business

b. Entrepreneurship

(04 Marks)

- (ii) "Small Business is dominated by **personal traits** and **personal skills**". Identify such personal skills and traits to succeed in the business. (04 Marks)
- (iii) Explain briefly the trends and opportunities available in small business start-ups

(05 Marks)

(iv) Discuss the importance of small business in an economy

(07 Marks)

Total

(20 Marks)

Question 02

(i) Describe what franchising business means.

(03 Marks)

(ii) 'Family business has many advantages compared to other scale of businesses'.

Identify such advantages. (05 Marks)

(iii) Briefly explain the key factors to be considered when deciding a location to start up a small business (06 Marks)

(iv) "One of the alternative way for starting-up a small business is franchising", Discuss the merits and demerits of a franchise business (06Marks)

Total (20 Marks)

Question 03

(i) What is business plan?

(03 Marks)

(ii) Identify and differentiate the types of business plan

(04 marks)

(iii) State the Features of a successful Business plan that enhance the probability of attracting investors. (04 Marks)

(iv) Assume that you are currently running a small retail business at your location. Now you have a plan to expand your business next year. Prepare a business plan for the retail business (09 Marks)

Total

(20 Marks)

Question 04

- (i) Classify the main functions of human resource management that enable a small business to survive in long run (04 Marks)
- (ii) Financial plan includes key financial statements and Estimation (Projection). Describe such components (04 Marks)
- (iii) Briefly discuss the source of finance available to small business in the form of public liability company (PLC). (06 Marks)
- (iv) Discuss how technology supports customer relationship management. (06 Marks)

Total (20 Marks)

Question 05

- (i) State the methods of harvesting an investment in small business in the form of private company. (03 Marks)
- (ii) Discuss briefly each stage of the product development process. (05 Marks)
- (iii) What types of variables are used for market segmentation? Would a small firm use the same variable as a large business? (06 Marks)
- (iv) Explain why supply chain management is important to a small business (06 Marks)

Total

(20 Marks)

Question 06

Write shot notes on any four (04) of the followings

- (i) Marketing plan
- (ii) Niche Market
- (iii) Home based business
- (iv) E Business
- (v) Pricing Strategy
- (vi) Promotional plan

(04*05 = 20 Marks)