IAS Mains Management 2003

Paper II

Time Allowed: Three Hours Maximum Marks: 300. Candidates should attempt Questions 1 and 5 which are compulsory and any THREE of the remaining questions selecting at least ONE question from each Section.

Section A

- 1. Write notes on any three of the following (each note not to exceed 200 words): $(20 \times 3 = 60)$
 - a. The dividend policy is irrelevant for valuation
 - b. Social marketing
 - c. Issues of TRIPs
 - d. New Product Pricing Strategies
- 2. The overall capitalization rate of the firm (Ko) does not change with any degree of financial leverage. Elucidate and debate (60).
- 3. Comment on the efficacy of winning competitive strategies suggested by Michael Porter. In what way these strategies influence competitive strategies based on the roles firms play in the target market (60)?
- 4. Regional economic cooperation promotes trade, increases investments and leads to economic efficiency. Discuss keeping in view the present state of competitiveness of Indian industries to meet global market requirements (60).

Section B

- 5. Write notes on any three of the following (each note not to exceed 200 words): $(20 \times 3 = 60)$
 -) a. Quality Circle for quality management
 - b. Future trends in Information Technology
 - c. Decision Support Systems (DSS)
 - d. Constituents of Organisational Climate
- 6. Aggregate Production Plan is an intermediate range production plan. Elucidate and briefly explain the Linear Programming Model and the Transportation Problem Approach to aggregate planning (60).
- 7. Present an overview of Systems and Design and explain some important tools which have been used for system development (60).
- 8. Training refers to the Organisations efforts to improve an individuals abilities to perform a job or organisational role whereas development refers to the Organisations efforts to enhance an individuals abilities to advance in his organisation to perform additional job duties.

Discuss and make a case for nature and purpose of training policy that may contribute to development (60).