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Program: MMM (Sem I) 2018-21 Batch

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Maximum Marks: 25

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Duration: 1.5 hours

Note:

- 1. Q1 is a compulsory question**
- 2. Q2 – Q6: Attempt any 3**

Q.1) When Ian Steele became head of Deloitte's Glasgow office, he set out to discover what people liked and did not like about working there. He realized that people remember how you make them feel, so he decided to focus on people and emphasize training and development. The results have been very positive, as 80% of employees say that their position in Deloitte is good for personal growth, and 82% say their experience is good for their future. 73% find their work stimulating and 72% report that they are excited about the company's future. 73% find their work stimulating and 72% are excited about Deloitte's future.

Ian Steele is a reflection of the excellent leadership at Deloitte UK, which has earned an 80% approval rating from employees. Their confidence in senior management is also reflected in a survey that showed 69% of employees were not just motivated, but inspired, by Deloitte UK's senior partner and chief executive John Connolly. When Deloitte's UK operations hit nearly \$4 billion in revenues, everyone received about a \$2,000 bonus, a bottle of champagne at Christmas, and an extra day off. Those were the good times. How about the hard times?

During difficult times, Deloitte looked at meeting different kinds of employee needs. At the onset of the global recession in late 2008, Connolly actively provided regular voicemail updates on how the company was dealing with the crisis, another sign of excellent leadership. A recession is an opportune time for a company to explore creative ways to manage and lead people. Deloitte experimented with reduced hours, unpaid furloughs, and lateral career moves. Crises are times in which to seek out new opportunities while being attentive to the dangers and pitfalls that are most often the focus. Going up the career ladder in hard times may be difficult, even impossible, but does this mean work becomes a dead end?

People's needs change as their circumstances and life demands change. Therefore, Deloitte implemented a Mass Career Customization (MCC) program as a way to motivate talented women and men to remain in the workforce. Rather than being stuck with the pressure of a career ladder, Deloitte employees may move up, down, or across what is a career lattice, depending on their life goals. The MCC concept worked wonders for Deloitte tax accountant Chris Keehn, who was frustrated by the very long hours that cut into time with his four-year-old daughter. With support of his senior manager and two of

Deloitte's partners, Keehn shifted gears and began telecommuting four days each week. Career customization is especially good in meeting the needs of employees who want more work-life balance, young parents like Keehn who want more time with children, and boomers who are easing into retirement.

The key to the success of MCC arrangements is a win-win outcome of positive social exchanges. At the center of the concept is the employee's life goal(s). What do you want most? The answer to that question is the key to Deloitte's MCC program, as each employee's lattice is nailed together by twice-a-year evaluations that consider career targets and larger life goals. Answering that question is a key to the Deloitte program, and shows how the firm focuses on and appreciates its people.

How are employee needs related to motivation? How is Deloitte meeting diverse needs of its employees? Support your answer with the relevant need theories of motivation. (10 marks)

Answer any 3

Q.2) Discuss any 2 decision making errors and biases with relevance to customers buying behavior. Cite examples.

Q.3) A leader or a manager must adjust his leadership style to fit the developmental needs and readiness levels of his followers. Support this statement with the relevant leadership theory.

Q.4) Discuss any 2 job attitudes and their correlation to organizational effectiveness.

Q.5) Employees often use impression management strategies to influence the social identity they project to others at the workplace. Elucidate the statement highlighting impression management techniques.

Q.6) Write short notes on the following:

- a) Punctuated equilibrium model
- b) Process of Socialization
