RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

MPM 01 BLOCK I

Meaning of research-scientific method – features - deductive and inductive method – research - research process-steps in research – nature - Nature of Business research-limitations.

BLOCK II

Types of research-qualitative and quantitative-case study, survey, experimental research-methods of research design - steps in formulation and design of research problems.

BLOCK III

Survey of literature- formulation of hypotheses-characteristics of a testable hypotheses-hypotheses testing - Sampling methods-features of good sample-sample errors-methods of data collection and field work - primary data - interview, questionnaire, observation, participative- errors in data collection.

BLOCK IV

Processing of data-data analysis-computerized data processing- Univariate techniques; Correlation techniques, t-tests, Z test, ANOVA- Orientation on Multivariate techniques; Factor Analysis, Multiple Regression, Multiple Discriminant functions, Canonical Correlation.

BLOCK V

Statistical Software packages - report writing, conventions and style of research report writing, preparation of references and bibliography.

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MPM 02 EMERGING ISSUES IN MANAGEMENT

BLOCK I

Emerging Issues in Marketing – Global Marketing – Emerging trends in Brand Management – Customer Relationship Management – Changing trends in Services Sector – Trends in Retail Marketing.

BLOCK II

Emerging Issues in Financial Management – Activity Based Costing – Corporate Governance in India – Research on Financial Information System.

BLOCK III

Emerging Issues in Operations Management – Total Quality Management – Six-sigma Techniques – Kaizen Concept – 5 'S' Concept – Quality Assurance – Sustainable development – Value Engineering Management.

BLOCK IV

Emerging Issues in Human Resource Management – Knowledge Management – Gender issues at Work – Women Empowerment – Flexi-Time jobs – Current Information on Human Resource Accounting.

BLOCK V

Emerging Issues in Systems Management – Enterprise Resource Planning – Bio-informatics – Distributed Databases – Internet Programming.

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MPM 03 STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT FOR BUSINESS

BLOCK I

Introduction: Meaning of strategy, strategic management process, analysis of internal / external environment, key concepts guiding strategy development and managing the strategic management process.

BLOCK II

Strategic Marketing: Identifying attractive markets, measuring market opportunities, differentiation and positioning; marketing strategies for new, growth, mature declining markets and new economy; organizing & planning for implementation; measuring and delivering market performance.

BLOCK III

Strategic Human Resource Management: Employee resourcing strategy – objective, Strategic human Resource Management approach, integrating business and resourcing; Performance Management, Strategic Human Resource Development – principal concerns, Employee Relations Strategy – formulating strategies.

BLOCK IV

Strategic Operations Management: Retail operations strategies; manufacturing and production operations strategies; service sector operations strategies; global operations strategies; supply network operations strategy.

BLOCK V

Strategic Financial Management: Strategic Investment Decisions – Risk Analysis – Strategic Financing Decisions - IPO's – Investment Banking – Lease Financing – Hybrid Financing.

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