M.B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION — JUNE, 2018.

Second Year

SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Time: 3 hours Maximum marks: 75

PART A — $(3 \times 5 = 15 \text{ marks})$

Answer any THREE questions.

- 1. What are the functions of SCM?
- 2. Distinguish between 'Push' and 'pull' view of SCM.
- 3. List and explain the different modes of transport used in SCM.
- 4. Explain the advantages of RFID over bar code.
- 5. What is 'Cycle Inventory'?

PART B — $(4 \times 15 = 60 \text{ marks})$

Answer any FOUR questions.

6. Describe the Advantages and disadvantages of SCM. Identify three key supply chain decision phases & explain their significance.

- 7. Describe how a company achieves strategic fit between its supply chain strategy and competitive strategy.
- 8. What are the different design options for a transportation networks?
- 9. What are the new challenges faced by supply chain managers in the changing business landscape?
- 10. How do the emergency of B2B trading exchanges change the supply chain with respect to IT systems?
- 11. What types of distribution networks are typically best suited for commodity items?
- 12. Explain how a reduction in lead time can help a supply chain to reduce safety inventory with out hurting product availability.

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