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TRUE/FALSE - Write 'T' if the statement is true and 'F' if the statement is false.

1) The *transformation* view of the operations function provides a unified approach for studying the manufacturing and service industries.

1) _____

- ☐ true
- ☐ false

Question Details

Difficulty : 2 Medium

AACSB : Reflective Thinking

Bloom's : Remember

Topic : Operations as a process

Learning Objective : 01-05 Describe typical inputs and outputs of an operations transformation system

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2) The process view provides a basis for viewing an entire business as a system of interconnected processes.

2) _____

- ☐ true
- ☐ false

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MULTIPLE CHOICE - Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

3) Why is operations management a more encompassing term than production management?

3) _____

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- A) Operations management is concerned with multiple products and services.
- B) Operations management refers to service as well as manufacturing organizations.
- C) Operations management is broader including the financing and marketing functions.
- D) Operations management makes use of the tools of quantitative analysis and computer systems.

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- 4) Which of the following functions is responsible for the actual movement of goods and/or services across organizations?

4) _____

- A) logistics
- B) operations
- C) purchasing
- D) None of these choices are correct

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- 5) Approximately, what percentage of the American workforce works in service industries?

5) _____

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- A) 20%
- B) 40%
- C) 80%
- D) 90%

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6) The five decision areas in operations management are

6) _____

- A) planning, technology, inventory, control, and services.
- B) process, quality, capacity, inventory, and supply chain.
- C) process, quality, technology, capacity, and production.
- D) None of these choices are correct.

Question Details

AACSB : Reflective Thinking

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Bloom's : Remember

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Topic : O/SC Five decision areas

7) A productive process approach

7) _____

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- A) views operations as a separate organizational function.
- B) must provide feedback information for control of process inputs and technology.
- C) is of limited use in service organizations.
- D) disregards human and social concerns.

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Bloom's : Understand

Difficulty : 3 Hard

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Topic : Operations as a productive system

8) Capacity decisions

8) _____

- A) include staffing and scheduling.
- B) include inventory control.
- C) include defining product specifications.
- D) None of these choices are correct.

Question Details

Difficulty : 2 Medium

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Topic : O/SC Five decision areas

9) Inventory decisions involve

9) _____

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- A) determining what to order, how much to order, and when to order.
- B) tracking the flow of materials.
- C) managing the finished goods inventories.
- D) All of these choices are correct.

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Bloom's : Remember

Learning Objective : 01-03 Describe the five main decisions made by operations and supply chain manag

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Topic : O/SC Five decision areas

10) Challenges facing operations and supply chain managers signify that

10) _____

- A) more emphasis should be placed on manufacturing than on service industries.
- B) every operation should be externally directed to meet the customers' requirements.
- C) operations decisions should precede decisions in other functions in an organization.
- D) to be competitive, strategies for operations should have a narrow focus such as consideration of the effects of industry changes only.

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Learning Objective : 01-06 Analyze trends in operations and supply chain management.

Topic : Current challenges facing O/SC

11) The essence of operations management can be described by

11) _____

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- A) process, capacity, and people.
- B) decisions, function, and process.
- C) planning, control, and organization.
- D) integrated planning and control.

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Learning Objective : 01-01 Define operations and supply chain management.

Topic : Definition of Operations

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12) Which of the following is NOT a new challenge facing operations?

12) _____

- A) Globalization of operations and the supply chain
- B) Responding to the voice of the customer
- C) Quality teams
- D) Sustainability concerns

Question Details

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Difficulty : 3 Hard

Topic : Challenges facing O/SC managers

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Learning Objective : 01-06 Analyze trends in operations and supply chain management.

13) The three primary functions that exist in most business organizations are

13) _____

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- A) operations, accounting, and finance.
- B) operations, production, and finance.
- C) production, marketing, and human resources.
- D) operations, finance, and marketing.

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AACSB : Reflective Thinking

Bloom's : Remember

Learning Objective : 01-04 Explain the nature of cross-functional decision making with operations.

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Topic : Core business functions

14) The three major functions of business organizations

14) _____

- A) are mutually exclusive.
- B) function independently of each other.
- C) interface with each other.
- D) do not interface with each other.

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Bloom's : Remember

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Topic : Core business functions

15) Which one of the following would NOT generally be classified under the heading of input in a university system?

15) _____

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- A) staff
- B) equipment
- C) facilities
- D) knowledge
- E) research

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Learning Objective : 01-05 Describe typical inputs and outputs of an operations transformation system

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Topic : Operations as a transformation system

16) The five major decision responsibilities of operations management are

16) _____

- A) process, quality, capacity, sourcing, and human resources.
- B) process, quality, human resources, logistics, and inventory.
- C) quality, inventory, human resources, capacity, and supply chain.
- D) process, capacity, quality, supply chain, and inventory.

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Learning Objective : 01-03 Describe the five main decisions made by operations and supply chain management

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Topic : O/SC Five decision areas

17) Which of the following does NOT come under the process category of the operations decision framework?

17) _____

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- A) layout of the facility
- B) job design
- C) the type of equipment and technology
- D) product or service inspection

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Topic : O/SC Five decision areas

18) Supply chain management includes the integration of

18) _____

- A) suppliers.
- B) manufacturers.
- C) customers.
- D) All of these choices are correct.

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Topic : Definition of operations management

19) The supply chain extends from

19) _____

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- A) raw material suppliers to manufacturing.
- B) raw material suppliers to supplier.
- C) dealer to customer.
- D) raw material supplier to customer.

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Topic : Definition of Supply Chain

20) Supply chain management includes all of the following except

20) _____

- A) purchasing.
- B) inventory control.
- C) advertising.
- D) customer service.

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Topic : Definition of Supply Chain

21) A comprehensive decision-making framework for operations includes

21) _____

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- A) consideration of other organizational functions.
- B) consideration of operations in isolation of other functions.
- C) suppliers but not customers.
- D) customers but not suppliers.

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Bloom's : Remember

Learning Objective : 01-04 Explain the nature of cross-functional decision making with operations.

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Topic : O/SC Five decision areas

22) Common inputs to the operations transformation process include all of the following EXCEPT

22) _____

- A) raw materials.
- B) energy.
- C) capacity.
- D) labor.
- E) conversion processes.

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Bloom's : Remember

Learning Objective : 01-05 Describe typical inputs and outputs of an operations transformation system

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Topic : Operations as a transformation system

23) The major decision responsibilities of the operations and supply chain management include all of the following EXCEPT

23) _____

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- A) quality.
- B) process.
- C) capacity.
- D) capability.
- E) inventory.

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Topic : O/SC Five decision areas

24) The operations management function is especially important for all of the following reasons EXCEPT

24) _____

- A) its governance of the transformation process.
- B) the integrative nature of business decision making.
- C) its responsibility for pricing decisions.
- D) the responsibility for the quality of products and services produced.
- E) the responsibility for managing the largest portion of a firm's assets and people.

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Topic : Definition of Operations

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25) Key elements/events that should be monitored in the firm's external environment include all of the following EXCEPT

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25) _____

- A) competitors.
- B) political events.
- C) economic events.
- D) social trends
- E) All of them should be monitored.

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Bloom's : Remember

Learning Objective : 01-05 Describe typical inputs and outputs of an operations transformation system

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Topic : Operations as a productive system

26) Contemporary challenges facing operations today include all of the following EXCEPT

26) _____

- A) scientific management.
- B) integration with other functions.
- C) sustainability concerns.
- D) advancing service operations.
- E) globalization of operations.

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Learning Objective : 01-06 Analyze trends in operations and supply chain management.

Topic : Contemporary challenges

27) Which of the following is NOT true regarding service and manufacturing operations?

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27) _____

- A) both can be viewed as transformation processes
- B) both convert raw materials, energy, labor, and capital into valued outputs
- C) both are managed by operations managers
- D) both employ roughly 50% of the US workforce

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Learning Objective : 01-06 Analyze trends in operations and supply chain management.

Topic : Definition of operations management

28) Which of the following statements is INCORRECT?

28) _____

- A) Marketing is typically responsible for generating demand for products.
- B) Human resources is typically responsible for assuring the quality of products.
- C) Operations is typically responsible for producing and delivering products and services.
- D) Finance is typically responsible for acquiring and allocating capital.

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Learning Objective : 01-01 Define operations and supply chain management.

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Topic : Primary functional responsibilities

29) Which of the following is NOT true regarding the process view of operations?

29) _____

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- A) Operations managers are responsible for the conversion process.
- B) A sales office may be viewed as a production process.
- C) It is a basis for analyzing operations across the entire supply chain.
- D) All of these choices are Correct.

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Learning Objective : 01-05 Describe typical inputs and outputs of an operations transformation system

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Topic : Operations as a transformation system

30) At Pizza U.S.A., the focus of supply chain decisions is

30) _____

- A) sourcing and logistics.
- B) capacity and inventory.
- C) quality and process.
- D) None of these choices are correct.

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Topic : Definition of Supply Chain

31) When a company employs statistical tools to reduce the likelihood of a product recall, this best represents what type of decision?

31) _____

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- A) process
- B) quality
- C) supply chain
- D) logistics

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Topic : Quality-related decisions

32) When a company develops a report card for evaluating its suppliers, this best represents what type of decision?

32) _____

- A) process
- B) quality
- C) supply chain
- D) capacity

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Topic : Supply chain decisions

33) When a company upgrades its assembly line, this best represents what type of decision?

33) _____

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- A) process
- B) quality
- C) inventory
- D) supply chain

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Topic : Process decisions

34) A company using a team of people from marketing, human resources, and operations to develop a new service offering is

34) _____

- A) practicing cross-functional decision making.
- B) supporting functional silo development.
- C) better off allowing marketing to design the new service.
- D) None of these choices are correct.

Question Details

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Difficulty : 1 Easy

Bloom's : Remember

Learning Objective : 01-04 Explain the nature of cross-functional decision making with operations.

Topic : Cross-functional decision making

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35) Operations decisions concerning the type of process selected are often made in conjunction with which of these functions?

35) _____

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- A) Marketing
- B) Finance
- C) Human resources
- D) All of these choices are correct.

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Bloom's : Remember

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Topic : Cross-functional decision making

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36) Operations decisions concerning inventory levels are often made with which of these functions?

36) _____

- A) Marketing
- B) Finance
- C) Marketing and finance
- D) Marketing, finance, and human resources

Question Details

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AACSB : Reflective Thinking

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Learning Objective : 01-04 Explain the nature of cross-functional decision making with operations.

Topic : Cross-functional decision making

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37) Which of the following would NOT be considered an output of an airline flight operation?

37) _____

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- A) transportation from point A to point B
- B) flight safety
- C) satisfied customer
- D) seat assignment

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AACSB : Reflective Thinking

Bloom's : Understand

Learning Objective : 01-05 Describe typical inputs and outputs of an operations transformation system

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Topic : Operations as a transformation system

38) Which of the following is NOT one of the important challenges facing operations and supply chain managers?

38) _____

- A) Service operations lagging behind manufacturing operations.
- B) Other functions (e.g., marketing, finance) not working together.
- C) Finding suppliers with appropriate sustainability practices.
- D) Applying scientific management principles to increase efficiency.

Question Details

AACSB : Reflective Thinking

Difficulty : 1 Easy

Bloom's : Remember

Topic : Challenges facing O/SC managers

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Learning Objective : 01-06 Analyze trends in operations and supply chain management.

39) Decision making using analytics is viewed as

39) _____

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- A) prescriptive (use of mathematical models to optimize decisions).
- B) predictive (use of data to predict what is likely to happen).
- C) descriptive (use of data to summarize the present situation).
- D) All of these choices are correct.

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Topic : Analytics in decision making

40) Which of the following is NOT a typical application of analytics in operations and supply chain management?

40) _____

- A) Forecasting
- B) Capacity and scheduling
- C) Logistics and sourcing
- D) All of these choices are typical applications.

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Topic : Analytics in decision making

41) Which of the following would NOT be considered an operations and supply chain position title?

41) _____

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- A) Business metrics/analytics analyst
- B) Continuous improvement lead
- C) Commodity sourcing manager
- D) All of these choices would be considered operations and supply chain position titles.

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Topic : Careers in operations and supply chain

42) The primary role of operations and supply chain management is to

42) _____

- A) increase the revenues of the firm.
- B) provide the best customer service.
- C) increase the productivity of the firm.
- D) design new products.

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AACSB : Reflective Thinking

Bloom's : Understand

Learning Objective : 01-02 Review the role of operations in the firm and the economy.

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Topic : Role of Operations

43) Productivity is the ratio of

43) _____

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- A) profit / (capital + labor).
- B) operating margin / (capital + labor).
- C) output / (capital + labor).
- D) None of these choices are correct.

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AACSB : Reflective Thinking

Difficulty : 1 Easy

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Topic : Role of Operations

44) GDP is important because

44) _____

- A) it provides equality of income.
- B) it measures the output of the economy.
- C) it measures the exports of the country.
- D) it is a measure of increasing national sales.

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Topic : Role of Operations

45) GDP growth requires the following:

45) _____

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- A) productivity.
- B) productivity and innovation.
- C) high inventories.
- D) government regulations.

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Topic : Role of Operations

46) Calculate the productivity improvement from the following example.

	Year 1	Year 2	Annual Inflation
Output (sales) \$ million	\$ 69.4	\$ 76.8	3%
Labor (payroll) \$ million	\$ 31.4	\$ 33.0	2%

46) _____

- A) 3.32%
- B) 5.12%
- C) 5.20%
- D) 4.22%

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AACSB : Knowledge application

Bloom's : Analyze

Topic : Productivity calculations

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47) Calculate the productivity improvement from the following example:

	Year 1	Year 2	Annual Inflation
Output (sales) \$ million	\$ 79.4	\$ 86.8	3%
Labor (payroll) \$ million	\$ 41.4	\$ 43.0	2%
Capital \$ million	\$ 10.4	\$ 10.9	0%

47) _____

- A) 3.56%
- B) 4.56%
- C) 4.22%
- D) 3.46%

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AACSB : Knowledge application

Bloom's : Analyze

Topic : Productivity calculations

ESSAY. Write your answer in the space provided or on a separate sheet of paper.

48) What are the five inputs and two outputs of an operations transformation process?

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AACSB : Reflective Thinking

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Bloom's : Remember

Topic : Operations as a process

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49) The Operations definition emphasizes *decision*, *function*, and *process* elements of the organization. Briefly discuss the need to address these fundamental elements.

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AACSB : Reflective Thinking

Bloom's : Understand

AACSB : Communication

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Topic : Definition of operations management

50) Identify the critical operations and supply chain decision areas in an organization and discuss the responsibilities of an operations manager while addressing these decisions.

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Topic : Five main operations decisions

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Answer Key

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1) TRUE

Viewing operations as a process is very useful in unifying seemingly different operations from different industries.

2) TRUE

This makes it possible to analyze an organization and improve it from the process point of view.

3) B

Production management was changed to operations management to include services.

4) A

Logistics is responsible for the movement of goods / services.

5) C

The U.S. Census reports more than 80% of the workforce is employed in services.

6) B

Process, quality, capacity, inventory, and supply chain are the five decision areas.

7) B

The model of operations as a productive system includes a feedback loop.

8) A

Capacity decisions include staffing levels and scheduling, but not inventory or specifications.

9) D

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Ordering decisions, finished goods inventory decisions, and inventory tracking are all included in the inventory decision area.

10) B

More emphasis should be placed on manufacturing than on service industries, operations decisions should precede decisions in other functions in an organization, and to be competitive, strategies for operations should have a narrow focus such as consideration of the effects of industry changes only are not correct; increasing need to meet customer requirements is a current challenge.

11) B

Operations decisions, operations as a function, and process orientation are the heart of operations.

12) C

Globalization of operations and the supply chain, responding to the voice of the customer, and quality teams are included, along with integration of decisions and services in the list of five challenges.

13) D

Operations, finance, and marketing are the core functions in most businesses.

14) C

Each core function must integrate decisions with each other.

15) E

Research would be an output of a university system.

16) D

The five decision areas are process, quality, capacity, inventory, and supply chain.

17) D

Inspection would be under the quality decision area.

18) D

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SCM starts with raw material suppliers, includes the transformation process, and extends to ultimate customers, all integrated for highest performance.

19) D

SCM starts with raw material suppliers, includes the transformation process, and extends to ultimate customers.

20) C

Advertising would likely fall under the definition of marketing, not supply chain management.

21) A

The decisions of well-managed operations are always integrated with the decisions of other functions.

22) E

The productive system includes all the inputs except conversion processes.

23) D

The five decision areas are process, quality, capacity, inventory, and supply chain.

24) C

Managing pricing is not important for operations since it is a marketing function.

25) E

The external environment includes all of these elements.

26) A

Scientific management is not a contemporary challenge, but is a significant element of operation's history.

27) D

The U.S. Census reports more than 80% of the workforce is employed in services.

28) B

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Quality assurance is typically a responsibility of operations.

29) D

Services, such as sales offices, can be viewed as production processes.

30) A

The supply chain decisions consist of sourcing and logistics. Sourcing is done by the corporate office. Logistics is handled by a third-party provider.

31) B

The use of statistical tools would fall under decisions related to quality.

32) C

Supply chain decisions include selecting methods for supplier evaluation.

33) A

The choice of production process is a process decision.

34) A

Such decisions must be integrated and highly interactive.

35) D

Process decisions require interface with all primary functions.

36) C

Both marketing and finance have vested interest in strategic inventory decisions.

37) D

Seat assignment is step in the process, not an output.

38) D

Although scientific management is an important part of O/SC history, it is not a current challenge.

39) D

Analytics can be descriptive, predictive, or prescriptive in nature.

40) D

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Additionally, quality control and inventory are also common applications.

41) D

Positions related to any of the five decision areas are very likely to be considered operations and supply chain positions.

42) C

The role of productivity improvement is emphasized in this chapter.

43) C

Productivity is defined as the ratio of output / (capital + labor).

44) B

GDP growth leads not only to prosperity of the country, but income growth for the population, since income is closely related to GDP per capita.

45) B

GDP growth requires both productivity and innovation.

46) D

Productivity = output / inputs. Productivity year 1 = $69.4 / 31.4 = 2.210$

Productivity year 2 = $(76.8 \times 0.97) / (33.0 \times 0.98) = 2.3035$

Productivity Improvement = $2.3035 / 2.210 = 1.0422 = 4.22\%$

47) A

Productivity = Output / (Labor + Capital). Productivity Year 1 = $79.4 / (41.4 + 10.4) = 1.533$,

Productivity Year 2 = $(86.8 \times 0.97) / (43.0 \times 0.98 + 10.9) = 1.587$

Improvement ratio = $1.587 / 1.533 = 1.0356 = 3.56\%$

48) The five inputs include: energy, materials, labor, capital, and information.

The two outputs include goods and services.

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49) The operations function is responsible for planning and controlling the production system and its interfaces with the organization and with the external environment. The operations definition emphasizes decision, functional relationships and process elements of an organization. The operations function is responsible for making decisions regarding process, quality, capacity and inventory choices, which are vital to any organization. The functional element of the operations is responsible for supplying or developing the products or rendering the required services for the business. It also links the manufacturing/service operations to other functions such as marketing, finance, etc. The process view provides a common ground for defining service and manufacturing operations as a transformation process for converting the right kind of inputs into outputs.

These elements are critical for successful functioning of any organization, and it is for these reasons one should address the three fundamental elements of operations.

50) The critical decision areas in an organization include: *Process, Quality, Capacity, Inventory, and Supply Chain*