



**III Semester M.B.A. Degree Examination, January/February 2018
(CBCS) (2014-15 and Onwards)**

MANAGEMENT

Paper – 3.5.1 : Learning and Development

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

SECTION – A

Answer **any five** of the following, **each** question carries **five** marks. **(5×5=25)**

1. Bring out the differences between training and learning.
2. Write a note on recruitment practises followed in the Indian organisations.
3. Explain the goals and sub systems of HRD.
4. How do you build a learning organization ?
5. Discuss reinforcement for behaviour modification.
6. Briefly explain the steps in career planning and development.
7. Explain training readiness.

SECTION – B

Answer **any three** of the following, **each** question carries **10** marks. **(10×3=30)**

8. What is the purpose of evaluation of training ? Explain the process of evaluation of training.
9. Explain the process of assessment of training needs of an organization and also state the differences on the job and off job training methods.
10. Write a note on external training validity.
11. Discuss leader centred techniques of management development.

SECTION – C

12. Case Study (**Compulsory**): **(1×15=15)**

Maria Fernandez is a bright, popular and well-informed mechanical engineer who graduated with an engineering degree from State University in June 2003. During the spring preceding her graduation, she went out on many job interviews, most of which she thought were conducted courteously and were reasonably useful in



giving both her and the prospective employer a good impression of where each of them stood on matters of importance to both of them. It was, therefore, with great anticipation that she looked forward to an interview with the one firm in which she most wanted to work : Apex Environmental. She had always had a strong interest in cleaning up the environment and firmly believed that the best use of her training and skills lay in working for firm like Apex, where she thought she could have a successful career while making the world a better place.

The interview, however, was a disaster. Maria walked into a room in which five men- The President of the company, two vice presidents, the marketing director and another engineer- began throwing questions at her that she felt were aimed primarily at tripping her up rather than finding out what she could offer through her engineering skills. The questions ranged from unnecessarily discourteous ("Why would you take a job as a waitress in college if you're such an intelligent person?") to irrelevant and sexist ("Are you planning on settling down and starting a family anytime soon?"). Then after the interview, she met with two of the gentlemen individually (including the president) and the discussions focussed almost exclusively on her technical expertise. She thought that these later discussions went fairly well. However, given the apparent aimlessness and even mean-spiritedness of the panel interview, she was astonished when several days later she got a job offer from the firm.

The offer forced her to consider several matters. From her point of view, the job itself was perfect- she liked what she would be doing, the industry and the firm's location. And in fact, the president had been quite courteous in subsequent discussions, as had been the other members of the management team. She was left wondering whether the panel interview had been intentionally tense to see how she'd stand up under pressure and if so, why they would do such a thing.

Questions :

- 1) How would you explain the nature of the panel interview Maria had to endure ? Specifically, do you think it reflected a well-thought-out interviewing strategy on the part of the firm or carelessness on the part of the firm's management ? If it was carelessness, what would you do to improve the interview process at Apex Environmental ?
- 2) Would you take the job offer if you were Maria ? If you're not sure, is there any additional information that would help you make your decision and if so, what is it ?