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SEMESTER II
Introduction to Marketing (CC 5)
(100 Marks- 60 Lectures)

Objective: To develop an understanding of the marketing environment and relevant decisions.

Unit I Introduction to marketing (25 Marks 15 Lectures)

Market concepts-- place concept, area concept demand concept.

Kinds of goods—convenience goods, shopping goods speciality goods.

Marketing concepts - product concept, selling concept, marketing concept, societal marketing concept. Scope of marketing - goods, services, events, organisations etc.

Unit II Marketing Environment and Segmentation (25 Marks 15 Lectures)

Marketing Environment- concept, major environmental forces.

Market segmentation- concept, Bases for segmenting markets.

Consumer behaviour and marketing research

Consumer buying behaviour, factors influencing consumer buyer behaviour.

Marketing research and its importance.

Unit III Marketing decisions (25 Marks 15 Lectures)

Marketing mix decisions-product, price, promotion and physical distribution (in brief).

Sales force management-selection, training, compensation. Areas in physical distribution- Order processing, Inventory, Warehousing and Transportation. Global marketing- Alternative marketing entry strategies.

Unit IV Trends in Marketing (25 Marks 15 Lectures)

Consumerism and need for consumer protection. Social aspects of marketing—social responsibility of marketing, ecological and ethical aspects of marketing. Marketing of Services and its scope.

Direct marketing—Catalog marketing, Kiosk marketing, Telemarketing and On-Line marketing.

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