

**ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD
(Commonwealth MBA/MPA Program)**

MARKETING MANAGEMENT (5565)

CHECKLIST

SEMESTER: SPRING, 2014

This packet comprises the following material:-

1. Text Books
2. Assignment No. 1, 2
3. Assignment Forms (two sets)
4. Course outlines

In this packet, if you find anything missing out of the above mentioned material, please contact at the address given below:

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Semester: Spring, 2014

Level: Executive MBA/MPA

Marks: 100

Instructions

- a) All written assignment must be well organized, presented in an easy-to-read format, and neat. If your handwriting is not legible, type or compose the written assignment. Moreover, pay particularly close attention to grammar, spelling punctuation and understandability. Communication is extremely important in this course.
- b). Documentation is likewise very important. Un-supported statements or opinions are worth less to the reader who desires to verify your finding. Complete and specific documentation is mandatory. Also, your references should be to primary sources, except in rare unusual situation.
- c). Quoting should be kept to an absolute minimum.

ASSIGNMENT No. 1

- Q. 1 Marketing strategy integrates an organization's marketing goals, policies, and action sequences (tactics) into a cohesive manner. Similarly, the various strands of the strategy, which usually includes "branding", advertising, marketing channels, internet marketing, promotion and public relations can be orchestrated. Develop a marketing strategy for any local product of your choice comprising following steps:
1. Highlight strengths and make your weaknesses irrelevant
 2. Segment your market
 3. Write a marketing plan
 4. Decide on tactics to reach your market
 5. Measure your progress and refine **(20)**
- Q. 2 Discuss the significance of marketing for developing countries. Do you see any influence of marketing at micro and macro level in planned economic growth of developing and undeveloped countries? **(20)**
- Q. 3 Marketing research is the process of systematically gathering, analyzing and interpreting data pertaining to the company's market, customers and competitors, with the goal of improving marketing decisions. What are the problems of conducting marketing research in Pakistan? To know the effectiveness of advertising, will you collect data from primary or secondary sources or consult both. Discuss the advantages and limitations of primary data in this regard. **(20)**

- Q. 4 Explain the nature and importance of various components of marketing mix with reference of banking sector of Pakistan. Which particular component is most critical for banking sector and why? **(20)**
- Q. 5 Market segmentation is a process of dividing a large homogenous market into clearly identifiable segments having similar needs, wants, or demand characteristics. Explain the merits and demerits of segmenting market with examples. **(20)**

ASSIGNMENT No. 2

Total Marks: 100

Instructions:

1. This assignment is a research-oriented activity. You are required to develop a term paper and submit to the tutor for evaluation prior to the final examination. The last date of this assignment will be notified separately by our directorate of regional services and the same will be communicated to you directly as well as through approved study centers assigned to you.
2. You will have to participate in the activity fully, actively, and practically to be able to pass the final examination of the course. Please send one copy of this assignment to COL MBA/MPA Programme office, Block No. 11, Allama Iqbal Open University, Sector H-8, Islamabad.
3. For the preparation of this assignment, you should first thoroughly review the conceptual framework of the topic and develop a scholarly material of the same giving references, quotations, and extracts of various scholars and experts. Then visit any business/commercial organization and study the relevant practical aspects there. Combining the theoretical and practical aspects, develop a comprehensive paper consisting of at least 20 to 25 typed pages to be submitted to your tutor.
 - a) Introduction to the topic
 - b) Important sub-topics
 - c) Practical study of the organization with respect to the topic
 - d) Review of theoretical and practical situations, merits, de-merits deficiencies or strengths of the organization with respect to the topic under study.
 - e) Conclusion and recommendation
 - f) Annex, if any
4. Prepare a copy of this assignment and submit to your tutor for your evaluation.
5. You should add any illustrative material/data/tables/analysis for effective submission.
6. If you fail to submit this assignment in the class, then you will not be able to sit in the final examination conducted by AIOU.
7. A number of topics given below are the general aspects of the course and you are required to select one of the topics according to the last digit of your roll number. For example, if the roll number is N-9337241, you will select topic number 1, and if the roll number is O-3427185 then you will select topic number 5 (the last digit).
 1. Motivating personnel in personal selling
 2. Role of time series analysis in sales-forecasting

3. Characteristics of services and challenges for marketing managers
4. Measuring in new product development and launching
5. Challenges in new product development and launching
6. Pricing strategy for business goods
7. Benefits of marketing information system
8. Marketing strategies during stages of product life cycle
9. The relationship between marketing mix and marketing planning
0. Logistics management and physical distribution in Pakistan.

“MARKETING MANAGEMENT” COURSE OUTLINE (5565)

Block-1 Introduction to Marketing

- 1.1 The Concept of Marketing
- 1.2 The Significance of Marketing
- 1.3 The Marketing Strategy
- 1.4 Market Segmentation
- 1.5 The Marketing Mix (An Overview)
 - 1.5.1 Product Planning
 - 1.5.2 Promotion
 - 1.5.3 Physical Distribution
 - 1.5.4 Pricing

Block-2 Marketing in Developing Economy

- 2.1 Introduction to Economic Development
- 2.2 Relationship between marketing and economic development
- 2.3 Marketing at Different Levels of Economic Development
- 2.4 Relevance of Marketing in a Developing Economy
- 2.5 Areas of Relevance with Reference to Pakistan
- 2.6 The Relevance of Social Marketing
- 2.7 The Role of Marketing in relation to some Selected Sectors

Block-3 Marketing of Services

- 3.1 The Concept of Service
- 3.2 Reasons for Growth of the Service Sector
- 3.3 Characteristics of Services
- 3.4 Elements of Marketing Mix in Service Marketing
 - 3.4.1 Product
 - 3.4.2 Pricing
 - 3.4.3 Promotion
 - 3.4.4 Distribution
 - 3.4.5 People
 - 3.4.6 Physical Evidence
 - 3.4.7 Process

Block-4 Planning Marketing Mix

- 4.1 Introduction to marketing mix and marketing planning

- 4.2 The elements of the marketing mix
- 4.3 The place of the marketing mix in marketing planning
- 4.4 The relationship between marketing mix and marketing strategy
- 4.5 The concept of optimum marketing mix
- 4.6 Marketing mix-some specific situations

Block-5 Market Segmentation

- 5.1 Introduction to Segmentation
- 5.2 The Concept of a Market
- 5.3 The Concept of Segment
- 5.4 Market Segmentation versus Product Differentiation
- 5.5 Benefits and Doubts about Segmentation
- 5.6 What is grouped in Forming Segment?
- 5.7 Bases for Segmentation
- 5.8 How is the basis for Segmentation Selected?
- 5.9 Selection of Segments

Block-6 Marketing Organization

- 6.1 Introduction to Marketing Organization
- 6.2 Principles of Designing and Organisation?
- 6.3 Significance of Marketing Organisation?
- 6.4 The Changing Role of Marketing Organisation
- 6.5 Considerations Involved in Designing the Marketing Organisation
- 6.6 Methods of Designing the Marketing Organisation
- 6.7 Organisation of Corporate Marketing

Block-7 Marketing Research and its Application

- 7.1 Introduction to the Research
- 7.2 The Context of Marketing Decisions
- 7.3 Definition of Marketing Research.
- 7.4 Purpose of Marketing Research.
- 7.5 Scope of Marketing Research.
- 7.6 Marketing Research Procedure
- 7.7 Applications of Marketing Research
- 7.8 Problems of Conducting Marketing Research in Pakistan

Block-8 Determinants of Consumer Behaviour

- 8.1 Introduction to Consumer Behavior
- 8.2 Importance of Consumer Behaviour for Marketers
- 8.3 Types of Consumers
- 8.4 Buyer versus User
- 8.5 A model of Consumer Behaviour
- 8.6 Factors influencing Consumer Behaviour
 - 8.6.1 Psychological Factors
 - 8.6.2 Personal Factors
 - 8.6.3 Social Factors
 - 8.6.4 Cultural Factors

Block-9 Models of Consumer Behavior

- 9.1 What is a Decision?
- 9.2 Levels of Consumer Decisions
- 9.3 Process of Decision-Making
- 9.4 Types of Purchase Decision Behaviour
- 9.5 Stages in the Buyer Decision Process
- 9.6 Models of Buyer Behaviour

Block-10 Consumer Environment of Pakistan

- 10.1 Demographic Characteristics
- 10.2 Income and Consumption Characteristics
- 10.3 Characteristics of Organisational Consumers
- 10.4 Geographic Characteristics
- 10.5 Socio cultural Characteristics

Block-11 Product Decisions and Strategies

- 11.1 What is a product?
- 11.2 Types of products
- 11.3 Marketing Strategy for different types of products
- 11.4 Product line decision
- 11.5 Diversification

Block-12 Product Life Cycle and New Product Development

- 12.1 The Product Life Cycle Concept
- 12.2 Marketing Mix at Different Stages
- 12.3 Options in Decline Stage
- 12.4 Introduction to New Product Development and Management
- 12.5 New Product Development Process
- 12.6 Product Modifying process

Block-13 Branding and Packaging Decisions

- 13.1 Introduction to brand name and trade mark
- 13.2 Branding decisions
- 13.3 Advantages and disadvantages of branding
- 13.4 Selecting a brand name
- 13.5 Packaging
- 13.6 Packaging industry
- 13.7 Functions of packaging
- 13.8 Legal dimensions of packaging

Block-14 Pricing Policies and Practices

- 14.1 Introduction to Price
- 14.2 Determinants of Pricing
- 14.3 Role of Costs in Pricing
- 14.4 Pricing Methods
- 14.5 Objectives of Pricing Policy
- 14.6 Consumer Psychology and Pricing
- 14.7 Pricing of Industrial goods

- 14.8 Pricing over the Life-cycle of the Product
- 14.9 Nature and Use of Pricing Discounts
- 14.10 Product Positioning and Price
- 14.11 Non-price Competition

Block-15 Marketing Communication

- 15.1 How Communication Works?
- 15.2 How Communication Influence the Role of Promotion in Marketing?
- 15.3 The Promotion Mix
- 15.4 Determining the Promotion Mix
- 15.5 The Promotion Budget

Block-16 Advertising and Publicity

- 16.1 How advertising works?
- 16.2 Types of Advertising
- 16.3 Role of Advertising
- 16.4 Advertising Expenditure
- 16.5 Advertising Management
- 16.6 Setting Advertising Objectives within the perspective of Pakistan
- 16.7 Developing Advertising Copy and Message
- 16.8 Selecting and Scheduling Media
- 16.9 Measuring Advertising Effectiveness
- 16.10 Coordinating with Advertising Agency
- 16.11 The Concept of Publicity

Block-17 Personal Selling and Sales Promotion

- 17.1 Introduction to Personal Selling
- 17.2 Role of Personal Selling
- 17.3 Types of Selling Jobs
- 17.4 The Selling Process
- 17.5 Introduction to Sales Promotion
- 17.6 Sales Promotion Objectives
- 17.7 Sales Promotion Methods
- 17.8 Planning Sales Promotion
- 17.9 Towards Promotional Strategy

Block-18 Sales Forecasting

- 18.1 What is Sales Forecast?
- 18.2 How to Prepare Sales Forecast?
- 18.3 Product Sales Determinants
- 18.4 Approaches to Sales Forecasting Methods of Forecasting
- 18.5 Status of Forecasting Methods Usage
- 18.6 The Evaluation of Forecasts
- 18.7 Computerized Sales Forecasting
- 18.8 Relation among, Sales Forecasting and Profit Planning

Block-19 Distribution Strategy

- 19.1 Importance of Channels of Distribution
- 19.2 Alternative Channels of Distribution
- 19.3 Role of Middlemen in Economy
- 19.4 Selecting an Appropriate Channel
- 19.5 Physical Distribution Tasks
- 19.6 Location of Fixed Facilities
- 19.7 Specific Issues Relating to Maintenance of Stocks

Block-20 Managing Personal Selling

- 20.1 Introduction to Selling and Sales Management
- 20.2 Recruitment and selection of Salesman
- 20.3 Training of Sales Personnel
- 20.4 Motivating the Sales Personnel
- 20.5 Controlling the Sales Personnel

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