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M.B.A. 4^{th} Semester End-Term Examination MARKETING OF SERVICES

Full Marks - 50

Time – Two hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Q. No. 1 is compulsory and any *three* from the rest.

- 1. Fill in the blanks (any *five*):
- $(5 \times 1 = 5)$
- (i) Desired service is the minimum level of a service that a customer can expect from the service provider.
- (ii) Explicit service promises are personal and nonpersonal statements about the service made by the organisation to the customers.
- (iii) Provider's Gap is the difference between customer's expectations and perceptions.
- (iv) Soft customer defined standard means the things that cannot be counted, timed or observed through audits.

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- (v) External marketing is the promotion of a company's objectives, products and services to the employees within the organisation.
- (vi) Listening Gap is the difference between customer's expectation and company understanding of those expectations.
- (vii) Customer's perceptions are the beliefs about the service delivery that the serve as standards or reference points against which the performance is judged.
- (viii) Customer's satisfaction means a response that provides a pleasurable level of consumption related fulfillment.
- (ix) A service Encounter occurs every time a customer interacts with the service organisation.
- (x) Service assurance means the ability to perform the promised service dependably and accurately.
- 2. (a) "Customer's Gap is the difference between customer's expectations and perceptions." Explain. (7)
 - (b) What is customer's Satisfaction? Discuss the Gap Model of service marketing. (2 + 6 = 8)
- 3. (a) "As a result of Relationship Marketing, both the parties in the customer-firm relationship can benefit from customer retention." Explain the benefits enjoyed by the customers and the firm in this regard. (8)

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- (b) "A service Blueprint is a picture or map that accurately portrays the service system so that the different people involved in providing it can understand and deal with it" Explain the statement how a service blueprint is developed by a firm. (7)
- 4. (a) What do you mean by service failure? How a customer responds to the service failure?

(1 + 6 = 7)

- (b) "The core service surrounded by a cluster of facilitating and support services" Discuss the statement in terms of the Flower of Service developed by C. Lovelock. (8)
- 5. (a) Explain the process of a new service development. (8)
 - (b) "The Macro-Environment of a service company comprises those forces that impact the business in the form of opportunities and threats." Discuss. (7)
- 6. (a) Explain the strategies to be adopted for shifting the demand to match the capacities. (6)
 - (b) Define Service Quality and Quality Dimensions? Discuss the five service quality dimensions to judge the quality of a service. (4+5=9)
- 7. (a) Write a note on cost Based and Demand Based pricing along with their challenges. (7)
 - (b) Explain the steps involved in Marketing Research of a service. (8)

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