MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBACT)

Term-End Examination June, 2015

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MCTE-023 : STRATEGIC HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Time: 3 hours Maximum Marks: 100

Note: (i) There are two Sections, A and B.

- (ii) Attempt any **three** questions from Section A. All questions carry **20** marks each.
- (iii) Section B is **compulsory** for all and carries **40** marks.

SECTION A

- 1. Why is career planning a critical strategic issue for present day organisations? Discuss few new career planning methods adopted by organisations, with illustration.
- 2. Describe the concept and process of strategic human resource measurement with relevant examples.
- 3. Explain the concept of strategic human resource management and its relevance in the current scenario.
- **4.** Discuss the various aspects of strategic HRM in international context, citing suitable examples.
- 5. Write an essay on the strategic human resource evaluation.

SECTION B

6. Read the following case carefully and answer the questions given at the end:

All progressive companies have some formal or informal appraising systems for appraising the performance of their employees.

Performance Appraisal is defined as any procedure that involves assessing employees' performance against set standards and providing feedback to the employees assessed.

The aim is to motivate employees (a) to improve their performance (b) encourage for better performance above par.

The reasons for performance appraisal are (1) for salary decisions, rewards and promotion (2) to review employee's work related behaviour with a view to correcting any deficiencies. Appraisal should be central to career planning process.

In a pharma company, manufacturing and marketing drugs and medicines, the research staff has developed a number of new products and formulations which are effective. But at the same time it has to meet severe competition from stalwarts with foreign collaboration. Mr Shah, the Vice President Marketing, has a very successful Pharma Marketing background. He

has been with the company for the past four years. Mr. Shah had made ambitious plans for capturing a sizeable share of the market in Guiarat State. The company being medium-sized, Mr. Shah had kept his marketing department and the marketing team lean and trim. The field sales staff was given aggressive targets and were virtually pushed to reach the respective targets. The field staff worked to the best of their abilities to complete their respective targets. Mr. Shah had himself been working hard, almost 11 - 12 hours a day. There was no formal appraisal and reward system in the company. During the last five years more than 60 Medical Representatives and the Area Supervisors had left the company due to unsatisfactory increments and promotions. Those who left the company were star workers. But Mr. Shah did not care for this high turnover. He was over-confident that he would be able to hire freshers and also select candidates who were not happy with their remuneration in their respective companies. Mr. Shah had never communicated to the field sales staff about their performance or reasons for not recognising their outstanding performance in a few cases. There was on the whole a great dissatisfaction and good performers were leaving the company.

- (a) What do you perceive is the basic problem in 'Shah'?
- (b) What are the steps you will take serially to correct the situation?
- (c) In the event of your suggesting a Performance Appraisal System:
 - (i) How will you decide a suitable system of appraisal?
 - (ii) Will your system include merit, rewards and promotions?