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BBA IV Semester

BBA403 – Performance Management and Compensation Management

Section A: Long Answer Questions

Unit 1:

- 1. Define performance management. Explain its importance in the current business environment.
- 2. Discuss the historical development of performance management.
- 3. Compare and contrast performance appraisal and performance management.
- 4. Explain the characteristics and objectives of performance management.
- 5. Describe the performance management model in detail.
- Elaborate the principles of engagement maximizing using the OSCAR model.
- 7. Explain the process of performance management with a suitable diagram.
- 8. Discuss the challenges in implementing performance management in organizations.
- 9. Critically evaluate the implications of performance management in organizational success.
- 10. Explain the essence of performance management and how it differs from traditional appraisal systems.

Unit 2:

- 1. What is performance appraisal? Discuss its purposes and significance.
- 2. Compare different methods of performance appraisal with examples.
- 3. Explain the design of an effective appraisal system.
- 4. Discuss the steps involved in implementing an appraisal system.
- 5. How do appraisals impact HR decisions? Illustrate with examples.
- 6. Describe the objectives and functions of performance counselling.
- 7. Discuss in detail the role of the manager in performance appraisal.
- 8. Explain the concept, principles, and approaches of performance counselling.
- 9. Elaborate on the characteristics of a good appraisal system.
- 10. How does PMS (Performance Management System) influence organizational growth?

Unit 3:

- 1. Define compensation management. Explain its objectives and philosophy.
- 2. Discuss compensation as a motivational tool with suitable examples.
- 3. Elaborate on the strategic perspective of compensation.
- 4. Explain the components and structure of a compensation plan.
- 5. Analyze the role of benchmarking in compensation management.
- 6. Discuss the economic theories related to reward management.
- 7. Explain the behavioral theories associated with compensation.
- 8. Evaluate the factors influencing compensation strategy in modern organizations.
- 9. How does compensation affect employee performance and retention?
- 10. Discuss the difference between direct and indirect compensation with examples.

Unit 4:

- 1. Explain the difference between internal and external equity in compensation systems.
- 2. Discuss compensation differentials across industries with examples.
- 3. How does job evaluation affect compensation planning?
- 4. Analyze the concept and structure of broadband pay.
- 5. Explain the components of a job family pay structure.
- 6. Discuss the implications of pay equity on organizational justice.
- 7. Evaluate the role of performance-based pay systems in employee motivation.
- 8. How are inter-industry compensation levels determined?
- 9. Explain the importance of transparency in compensation policies.
- 10. Discuss the advantages and limitations of broadbanding.

Section B: Short Answer Questions

Unit 1:

- 1. Define performance appraisal.
- 2. What is the OSCAR model?
- 3. State two characteristics of performance management.
- 4. What is critical appraisal?
- 5. List any two challenges in performance management.
- 6. Explain the term "performance management process."
- 7. Mention two principles of performance management.
- 8. What is the essence of performance appraisal?
- State two differences between performance appraisal and performance management.
- 10. Define performance management in one line.

Unit 2:

- 1. What is PMS?
- 2. Define performance counselling.
- 3. Mention any two methods of appraisal.
- 4. What is the objective of performance appraisal?
- 5. Write two characteristics of a good appraisal system.
- Define "appraisal system design."
- 7. What is the role of managers in appraisal?
- 8. Mention two appraisal-related HR decisions.
- 9. What is the meaning of performance counselling?
- 10. Name two performance counselling approaches.

Unit 3:

- 1. Define compensation.
- 2. What is strategic compensation?
- 3. State two objectives of compensation management.
- 4. What is meant by benchmarking in compensation?
- 5. Define compensation philosophy.
- Write any two tools used in compensation strategy.
- 7. Mention one economic and one behavioral theory related to compensation.
- 8. What is reward management?
- 9. Name any two components of a compensation structure.
- 10. Define compensation as a motivational tool.

Unit 4:

- 1. Define internal equity.
- 2. Define external equity.
- 3. What is broadband pay?
- 4. Name two factors affecting compensation differentials.
- 5. What is job family pay structure?
- 6. Mention one benefit and one drawback of broadbanding.
- 7. What is meant by compensation transparency?
- 8. State two characteristics of a performance-based pay system.
- 9. Define job evaluation in brief.
- 10. What is industry compensation benchmarking?

Section C: Multiple Choice Questions

Unit 1:

- 1. What is the main objective of performance management?
 - a) Punishment
 - b) Documentation
 - c) Motivation and improvement
 - d) None of the above

Ans: c

- 2. OSCAR model is used in:
 - a) Finance
 - b) Operations
 - c) Engagement maximization
 - d) Legal compliance

Ans: c

- 3. Performance management is focused on:
 - a) Short-term appraisal
 - b) Long-term growth
 - c) Daily reporting
 - d) None

Ans: b

- 4. Which of the following is not a principle of performance management?
 - a) Goal setting
 - b) Employee growth
 - c) Ignoring feedback
 - d) Regular monitoring

Ans: c

- 5. Performance appraisal differs from performance management in terms of:
 - a) Process scope
 - b) Objectives
 - c) Timeframe
 - d) All of the above

Ans: d

- 6. Which of these is a challenge in performance management?
 - a) Clear goals
 - b) Employee resistance
 - c) High productivity
 - d) Good leadership

- 7. The performance management cycle does not include:
 - a) Planning

- b) Monitoring
- c) Promoting
- d) Reviewing

Ans: c

- 8. Critical appraisal is related to:
 - a) Negative feedback only
 - b) Balanced performance review
 - c) Salary planning
 - d) None of these

Ans: b

- 9. Performance management process starts with:
 - a) Recruitment
 - b) Planning
 - c) Appraisal
 - d) Salary fixation

Ans: b

- 10. Which of these focuses on maximizing employee engagement?
 - a) SWOT
 - b) OSCAR
 - c) HRD Matrix
 - d) RACI

Ans: b

Unit 2:

- 1. PMS stands for:
 - a) Performance Management System
 - b) Personal Management Solution
 - c) Payroll Management System
 - d) Process Monitoring System

Ans: a

- 2. Appraisal is primarily used for:
 - a) Firing employees
 - b) Giving negative feedback
 - c) Evaluating performance
 - d) Promoting policies

Ans: c

- One of the popular appraisal methods is:a) SWOT
 - b) 360-degree feedback
 - c) RACI
 - d) OSCAR
 - Ans: b
- 4. Counselling is needed for:
 - a) Punishment
 - b) Skill development
 - c) Promotion
 - d) Transfer
 - Ans: b
- 5. HR decisions based on appraisal include:
 - a) Layoff
 - b) Training need identification
 - c) Audit
 - d) None
 - Ans: b
- 6. Characteristics of a good PMS include:
 - a) Confidentiality
 - b) Transparency
 - c) Complexity
 - d) None
 - Ans: b
- 7. Performance appraisal is part of:
 - a) Reward management
 - b) Performance management
 - c) Legal framework
 - d) Financial auditing
 - Ans: b
- 8. Manager's performance role includes:
 - a) Counselling
 - b) Auditing
 - c) Finance control
 - d) Marketing
 - Ans: a
- 9. Appraisal results help in:
 - a) Employee layoff

- b) Organizational branding
- c) HRD interventions
- d) Infrastructure planning

Ans: c

- 10. Which of these is not an appraisal method?
 - a) MBO
 - b) 360-degree
 - c) Balance sheet method
 - d) Rating scales

Ans: c

Unit 3:

- 1. Compensation is best defined as:
 - a) Employee punishment
 - b) Monetary and non-monetary rewards
 - c) Training and development
 - d) Bonus only

Ans: b

- 2. The primary objective of compensation management is to:
 - a) Avoid taxes
 - b) Satisfy trade unions
 - c) Attract and retain employees
 - d) Increase turnover

Ans: c

- 3. Which of these is a strategic component of compensation?
 - a) Arbitrary bonus
 - b) Performance incentives
 - c) Random deductions
 - d) Non-financial loss

- 4. Compensation philosophy refers to:
 - a) Policies for promotion
 - b) Employer's beliefs on pay and rewards
 - c) Marketing strategy
 - d) None

Ans: b

- 5. Benchmarking in compensation is used to:
 - a) Set legal standards
 - b) Compare with industry best practices
 - c) Increase profit
 - d) Hire top executives only

Ans: b

- 6. Which of these is an economic theory related to reward?
 - a) Maslow's hierarchy
 - b) Demand-Supply theory
 - c) Herzberg's motivation theory
 - d) Expectancy theory

Ans: b

- 7. Behavioral theories focus on:
 - a) Financial investments
 - b) Employee behavior and motivation
 - c) Machine productivity
 - d) Company profits

Ans: b

- 8. One major factor influencing compensation strategy is:
 - a) Political ideology
 - b) Internal organizational goals
 - c) Competitor branding
 - d) Local cuisine

Ans: b

- 9. Which of these is NOT a compensation component?
 - a) Basic pay
 - b) HRA
 - c) Office location
 - d) Incentives

Ans: c

- 10. The term "reward management" includes:
 - a) Recruitment practices
 - b) Wage and salary administration
 - c) Training assessment
 - d) Only stock options

Unit 4:

- 1. Internal equity is concerned with:
 - a) Fairness among employees in same organization
 - b) Market rate comparison
 - c) Cost control
 - d) None

Ans: a

- 2. External equity compares pay across:
 - a) Same department
 - b) External organizations
 - c) Local government bodies
 - d) Social groups

Ans: b

- 3. Compensation differentials are due to:
 - a) Equal job roles
 - b) Industry trends, location, and skills
 - c) Uniform pay policies
 - d) Shared profit

Ans: b

- 4. A broadband pay structure:
 - a) Has many narrow pay ranges
 - b) Consolidates several grades into one band
 - c) Excludes benefits
 - d) Is illegal

Ans: b

- 5. Job family pay structure groups:
 - a) Dissimilar jobs
 - b) Unrelated designations
 - c) Related jobs with common features
 - d) Top management only

Ans: c

- 6. Pay equity focuses on:
 - a) Hiring
 - b) Fairness in compensation
 - c) Promotions
 - d) Marketing strategies

Ans: b

- 7. Transparency in compensation means:
 - a) Secret pay structure
 - b) Open sharing of pay-related information
 - c) Government control
 - d) None

Ans: b

- 8. Inter-industry compensation is analyzed to:
 - a) Increase tax
 - b) Compare salary structures across sectors
 - c) Reduce HR cost
 - d) Assess marketing strategies

Ans: b

- 9. Which of these is a limitation of broadbanding?
 - a) Reduced flexibility
 - b) Higher administrative costs
 - c) Lack of promotion levels
 - d) Too many job roles

Ans: c

- 10. Performance-based pay is aimed at:
 - a) Reducing work
 - b) Encouraging high productivity
 - c) Minimizing employee benefits
 - d) Avoiding laws

Ans: b

BONUS QUESTIONS

10 Long Answer Bonus Questions

Unit 1

1. Analyze the differences in implementation of performance management in manufacturing vs. service industries.

2. Discuss how technological advancements have changed the performance management process in modern organizations.

Unit 2

- 3. Explain the challenges in designing a fair and unbiased performance appraisal system.
- 4. Evaluate the effectiveness of 360-degree feedback as a performance appraisal method.

Unit 3

- 5. Discuss the integration of compensation management with talent retention strategies.
- 6. Explain how a strategic compensation policy can enhance competitive advantage.

Unit 4

- 7. Analyze the importance of pay equity legislation in shaping compensation policy.
- 8. Discuss the trends and future directions in broadbanding and its impact on modern HR systems.

Unit 5

- 9. Compare traditional compensation systems with modern flexible compensation plans.
- 10. Critically examine the role of non-monetary benefits in employee satisfaction and retention.

Unit 1

- 1. What do you mean by engagement maximization?
- 2. Mention any two recent trends in performance management.

Unit 2

- 3. What is BARS in performance appraisal?
- 4. What is the meaning of forced ranking?

Unit 3

- 5. What is meant by total compensation?
- 6. Name two strategic issues in compensation management.

Unit 4

- 7. Define compensation parity.
- 8. What is the role of market survey in external equity?

Unit 5

- 9. What is CTC (Cost to Company)?
- 10. Mention two advantages of performance-linked incentives.

Multiple Choice Bonus Questions

Unit 1

- 1. Performance management primarily focuses on:
 - a) One-time evaluation
 - b) Development and continuous improvement
 - c) Training only
 - d) Layoffs

Ans: b

- 2. The OSCAR model includes:
 - a) Observation, Support, Coach, Appraise, Review
 - b) Organize, Select, Create, Assess, Reflect
 - c) Objectives, Standards, Coaching, Appraisal, Review
 - d) None of the above

Ans: c

Unit 2

- 3. Forced distribution appraisal method is also known as:
 - a) Bell curve
 - b) SWOT analysis
 - c) Checklist method
 - d) Graphic rating scale

Ans: a

- 4. Which appraisal method gathers feedback from peers, subordinates, and managers?
 - a) MBO
 - b) Critical Incident
 - c) 360-Degree Feedback
 - d) Checklist Method

Ans: c

Unit 3

- 5. A compensation strategy aligned with business goals is called:
 - a) Generic strategy
 - b) Strategic compensation
 - c) Behavioral strategy
 - d) None

Ans: b

- 6. Which of these is a non-monetary reward?
 - a) Bonus
 - b) Medical Insurance
 - c) Appreciation letter
 - d) DA

Ans: c

Unit 4

- 7. External equity is measured through:
 - a) Internal survey
 - b) Performance appraisals
 - c) Market wage surveys
 - d) Attendance records

Ans: c

- 8. A broadband pay structure is most useful in:
 - a) Hierarchical organizations
 - b) Start-ups and flat structures
 - c) Government departments
 - d) None of the above

Ans: b

Unit 5

- 9. Pay-for-performance is also known as:
 - a) Fixed pay
 - b) Variable pay
 - c) Seniority-based pay
 - d) Equity sharing

- 10. Which of these is not a factor in designing compensation packages?
 - a) Job role
 - b) Marital status
 - c) Industry standards

d) Skill level **Ans: b**