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MIDTERM EXAMINATION

Course Subject: Project Management (MS)
Date: Monday, 26th November 2007
Course Instructor:

Marks: 25
Time: 90 Minutes
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- i. Please attempt **both** questions. They carry equal marks.
- ii. **Do not** write irrelevant details, it will be considered as negative point.
- iii. Mobile phones, laptops, calculators, digital diaries and other electronic devices are **not** permitted in the examination hall

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Question 1: Projects are indispensable for most organizations, irrespective of whether they are in the public, private or non-governmental sectors. Discuss the main reasons which, in your opinion, have over time brought about this surge of interest in undertaking projects and which are “compelling” organizations to adopt project management as the principal means of managing their projects from two different perspectives: (1) from the intra-organizational perspective (i.e. focus is on reasons and factors within the organization which favor undertaking projects), and (2) from the perspective of the organization’s external environment. Give specific examples.

Question 2: Projects go hand in hand with change. Change not only has an impact on organizations, but can also have a potentially substantive and long-term impact on countries, regions and even the whole world. It can also be multi-dimensional. Using specific examples, discuss how projects can bring about such “major changes” which can influence the lives of millions of human beings across countries, regions and/or our planet.

Remember: Focus on quality not quantity!

Good Luck!