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B. Com/B.Com BANKING AND E-COMMERCE/B.Com BANKING

AND FINANCE/B.Com CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP

Clearing and Forwarding in Import and Export

(For those who joined in July 2024 onwards)

Time : 3Hours   Maximum : 75 Marks

PART – A (10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions
Choose the correct answer:
1. Which of the following best describes clearing and forwarding?

(a) Retailing process

(b) Movement of goods across borders with legal compliance

(c) Only storage of goods

(d) Only insurance of goods

2. In logistics, clearance delays mainly occur due to_____

(a) Incorrect documentation

(b) Lack of advertisements

(c) Employee strikes in factories

(d) HR issues

3. Which document provides details of goods, price and terms of sale?

(a) Packing list   (b) Commercial invoice

(c) Bill of lading   (d) Insurance policy

4. ISO 9000 certification primarily assures_____

(a) Lower customs duty

(b) Standardized quality system compliance

(c) Trade finance availability

(d) Safety of cargo

5. Customs inspection during import is primarily conducted to_____

(a) Verify documents only   (b) Ensure revenue collection and compliance

(c) Check shipping charges (d) Approve bank payments

6. Why is import license required?

   (a) To regulate the quantity and type of imports

   (b) To allow free imports

   (c) To reduce customs paperwork

   (d) To increase export incentives

7. Freight forwarding primarily involves_____

   (a) Cargo insurance

   (b) Transportation and documentation of goods

   (c) Only packaging

   (d) Only warehousing

8. The term "Multimodal Transport" means_____

   (a) Using multiple carriers under single contract

   (b) Transport by road only

   (c) Transport by sea only

   (d) Air transport with warehousing

9. Risk management in international trade primarily deals with_____

   (a) Marketing strategy

   (b) Identifying and mitigating risks

   (c) Product design

   (d) Employee training

10. Which payment method provides maximum security to exporters?

(a) Open account   (b) Letter of credit

(c) Consignment   (d) Cash against goods

PART – B (5 X 5 = 25 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions choosing either (a) or (b).
Answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) List five key documents required for customs clearance.

(OR)

    (b) Describe the process of preparing a bill of lading in shipping.

12. (a) Explain the role of a commercial invoice in export trade.

(OR)

    (b) Describe the significance of a bill of lading.

13. (a) Illustrate the steps of customs inspection.

(OR)

    (b) List the documents required for import clearance at customs.

14. (a) Examine the role of freight forwarders in customs clearance.

(OR)

    (b) Identify challenges faced in cargo labelling during export.

15. (a) Differentiate between revocable and irrevocable letters of credit.

(OR)

(b) Examine the importance of bills of lading in international payments.

PART – C (5 X 8 = 40 Marks)

**Answer ALL Questions choosing either (a) or (b).
Answer should not exceed 500 words.**

16. (a) Critically assess the importance of legal framework in clearance procedures.

(OR)

(b) Evaluate the role of digitalization in clearing and forwarding.

17. (a) Compare the procedures of export licensing and import licensing.

(OR)

(b) Differentiate between commercial invoice and packing list.

18. (a) Illustrate how a bill of entry is processed in Indian customs.

(OR)

(b) Discuss the use of shipping documents in facilitating customs inspection.

19. (a) Evaluate the efficiency of multimodal transport in today's logistics.

(OR)

(b) Critically examine the importance of packaging standards in export.

20. (a) Analyze the role of insurance in safeguarding exporters' interests.

(OR)

(b) Examine the role of technology in improving international payments.