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**End Semester Examination, May 2019** 

Course: Marketing of Services / MKTG 2004 Set-A Semester: IV

**Programme: BBA-AM** 

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Q3	Reference to the case 'Samsung Everland', trace the evolution of the theme park and changes Mr. Her has made. What is your assessment of them?	5	CO1, CO2. CO3
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	State who are the internal and external customers of a company and why should a company communicate with them? And what are the tools that can be used for internal and external communication by an organization?		
Q6	What does it to take to give an organization a sustainable competitive advantage based on Service quality? You might want to think about some specific high quality service producers – McDonald. Singapore Airline wall-Mart etc.	5	CO1, CO2, CO5
SECT	ION-C: Attempt any 2 Questions [2x15 = 30 Marks]		
Q7	Corporate Healthcare is seen as one of the fastest growing segment in the Indian economy with foreigners accounting for 12 % of all patients in top hospitals like Lilavati, Jaslok, Breach Candy etc. This is because medical care costs only 1/5th as much as it costs in the west. In what way can the Physical environment help corporate hospitals in India to woo foreign patients, considering the fact that hospital ambience is a prerequisite to attract them?	15	CO2,C O3,CO 4
Q8	A firm is said to have achieved a differentiated competitive advantage when its customers perceive that the service offered by it is different from that of its competitors on the basis of any of the elements of the marketing mix viz, service / product, price, promotion and distribution.  State various criteria that a product / service should meet as a part of differentiating attributes?	15	CO2,C O3,CO 4
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