



# ICM

MARCH 2016

LOGISTICS

**Instructions to candidates:**

- a) Time allowed: Three hours (plus an extra ten minutes' reading time at the start – do not write anything during this time)
  - b) Answer any FIVE questions
  - c) All questions carry equal marks. Marks for each question are shown in [ ]
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1. Critically evaluate the contribution of supplier associations to the international trading system. [20]
  2. Explain the phases in a typical location selection process. [20]
  3. A time-based mapping process requires careful planning if it is to fulfil its potential for an organisation. Explain the approach that an organisation should undertake when completing a time-based mapping process. [20]
  4. Commentators have suggested that one of the most influential developments in the modern era has been the extensive adoption of just-in-time purchasing. Analyse the implications of just-in-time purchasing for the logistics function. [20]
  5. Lean and agile supply is now a core concept in logistics. Review the attributes and features of lean and agile supply. [20]
  6. Logistics is an area of cost overhead that companies will seek to minimise. Analyse the main categories of costs that the logistics function is likely to incur. [20]
  7. Review the ways in which the internationalisation of logistics networks has impacted on suppliers and purchasers. [20]
  8. Analyse the contribution of partnerships in terms of their advantages and disadvantages to supply chain effectiveness. [20]