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(MANAGEMENT PRACTICES)

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263. RETAIL DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR

Time: Three hours Maximum: 75 marks

SECTION - A

 $(5 \times 3 = 15)$

Answer any FIVE questions

- 1. Mention any four challenges of retailing in India.
- 2. Write a note on demographics and Geographic's retail customers.
- 3. List down the consumer decision process.
- 4. What is retail information system?
- 5. Mention the characteristics of organisational buyers.
- 6. Define the term logistics.
- 7. What are the factors affecting choice of distribution channels?
- 8. Define retail strategies.

SECTION – B

 $(3 \times 10 = 30)$

Answer any THREE questions

- 9. Critically highlight the issues and challenges of retailing in India.
- 10. Explain the evaluation of retail and how the identification process takes place for identifying retail customers.
- 11. Discuss the different levels of logistics management.
- 12. Describe the role of merchandise management in retailing.
- 13. List and explain the techniques of inventory management in retailing.

SECTION-C

 $(1 \times 15 = 15)$

Answer any ONE question

- 14. What is category management? Explain steps in the process of category management.
- 15. Explain the scope and importance of retail market information.
- 16. Discuss the influence of demographic and lifestyle changes in retailing.

SECTION-D

 $(1 \times 15 = 15)$

(Compulsory)

17. Why is logistics an important component in a country's economic system? Give reasons.
