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1st Topics which are easy and important	Learning Curve	Theory + Practical	3	7	9	4	2	4	-	8	-	4
	Activity Based Costing	Theory + Practical	7	11	15	-	4	24	4	11	11	4
	Service Sector	Practical	8	7	-	5	12	4	4	4	8	7
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	TQM	Theory	4	-	-	6	-	-	-	20	-	4
	Value Chain Analysis	Theory	-	-	-	-	5	4	-	4	-	-
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	Linear Programming	Practical	11	8	-	14	8	-	11	9	8	21
	CPM/PERT	Practical	11	13	6	11	12	-	7	10	8	8
	Standard Costing	Practical	11	6	-	14	14	4	11	11	-	12
4th Topics which are difficult but unimportant	Transportation		3	10	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Basic Cost Concepts for Decision Making(incld. Shutdown Point & Relevant Costing)	Theory + Practical	8	4	-	-	-	8	15	4	5	4
	Decision Making (incld. Make or Buy, Key Factor, etc.)	Practical	-	6	24	10	-	22	-	-	16	16

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	Transfer Pricing	Practical	11	11	14	-	12	7	4	15	9	11	-
	Budgeting Control (incld. Benchmarking, Balance Scorecard & Throughput A/cing)	Theory + Practical	11	9	9	22	8		15	22	8	21	12
	Uniform Costing & Inter Firm Comparision*	Theory	4	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Time Series Analysis & Forecasting*	Theory + Practical	3	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Assignment	Practical	8	-	-	11	-	6	-	-	-	7	-
	Simulation	Theory + Practical	-	8	4	-	-	5	-	8	-	7	10
2nd Topics which are easy and unimportant	Target Costing, Life Cycle Costing	Theory	-	4	-	9	4	6	4	-	-	5	4
	Pricing Decisions, Pareto Analysis	Theory	4	6	5	-	-	6	11	3	10	4	3
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	TQM	Theory	4	4	-	-	6	-	-	-	20	-	4
	Value Chain Analysis	Theory	5	-	-	-	-	5	4	-	4	-	-
	Computer Aided Manufacturing, Synchronous Manufacturing, World Class Manufacturing & Business Process Re-engineering*	Theory	-	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Cost Sheet & Profitability Analysis*	Theory + Practical	-	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
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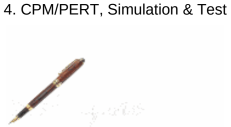
	Test of Hypothesis*	Theory + Practical	5	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Transportation		-	3	10	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
4th Topics which are difficult but unimportant	Basic Cost Concepts for Decision Making(incld. Shutdown Point & Relevant Costing)	Theory + Practical	6	8	4	-	-	-	8	15	4	5	4
	Decision Making (incld. Make or Buy, Key Factor, etc.)	Practical	19	-	6	24	10	-	22	-	-	16	16

Important Note:

1. Marginal Costing (incld. Marginal v/s Absorption) has been deleted from New Course, although you are supposed to have basic knowledge about applicability of CVP analysis.
2. * These topics are newly introduced in New Course.
3. Practical Question on JIT, Balance Scorecard has been asked only once & only twice from TQM (but chances of increase in practical questions on theorical chapters is higher in New Course in comparision to old course).
4. CPM/PERT, Simulation & Test of Hypothesis has also been included in New Course of MAFA (i.e. SFM) & a 8 Marks practical question was asked from Test of Hypothesis in SFM in Nov 08.



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