# MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING TRIPOS

PART I

Tuesday 29 April 2003

9 to 12

Paper P5

# **HUMAN RESOURCES**

Answer not more than four questions, of which not more than two may be taken from each of sections A and B.

All questions carry the same number of marks.

The approximate percentage of marks allocated to each part of a question is indicated in the right margin.

You may not start to read the questions printed on the subsequent pages of this question paper until instructed that you may do so by the Invigilator

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# **SECTION A**

Answer not more than two questions from this section.

- To what extent is management theory dominated by an 'engineering model' of organisations? [100%]
- 2 (a) What do you understand by the phrase 'emotional labour'? [40%]
- (b) What benefits and drawbacks are associated with its use in work organisations?
- 3 (a) Explain why increasing organisational size is associated with increased bureaucracy. [40%]
- (b) If this relationship holds good, then evaluate whether or not it is possible for large organisations to be post-bureaucratic. [60%]
- 4 'Post-structuralist analysis of organisations merely describes the mechanisms of the responsible autonomy control strategies identified by labour process analysis.' Explain and evaluate this statement. [100%]

# **SECTION B**

Answer not more than two questions from this section.

5 What is meant by the term Human Resource Management (HRM)? [20%] (a) To what extent have HRM practices been adopted in Britain? [40%] (b) (c) What impact have British trade unions had on the adoption of such practices? [40%] Discuss the significance of European Union employment legislation in improving equal opportunities for British women at work. [100%] 7 Analyse the short-term and long-term effects of new technology on employment [100%] levels, skills and work patterns on white-collar jobs in the office sector. What are the characteristics of a global economy? 8 (a) [20%] [80%] Discuss the impact of globalisation on the future of work. (b)

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