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management and being able to determine the optimal quantity of supplies that should be ordered are critical factors for the company s costs and productivity therefore calculating the optimal order quantity is the central focus of both chapters the decision to divide inventory management into two chapters is mainly due to the methods used to determine the optimal order quantities which differ for materials with dependent and independent demand for the latter case classic or traditional methods chapter v are not valid initial assumptions change and more complex systems such as mrp material requirements planning studied in chapter vi of this manual are required in addition inventory management has become a critical factor for a company s competitiveness in today s globalized world the emergence of philosophies or approaches that practically eliminate inventory such as the just in time jit or lean manufacturing systems cannot be overlooked so they have their space in chapter vi chapter vii operational scheduling constitutes the final link in operations management operational scheduling or short term planning translates medium to long term plans into short term decisions aimed at allocating human resources machines and materials in the workplace to plan the most optimal work sequence possible in short it translates the master production schedule chapter iv and mrp chapter vi into work sequences and specific assignments of people materials and machines to the work centres usually assignments are made on a weekly daily and even hourly basis the last chapter chapter viii quality in the age of planned obsolescence tackles the concept of quality from the perspective of operations management and how it has evolved towards process improvement theories while addressing the phenomenon of planned obsolescence waste generation and the ethical commitment of operations management to preserve the environment 2 each chapter is structured as follows the title that identifies it a descriptive content section of its main sections the educational goals to be achieved after studying it keywords an outline that orderly structures the content a summary that presents the most important contents and ideas of the chapter the text itself is complemented by graphics examples diagrams and practical situations that occur in our business reality and highlight the application of theoretical concepts glossary of terms a series of self assessment questionnaires for every chapter that aims to evaluate the reader s degree of understanding of its contents in the online portion of the manual recommended readings in the online portion of the manual to reinforce the contents learned through articles manuals or a combination of both that will allow the reader to establish their learning of all the key issues some chapters are also reinforced with videos found on the internet that contain practical application cases of the studied contents as can be seen this book concludes with an extensive bibliography made up of manuals related to operations management finally it is our wish that the reader enjoys the manual and that it opens the doors to new and interesting opportunities for them dr ma teresa nogueras lozano dr eva ballesté morillas

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