

Management in general terms, may be said to be planned activity; directed towards accomplishing desired ends. It involves the weighing of values and making of decisions. Everyone learns through experience to arrange in some manner the resources at his disposal. Home management is the natural outgrowth of human association in the home environment. As soon as a family is established and the persons begin working together for a common purpose, a need arises ; for the development of a plan of action, for the delegation of responsibilities and for organizing and controlling, the use of human and material resources of the home. Because of the multiplicity of the problems that must constantly be solved and the decisions that must be made, management becomes one of the major responsibility of family living.

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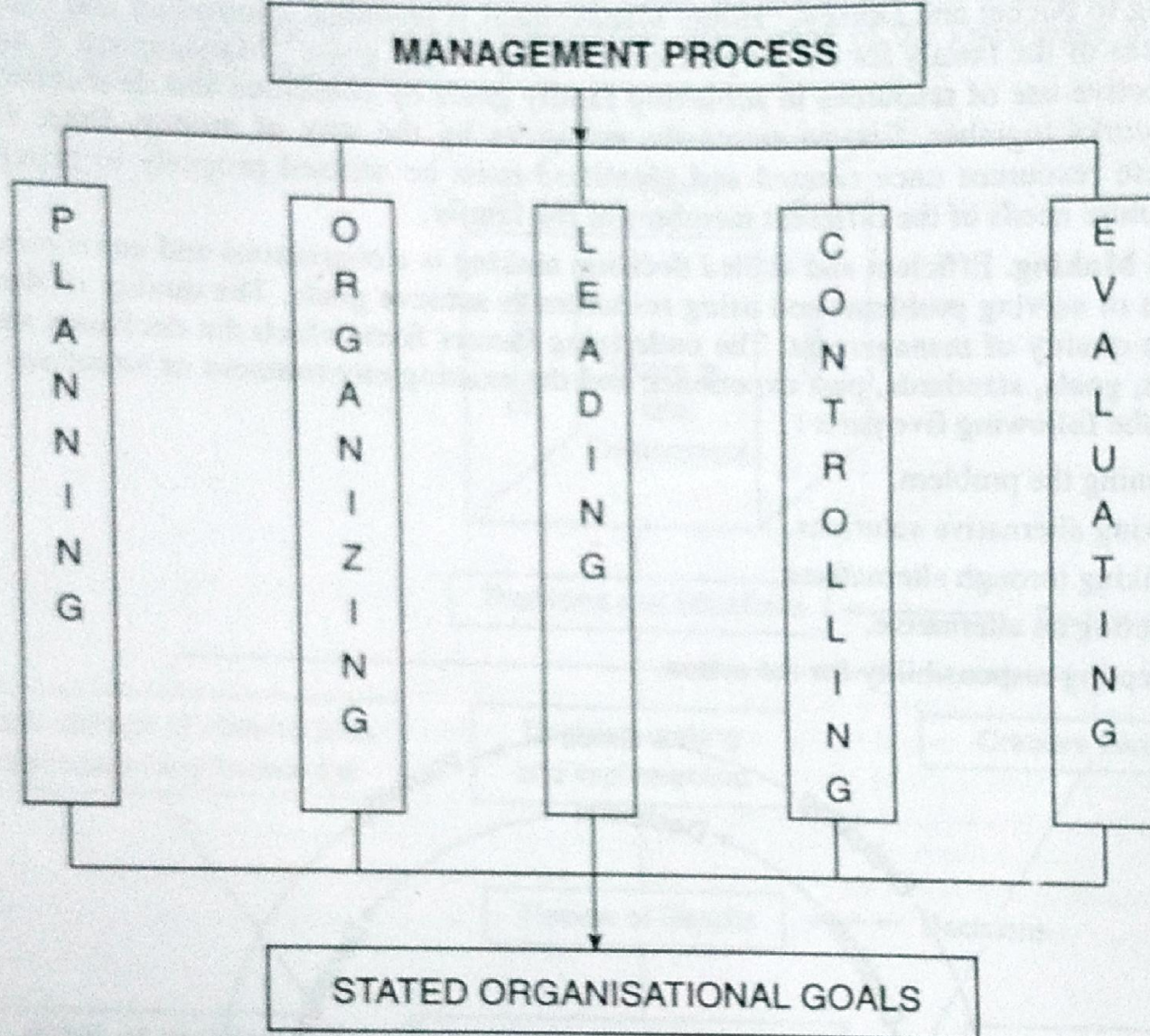
Management is an art because it

- Needs Artist's vision, knowledge of craft and successful communication.
- Applies skills and efforts for desirable results.
- Develops skill through training and practice.
- Advances ahead with training and practice.
- Uses feelings, imagination, thinking and creativity; and
- Requires effective and efficient group cooperation.

Management is a science because it

- Is a field of study having systematic understanding of 'why' and 'how'.
- Is knowledge and understanding based.
- Has knowledge organised into a series of theories.
- Has fundamental principles for guidance in the solution of specific problem; and
- Is possible to measure results objectively on a comparative scale.

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Elements in the Management Process

Home management is the administrative side of family living. It involves decision-making that leads to action. It is the means of accomplishment. It makes use of findings of science and knowledge of the different aspects of family life—economic, social, psychological, physical, spiritual and technological. It applies this knowledge to the use of family resources, to meet living situations, to solve problems and help resolve conflict. In short, home management is the planning, controlling and evaluating the use of resources available to family for the purpose of attaining family goals. Thus good management enables one to work towards the set and desired goals, by the efficient use of all available resources, satisfaction and need of all its members.

Home Management = (Planning + Organization) + (Implementation + Controlling) + Evaluation.

Home Management is concerned with activities related to money, law and regulations of the