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KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DIPLOMA IN PROCUREMENT & SUPPLIES
MANAGEMENT
DPS 1201: SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT

Date:12TH April,2024
Time:2.30PM-4.30PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

Supplies management function has many activities that are all geared towards the provision of goods and services.

- a) Identify main objectives of the supplies management function. **(6 Marks)**
- b) Using examples, highlight the differences between sourcing and outsourcing in Supply chain management. **(6 Marks)**
- c) Supply chain management's goal is to maintain uninterrupted flow of materials and services in an organization. Identify the importance of a warehouse in supply chain management. **(6 Marks)**
- d) Explain the different methods of storage layout. **(6 Marks)**
- e) Describe **THREE** challenges related to outsourcing in an organizational set up. **(6 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the Silo syndrome concept in supply chain management. **(6 Marks)**
- b) Identify ethical principles in business. **(6 Marks)**
- c) Highlight **FOUR** advantages and disadvantages of pipeline transport. **(8 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the functions of physical distribution. **(6 Marks)**
- b) State the benefits of inventory management. **(8 Marks)**
- c) Using examples, differentiate the terms "materials receiving" and "materials Inspection" in an organization. **(6 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Expound on the importance of the "Chain" concept in Supplies management. **(8 Marks)**
- b) Explain three common documents that are generally used in Supplies management. **(6 Marks)**
- c) Discuss three factors to consider when choosing a mode of transport for your organization. **(6 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the importance of packaging in supply operations. **(8 Marks)**
- b) Quality is a key concept for any organization`s prosperity. Elaborate on the benefits of having quality materials and services. **(6 Marks)**
- c) Using examples, differentiate the Inbound and Outbound logistics concepts in Supplies management. **(6 Marks)**