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KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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FOR THE DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
DBT 1102 – ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

Date: 08TH April 2024
Time: 11:30AM – 1:30PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

You are the financial manager of a medium-sized manufacturing company. The company has recently implemented QuickBooks as its primary accounting software. Your CEO is interested in understanding the utilization. Your role is to provide insights and recommendations based on your expertise with QuickBooks.

- i) Using three examples, discuss the advantages of using QuickBooks in the manufacturing company. (6 Marks)
- ii) Using two relevant examples, explain the challenges that the manufacturing company might face as they use QuickBooks. (4 Marks)
- iii) Using two relevant examples, explain audit trails and their importance in financial management and compliance. (4 Marks)
- iv) Describe the mechanisms within QuickBooks for generating audit trails and documenting financial transactions. (6 Marks)
- v) Discuss the importance of accurate payroll processing and taxation compliance for construction companies. (4 Marks)
- vi) Using two examples, explain how QuickBooks simplifies payroll management and ensures compliance with tax regulations (4 Marks)
- vii) Using two examples, explain the importance of a computerized accounting system in the manufacturing company compared to a manual one. (2 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) You are a financial analyst working for a consulting firm specializing in advising small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) on financial management solutions. Your firm has been approached by a newly established restaurant chain that is considering implementing QuickBooks for its accounting and financial management needs. The restaurant chain seeks your expertise to understand the potential applications of QuickBooks in its business operations.
 - i) Describe three key features and functionalities of QuickBooks that make it suitable for small to medium-sized enterprises. (6 Marks)
 - ii) Discuss how QuickBooks accommodates various types of businesses and industries, including the restaurant sector. (4 Marks)
 - iii) Discuss three examples of specific modules or tools within QuickBooks that cater to the unique needs of businesses like the restaurant chain. (6 Marks)
- b) Using two examples, describe how QuickBooks facilitates project management and job costing for construction companies. (4 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) You are the cost accountant of Muhuhi tea limited. You have been tasked with sourcing for the QuickBooks software.
- i) Using two relevant examples, discuss the factors that you would consider when sourcing the software. (4 Marks)
 - ii) Using three examples, explain the importance of tracking budget vs. actual performance in organizations using QuickBooks. (6 Marks)
 - iii) Provide two examples of reports or tools within QuickBooks that facilitate the comparison of budgeted figures with actual performance. (4 Marks)
 - iv) Using three examples, explain 5 challenges that the cost accountant may encounter in the process of sourcing for the software. (6 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) You are a financial consultant hired by a construction company specializing in residential projects. The company is seeking to enhance its financial management capabilities and streamline its operations using QuickBooks.
- i) Using three examples, explain the importance of customizing QuickBooks to meet the specific needs of the construction industry. (6 Marks)
 - ii) Discuss five key customization options available in QuickBooks that can optimize workflow and data management for construction projects. (5 Marks)
 - iii) Discuss a strategy that you would use to integrate QuickBooks with other software solutions commonly used in the construction sector to improve efficiency and accuracy. (4 Marks)
 - iv) Discuss five challenges that you may face while implementing QuickBooks in the construction company. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- i) Using three examples, discuss how implementing QuickBooks in a hospital setting can streamline financial management processes. (6 Marks)
- ii) Identify two potential challenges that the hospitals may face when using QuickBooks (4 Marks)
- iii) Provide five examples of how hospitals can utilize QuickBooks for tasks like tracking patient accounts, managing inventory, and analyzing revenue streams. (4 Marks)
- iv) Using three relevant examples, discuss how scalability may be implemented in QuickBooks. (6 Marks)