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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR  
DEGREE IN BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**KBA 2415 - FUNDAMENTALS OF PROCURMENT AND SUPPLIES**

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2020  
Time: 2.30 – 4.30pm

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) You have been working with public procurement oversight authority of Kenya for the last five years and recently, the authority has appointed a five-member team, you included to undertake a task on how to improve and strengthen the acquisition of goods, works and services by the public sector. As an experienced supply chain officer, who understands various weak areas in public procurement process, which areas in the process of public procurement are you going to be monitoring and investigating closely to ensure you come up with a good report of how to strengthen the public procurement process in Kenya.  
(14 Marks)
- b) You have been working with the government of Kenya for the last thirty-five years in various state agencies and you understand very well public procurement including its governing laws. It's a fact that that you know most of the government projects procured with public funds are never completed and the value of money is never realized. The solutions on how to achieve the value for money for public procurement is also well known, but nothing has ever been implemented over the years. Now that you have been part of the public procurement, and you are almost retiring in a few years, what would you say has been the challenge with public procurement for its failure to implement the solutions that have always been suggested forth by various agencies in Kenya.  
(16 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

Public procurement reforms in Kenya have been happening every two to five years period since 1956. With each new reform, it promises increased efficiency, effectiveness, value for money, upholding of more ethical standards among others. Of late, Kenya has suffered major setbacks in relation to procurement of public goods, works and services, and even lately, the new standard gauge railway contract was ruled by the court to have been illegal and this is despite numerous reforms. As a supply chain professional, why do you think public sector procurement is continuously hit by mega scandals yet every year there are reforms being made to the same sector to sanitize the public procurement processes. **(20 Marks)**

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

As a procurement officer, how would you structure the procurement process procedures to have few or no cases of unethical business practices in the selection process. **(20 Marks)**

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

Discuss opportunities that organizations get as a result of using competitive bidding process in supply chain management. **(20 Marks)**

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain how public procurement process is carried out when acquiring goods, works and services. **(10 Marks)**
  
- b) Discuss various challenges that affect procurement processes among government departments. **(10 Marks)**