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# KIRIRI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR FIRST YEAR, FOURTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DHR 1008: EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Date: 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023 Time: 11:30AM-1:30PM

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Examine the differences between employee relations and labour relations. (6 Marks)
- b) Using relevant examples outline the functions of employment and labour relations court in Kenya. (6 Marks)
- c) Highlight the factors to be considered in collective bargaining. (5 Marks)
- d) Enumerate the economic impact of industrial disputes. (4 Marks)
- e) State the disadvantages of joint consultation as a form of employee participation. (5 Marks)
- f) Using relevant examples, outline the importance of work life balance to an organization.

(4 Marks)

### **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) As the employee relations manager explain how line managers can improve employee relations climate in their respective departments. (8 Marks)
- b) Discuss the functions of Central Organization of Trade Union (COTU). (6 Marks)
- c) Examine the causes of industrial disputes in organizations. (6 Marks)

#### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

a) Explain the contributions of International Labour Organization (ILO) in employee relations. (8 Marks)

b) Using relevant examples, discuss the challenges facing trade union organizations in Kenya today. (6 Marks)

c) Examine the conditions necessary for effective participation by employees in organization management. (6 Marks)

#### **OUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss the causes of employee grievances in the work place and explain how they can be avoided. (8 Marks)
- b) Using relevant examples demonstrate the importance of employee counseling in modern organizations. (8 Marks)
- c) Evaluate the relevance of workforce diversity in an organization. (4 Marks)

#### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the instances where an employer can summarily dismiss an employee without notice.
  - (8 Marks)
- b) Discuss the responsibilities of the employer (FKE) in industrial relations charter. (8 Marks)
- c) Examine the responsibilities of a shop steward in an organization. (4 Marks)