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SPECIAL EXAMINATION

Date: 13th August, 2024 Time: 11.30am – 1.30pm

KFI 401 MULTINATIONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) State three ways in which multinational operations differ from domestic firms.

(6 Marks)

- b) Briefly describe the three types of foreign exchange exposures that multinational firms face in international trade. (6 Marks)
- c) The decision to trade across borders is not taken lightly by firms. Highlight any three reasons as to why a Kenyan company would wish to become an MNE. (6 Marks)
- d) Justify, using any four reasons, why a firm would resolve to issuing Euro equity as a means of raising funds. (4 Marks)
- e) Identify and explain any two strategies that MNEs use to manage potentially arising foreign exchange risks. (4 Marks)
- f) List four recent developments that have led to the increased reliance of international financial markets. (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Political interference is one of the key risks that multinational firms face when going international. Describe any five ways that a firm may use to minimize the effects of political risks. (10 Marks)
- b) Trade barriers are used by countries to control the levels of trade with other trading partners. Highlight any five types of non-tariff trade barriers used by nations to accomplish this task.

 (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Briefly discuss any five potential challenges that an MNE intending to invest in Kenya would have to deal with. (10 Marks)
- b) Capital budgeting is usually about allocation of financial resources using available opportunities. Highlight five reasons why a firm should practice capital budgeting.

(10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Firms have a choice of using the various available options to invest in a foreign territory. Explain any five investment strategies that an MNE would use to enter a foreign country.

(10 Marks)

b) Host governments attempt to restrict international trade through the use of trade barriers. Give five reasons why they impose trade barriers on foreign companies. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Elucidate on the determinants of foreign exchange rates that affect firms operating internationally. (10 Marks)
- b) Briefly elaborate on the steps used by firms when undertaking the capital budgeting process. (10 Marks)