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KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2012/2013 ACADEMIC YEAR
FOURTH YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
(BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)

Date: 18th April, 2013
Time: 9.00am – 11.00Am

KPS 402 - SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the overall objectives of the supply chain optimization. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain why supplier site visit necessary by a cross functional team. (9 Marks)
- c) Explain the factors that influence the supplier base of an organization. (8 Marks)
- d) Explain reasons why an organization adopt a backward integration strategy. (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) An appropriate strategy for safety stock ought to be employed taking into account the several considerations. Explain these factors. (4 Marks)
- b) Explain the advantages and disadvantages of single centralized warehousing. (16 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the practice that a company should follow to minimize redundancy stock. (5 Marks)
- b) Supply chains are vulnerable to external and internal risks. Explain these risks. (10 Marks)
- c) Explain the minimum levels of fire precautions that should be in place in a storehouse. (5 Marks}

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain why organizations keep some inventories even with development of JIT. (7 Marks)
- b) Explain why appraisal of a potential supplier is essential. (13 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain how Supply management integrates and manage business process across supply chain? (8 Marks)
- b) Define 'tender' and describe five (5) types of tenders in practice. (10 Marks)
- c) Define suppliers development. (2 Marks)