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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 PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT
DPS 1201-SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT

Date: 10th August 2023
Time: 2.30pm-4.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the main objectives of any supply chain management department. (6 Marks)
- b) What is the difference between supply management and logistics management (6 Marks)
- c) Supply chain *management's goal is to maintain an uninterrupted flow of goods*, from the collection of raw materials to manufacture to distribution of the final. Discuss the importance of storage on supplies. (6 Marks)
- d) Elaborate on the different methods of storage layout. (6 Marks)
- e) Discuss the importance and the key aspects of Outsourcing storages (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe the concept of material handling in regards to supplies management (6 marks)
- b) Identify and describe the material handling principles used to ensure effective and efficient handling of materials. (8 marks)
- c) In order to perform the activities of material handling the basic goal is to minimise the production cost. Discuss the specific objectives of material handling. (6marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the importance of packaging in supply operations (8marks)
- b) Brands should see packaging as a vital component in enabling a smooth-running supply chain. Discuss the factors influencing packaging decisions and considerations in international market (8 marks)
- c) Explain the factors to consider in designing a packaging system (4 marks).

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the functions of physical distribution (6 marks)
- b) Elaborate on the components of Physical Distribution in the supply chain function (6 marks)
- c) Discuss the factors to consider when selecting a mode of transport (8 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the objectives of warehousing function in an organization (6 marks)
- b) Some distributor firms use third party warehouses instead of setting up their own facilities. Explain the advantages that may accrue to such firms from this practice. (12 marks).
- c) Discuss the contemporary issues in supplies management (6 marks)