



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

FIRST YEAR THIRD SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

**2903/107 WAREHOUSING OPERATIONS AND STOCK CONTROL**

**DATE: 17/12/2020**

**TIME: 8.30-11.30 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Attempt any five questions**

1. a) Explain the factors that a warehouse manager should consider when choosing a method to use when inspecting materials. (10 marks)  
b) Highlight the types of symbols that an organization may use to code materials (10 marks)
2. a) Explain the measures an organization should take to enhance efficiency when issuing materials. (10 marks)  
b) Explain the ways in which an organization may minimize costs associated with stockholding. (12 marks)
3. a) Outline five reasons that may make it necessary to undertake reconciliation after a stock taking exercise. (10 marks)  
b) Highlight five measures that a warehouse manager may take to enhance security in a warehouse. (10 marks)
4. a) Describe the procedure for inspecting incoming materials in an organization. (10 marks)  
b) Explain five measures that an organization may take to prevent pilferage of goods in its warehouse. (10 marks)
5. a) Highlight the objectives of handling materials in an organization. (10 marks)  
b) Explain five limitations that an organization may experience from adopting inappropriate stores layout for its goods. (10 marks)
6. a) The use of appropriate packages may contribute to reduction of certain costs in an organization. Explain the ways in which packages may minimize costs in warehousing operations. (10 marks)  
b) Highlight the benefits of using the economic order quantity method of stock control. (10 marks)
7. a) Outline five ways in which stock records may be useful to an organization. (10 marks)

- b) Explain five reasons that may influence an organization to adopt the centralized warehousing system for its goods. (10 marks)