



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

DPS 101: INTRODUCTION TO SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

DATE: 2/5/2019

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Attempt Question ONE and any other TWO question

This paper consists of FIVE questions

Answer question one and other two questions in this paper

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain six ways in which the procurement department may enhance the production operations of an organization. (6 marks)
- b) Module determination of the right quantity of materials to be bought. (6 marks)
- c) Explain six purposes of specifications in purchasing. (6 marks)
- d) Explain six financial aspects that a procurement officer should consider when evaluating a supplier. (6 marks)
- e) Explain six factors that influence the price charged by supplies for products. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Highlight FIVE ways in which the procurement department may contribute to delayed payments to suppliers. (10 marks)
- b) Explain FIVE ways in which a procurement officer may enhance timely deliveries. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain FIVE benefits of centralizing procurement activity in an organization. (10 marks)
- b) Explain FIVE ways that a supply chain officer may manage the small order (Low Value) procurements. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Highlight FIVE circumstances that may give rise to rush orders in an organization. (10 marks)
- b) Highlight FIVE disadvantages of buying goods in excess of organizational requirements. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain five indicators of an efficient distribution system of goods. (10 marks)
- b) Explain FIVE decisions related to transportation of goods in an organization that may be made at the operational level. (10 marks)