



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

THIRD YEAR SPECIAL/ SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

BMS 320: STORAGE AND WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain five reasons against storage of materials by organizations. (10 marks)
- b) Analyze five costs which are associated with the holding of materials in an organization. (10 marks)
- c) Discuss five methods that an organization may use to dispatch its materials to customers (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)

- a) Describe the material issue procedure into an organization. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the reasons that would favour the use of replacement method of materials for internal use. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the factors to consider when selecting the method of dispatching materials to external customers. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the operational aspects of a storage accommodation that should be considered when designing a warehouse. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the various reasons that have led to the continued use of manual handling within some organizations in Kenya. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the measures that may be instituted in a warehouse to ensure security of the materials dealt in. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the challenges that a storekeeper could face while using a fixed stock location system in its warehouses. (10 marks)
- b) Material codification is a pre-requisite to warehouse efficiency. Discuss. (10 marks)