

KENYA METHODIST UNIVERSITY

END OF 2ND TRIMESTER 2010 EXAMINATIONS

FACULTY: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT : COMPUTER SCIENCE & BUSINESS INFORMATION

UNIT CODE : CISY 405

UNIT TITLE : ICT STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

TIME : 2 HOURS

Instructions

• Answer question 1 and any other two questions.

• Marks will be awarded to clearly and concisely explained points.

Question 1

a) Identify and explain the four basic types of strategic control. (8Mks)

- b) Explain the significance of strategic evaluation in a modern business. (8Mks)
- c) Explain the importance of business level strategies in an organization. (8Mks)
- d) Retrenchment is a temporary retreat and stepping back in the face of adverse conditions. Discuss four types of retrenchment strategies that a firm can take. (6Mks)

Question 2

The process of strategic management goes through four main phases. With the aid of a diagram, explain the strategic management process or model highlighting the specific items in each phase of the model. (20Mks)

Question 3

- a) Explain the steps followed when implementing a chosen strategy alternative in an organization. (8Mks)
- b) Industry analysis is an important aspect in strategic management. Explain Porter's five forces model used in industry analysis. (12Mks)

Ouestion 4

- a) A mission statement plays an important role in an organization.
 - i. Define the term mission as used in strategic management.
 - ii. State the components of a mission statement.
- iii. Explain the characteristics of a good mission.
- b) Explain four growth strategy alternatives that can be pursued by a firm, giving in each a recent example in Kenya.