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#### **University Examinations 2015/2016**

# FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF PURCHASING AND MANAGEMENT

#### **BBS 3126: STORES MANAGEMENT & STOCK CONTROL**

DATE: NOVEMBER 2015 TIME: 2 HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer question **one** and any other **two** questions

#### **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Stock is at times viewed as a necessity in an organization. in reference to the above statement explain five reasons for holding stock (8 Marks)
- b) Explain the main objectives of an efficient system of storekeeping. (5 Marks)
- c) Briefly explain five types of materials that are stored by various organizations.

(5 Marks)

d) State and explain four types of inspections that are carried out by organizations.

(4 Marks)

e) Briefly explain the benefits coding system in an organization (8 Marks)

- a) Discuss five reasons as to why organizations manage their stores (10 Marks)
- b) You are tasked with selecting a site for the construction of a storehouse. What are some of the factors you think should be considered when making this decision? (10Marks)

#### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

a) Differentiate between centralized and decentralized stores and outline the benefits of each.

(12 Marks)

b) Explain six different types of records used in stores management and stock control

(8 Marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

a) Write short notes on the following

(10 Marks)

- i. Stock-taking and stock-checking
- ii. Ordering costs and holding costs
- iii. Obsolete and redundant materials
- iv. Variety reduction
- v. JIT
- b) Briefly explain any five types of materials stored by organizations

(10 Marks)

#### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss health and safety measures that should be observed in the day to day operations of the store.
  (10 Marks)
- b) Briefly explain why organizations hold stock (10 Marks)