



# MASENO UNIVERSITY

## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013

### SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (CITY CAMPUS)

#### ADB 0103: MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

*Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2013*

*Time: 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.*

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#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.
- ◆ Question one carries 30 marks, the rest 20 marks each.

### Question 1

- a) Outline and discuss five benefits of MIS to an organization. (10 marks)
- b) Using a diagram, illustrate a data processing cycle. (10 marks)
- c) Identify any and explain five elements of data communication. (10 marks)

### Question 2

- a) Differentiate between application software and operating system giving two examples for each category. (6 marks)
- b) Describe four functions of an operating system. (8marks)
- c) Distinguish between input devices and output devices giving examples. (6 marks)

### Question 3

- a) Describe four functions of information. (12 marks)
- b) Outline four factors to consider in choosing the method of data communication. (8 marks)

### Question 4

Describe any ten characteristics of good information. (20 marks)

### Question 5

- a) With an aid of a diagram, illustrate the levels of management. (10 marks)
- b) Describe the desirable characteristics of information required at each of the levels of management. (10 marks)

### Question 6

- a) Explain five breaches to information privacy. (10 marks)
- b) Define the term 'system'. (2 marks)
- c) Differentiate the following types of systems:
  - i. Deterministic and probabilistic. (4 marks)
  - ii. Open and closed. (4 marks)