FUNDAMENTALS OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MISC 116) (BBIT 111) (COMP 101) (CISY 101) (DBIT 120) (DCIS 101) 3RD TRIMESTER 2015

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**DCIS 101**

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| **UNIT TITLE** | : | FUNDAMENTALS OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS |
| **TIME** |   |   | : | 2 HOURS |

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

* *Answer question one and any other two questions.*

**Question One**

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| * Explain any five major limitations of manual systems for processing business transactions.
 |   |   |   |   |   |   | (5 marks) |
| * Using relevant examples, distinguish between data and information.
 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | (3 Marks) |
| * Explain how transaction processing systems differs from management information system
 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | (8 Marks) |
| * Highlight any four factors that determine the input method.
 | (4 marks) |

**Question Two**

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| * Distinguish between RAM and ROM in terms of their purpose or function.
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| * Identify and describe any four common reasons for losing data in computer-based information systems.
 |   |   |   |   |   |   | (8 marks) |
| * Explain any four benefits any firm is likely to attain in use of expert systems.
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**Question Three**

* Differentiate between the following terms:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| * Hardware and software
 |   |   |   |   |   | (2 marks) |
| * Application software and systan system
 |   |   |   | (2 Marks) |
| * Bit and byte
 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | (2 Marks) |
| * Describe three major factors that may affect the performance of a computer.
 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | (6 Marks) |
| * Using well labeled diagram, distinguish between bus, star and Ring network topologies.
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**Question Four**

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| * Explain any four functions of an operating system.
 |   |   | (8 Marks) |
| * A software engineer requires a range of software utilities. Explain the usefulness of any of three such utilities.
 |   |   |   | (6 Marks) |
| * Explain any four components of an information system.
 |   | (6 marks) |   |   |   |   |

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