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FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF PURCHASING AND SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT

HPS 2102: STORES MANAGEMENT AND STOCK CONTROL

DATE: APRIL 2012

TIME: 2 HOURS

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

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- Explain the concept of supply chain management (6 Marks)
- Highlight the importance of inspection in stores management (6 Marks)
- Why is it important to have an effective inventory control systems (6 Marks)
- Explain the purpose of maintaining accurate and updated stores records (6 Marks)
- Explain the elements that constitute total inventory cost (TC) (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- What are the possible causes of materials stock out (10 Marks)
- Many business organizations in the world are advocating on the application of JIT inventory control method. Explain the advantages of using JIT as a method of inventory control. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- What factors should be considered in the setting up of a good stores layout (10 Marks)
- What arrangements should the store's manager make in readiness, to receive newly delivered materials? (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- What factors should a store's manager consider in setting up inventory levels in an organization (10 Marks)
- Highlight five methods that can be used to dispose off absolute/scrap materials

(10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Assume you have been appointed the stores manager in a newly established business entrepreneur. Explain the key roles you would be expected to play in that capacity

(20 Marks)