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FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATE IN PURCHASING
AND SUPPLIES

CPS 0101: INTRODUCTION TO PURCHASING AND SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT

DATE: DECEMBER 2013

TIME: 1 ½ HOURS

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

QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)

- (a) Describe the purchasing process. (12 Marks)
- (b) Every business must periodically review and evaluate its present suppliers and compare them with alternate suppliers. When evaluating suppliers several characteristics should be considered. Discuss five characteristics that make a supplier desirable. (10 Marks)
- (c) Briefly explain four dimensions of product quality. (8 Marks)

QUESTION TWO – (20 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss six specific activities included in supplies management. (12 Marks)
- (b) Briefly explain four kinds of tender. (8 Marks)

QUESTION THREE – (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain five categories of supply chain risk. (10 Marks)
- (b) Explain briefly five activities for which logistical manager may be responsible for. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR - (20 MARKS)

- (a) Describe five specific objectives of a purchasing department. (10 Marks)
- (b) Explain five sources of information about suppliers. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE – (20 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss the principles of purchasing. (10 Marks)
- (b) Explain five ways in which supply chain risk can be managed. (10 Marks)