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**BAC 2201: QUANTITATIVE TECHNIQUES**

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**SERIES:** APRIL 2015

**TIME:** 2 HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- This paper consists of **FIVE** questions.
- Answer question **ONE (Compulsory)** and any other **TWO** questions.
- Do not write on the question paper

***This paper consists of Four printed pages.***

### QUESTION 1 (Compulsory)

- a) Define the following terms:
- Operation research
  - Differentiation
  - Linear programming
  - Economic order quantity
  - Geometric progression.

(10 marks)

- b) If a firm buys a lorry for Kshs. 3,250,000 and is expected to last for 20 years and have a scrap value of Kshs. 750,000 when depreciation is on straightline method.  
How much should be provided for in each year?

(5 marks)

- c) Given

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \\ 7 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 0 & 5 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 11 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Calculate AB

(5 marks)

- d) A firm has two products X and Y with contribution of Ksh. 80 and Ksh. 100 per unit respectively. Production data per unit are:-

|                 | Labour hours | Material A | Material B |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| X               | 3            | 4          | 6          |
| Y               | 5            | 2          | 8          |
| Total available | 500          | 350        | 80         |

Formulate the LP model in standardized manner.

(5 marks)

- e) Differentiate  $y = \frac{1}{4}x^4 - 10x^2 + 9x^3$

(2 marks)

$$\int_2^5 \left( \frac{1}{3}x - 60x^4 \right) dx$$

(3 marks)

## QUESTION 2

Given the following project in weeks:

| Activity | Preceding Activity | Most likely | Optimistic | Pessimistic |
|----------|--------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| A        | -                  | 3           | 2          | 4           |
| B        | -                  | 12          | 10         | 20          |
| C        | A                  | 5           | 4          | 12          |
| D        | B                  | 4           | 2          | 6           |
| E        | D, A               | 3           | 3          | 3           |
| F        | B                  | 4           | 3          | 5           |
| G        | C, E, F            | 10          | 8          | 18          |
| H        | G                  | 3           | 2          | 4           |
| I        | G                  | 2           | 2          | 2           |
| J        | H                  | 5           | 4          | 6           |
| K        | I, J               | 4           | 2          | 12          |

Using project evaluation and review technique (PERT)

- For each task find the mean and standard deviation. **(5 marks)**
- Draw a network and find the critical path using the mean. **(10 marks)**
- Determine the mean and standard deviation of the critical path duration. **(5 marks)**

## QUESTION 3

A company produces two products A and B. Product A contributes Ksh. 31 per unit and product B contributes Kshs. 4 per unit. The firm wants to establish the weekly production plan which maximizes contribution.

Production data are as follows:

|                          | Machine Hrs per unit | Labour hours | Material Kgs. |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| A                        | 4                    | 4            | 1             |
| B                        | 2                    | 6            | 1             |
| Total available per week | 100                  | 180          | 40            |

Because of trade agreement sales of product A are limited to a weekly maximum of 20 units and at least 10 units of product B must be sold per week.

### Required:

- Formulate a LP model. **(5 marks)**
- Solve using simplex method. **(15 marks)**

#### QUESTION 4

- a) As a result of past experience ABC Ltd has established that the total cost and total revenue functions are as follows:

$$C = 100 + 10q + \frac{1}{2}q^2$$

$$R = 100q - q^2, (q < 100)$$

Where C = Total cost

R = Quantity produced/sold

#### Required:

- i) Find the production level at which profit is maximized
  - ii) Maximum profit
  - iii) Quantity which would maximize revenue
  - iv) Maximum total revenue. (10 marks)
- b) Stock costs are costs associated with running out of stock. Explain **FIVE** types of these costs. (10 marks)

#### QUESTION 5

- a) Total petrol station has filling stations in Mombasa and Malindi where each station has cashiers, attendants and mechanics as shown below.

|            | Size of the filling station |        |       |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------|
|            | Large                       | Medium | Small |
| Cashier    | 4                           | 2      | 1     |
| Attendants | 12                          | 6      | 3     |
| Mechanics  | 6                           | 4      | 2     |

The number of filling stations are

|                 | Mombasa | Malindi |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| Large stations  | 3       | 7       |
| Medium stations | 5       | 8       |
| Small stations  | 12      | 4       |

How many various types of staff are employed in Mombasa and Malindi. (10 marks)

- b) Mutiso works in a firm where his annual salary increase is Ksh. 2,650. If his first salary was Ksh. 26,500.
- i) What will be his salary after 10 years? (5 marks)
  - ii) How much will he have earned for working for 15 years? (5 marks)