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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS FOR DEGREE IN
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

BHR 4402: LABOUR ECONOMICS

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
SERIES: APRIL 2015
TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

This paper consists of Two printed pages

QUESTION 1 (Compulsory)

a) i) Outline labour force.   **(2 marks)**
    ii) Discuss the unique characteristics of labour.   **(8 marks)**

b) Discuss the reasons why education and training has been given more attention in Kenya in the recent past.   **(8 marks)**

c) Using the data given below compute and draw total, marginal and average product curves and show the following:
    i)   Marginal product data   **(3 marks)**
    ii) Average product data   **(3 marks)**
    iii) Number of employees at the point where the marginal and average product are at the maximum.
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iv) Number of employees at a point beyond which add additional employee would be counter productive to the organization. **(3 marks)**

No. of employees	Total product
1	6
2	14
3	30
4	50
5	55
6	55
7	46
8	38
9	35
10	33

QUESTION 2

a) High unemployment rate is an impediment to economic growth of a nation. **(10 marks)**

b) Discuss the circumstances that make some employee to spend more time at work than leisure.

(10 marks)

QUESTION 3

a) Explain the factors that affect the wage level of the workforce. **(10 marks)**

b) Explain the differences between supply of labour and supply of goods. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION 4

a) Explain how geographical labour mobility can be beneficial to the economic of growth of a nation.

(10 marks)

b) Discuss the social benefits of human capital investment. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION 5

a) Discussed the factors that have been affecting the growth of union movement in the recent past.

(10 marks)

b) Discuss the factors that have led to the growth of women labourforce participation in Kenya in the recent past. **(10 marks)**