

Technical University of Mombasa

School Of Business

Department Of Management Science

University Ordinary Examination

BCOM: Procurement Option

Unit Code: BPC 4403

Unit Name: Warehousing & Inventory Management

Time: 2 Hours

Instructions: Answer Question One and any other two Questions

QUESTION ONE

- a) Clearly explain the term 'Warehousing' as used in a Fast Moving Consumer Goods organization. (2 marks)
- b) Explain the role of Warehousing in an organization. (10 marks)
- c) Explain the advantages and disadvantages of demand forecasting in Inventory Management. (10 marks)
- d) Elaborate on the reasons behind stockholding. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Briefly explain the different methods of warehouse material coding system? (8 marks)
- b) What are the factors that determine the construction of large central warehouses? (10 marks)
- c) What are the parameters used to describe the specification of a product item? (2 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss on the benefits of Coding Materials as used in Inventory Management (8 marks)
- b) What is variety reduction and how is it essential towards achieving efficient Inventory Management? (4 marks)
- c) What are the factors that are considered when determining the site of the Warehouse? (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) What are the factors to consider when measuring the efficiency of a warehouse? (8 marks)
- b) What is the meaning of redundant stock? (2 marks)
 - i. How can we minimize redundancy in Inventory Management? (5 marks)
 - ii. Kindly elaborate on 10 approaches used to dispose of redundant stocks. (5 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Describe the general functions of a Stores Assistant in a Warehouse. (8 marks)
- b) What are the reasons behind leasing of a warehouse? (4 marks)
- c) Describe the four main types of stock? (8 marks)