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BHR 4402 : LABOUR ECONOMICS

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: DECEMBER 2016

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: Pick Date Dec 2016

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

This paper consists of two printed paper

Do not write on the question paper.

Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.

Question one (compulsory)

- a) Discuss the unique characteristic of labour **(2marks)**

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

- c) Using the data given below compute and draw total, marginal and average product curves and shown the following.
 - i) Marginal product data **(3marks)**
 - ii) Average product data **(3marks)**
 - iii) Number of employees at the point where marginal and average product are the maximum. **(3marks)**

- iv) Number of employees at a point beyond which add additional employee would be counter productive to the organization. **(3marks)**

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 two

- a) High unemployment rate is an impediment to economic growth of a nation. **(10 marks)**
Discuss.
- b) Discuss the circumstances that make some employee to spend more time at work than leisure. **(10 marks)**

Question three

- a) Explain the factors that affect the wage level of the workforce. **(10marks)**
- b) Explain the differences between supply of labour and supply of goods. **(10marks)**

Question four

- 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. **(10marks)**

Question five

- a) Discuss 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. **(10marks)**