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BLT 2102: INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMICS
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION
SERIES: APRIL, 2022
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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.

Do not write on the question paper.

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Distinguish between Microeconomics and Macroeconomics (6 Mks)
- (b) A Farmer processes vegetables for sale. Explain **three** factors that he should consider when settling the price for the vegetables. (6 Mks)
- (c) Suppose that the market for milk can be represented by the following equations: Demand: $P = 12 - 0.5Q$
Supply: $P = 0.1Q$
where P is the price per gallon, and Q represents quantity of milk, represented in millions of gallons of milk consumed per day.
- i) Calculate the equilibrium quantity of milk. (4 Mks)
- ii) Calculate the equilibrium price of milk. (4 Mks)
- (d) Highlight **four** functions of money in a country. (4 Mks)
- (e) Explain any **three** advantages of international trade. (6Mks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Abdalla, who just completed his studies is looking forward to starting a restaurant business in Mombasa city. Explain any **four** factors that he should consider before initiating the business. (10 Mks)
- (b) Tourism business in Kenya is currently low. Discuss any **four** reasons why you think are the causes of the low rates of tourism business in Kenya (10 Mks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Small firms in Kenya have continued to survive irrespective of the many obstacles that have hindered. Discuss any **four** reasons for survival of these firms over time. **(10 Mks)**
- (b) Explain **three** conceptual methods to measuring national income figures. **(10 Mks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Inflation refers to persistent rise in the general price level. Point out **five** causes of inflation in Kenya. **(10 Mks)**
- (b) Using graphs, distinguish between change in demand and change in quantity demanded. **(10 Mks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Distinguish between the following economic terms:
- (i) Gross Domestic Product Vs Gross National Product.
 - (ii) Scarcity Vs Opportunity cost.
 - (iii) Isocost line Vs budget line.
 - (iv) Structural unemployment Vs frictional unemployment. **(10 Mks)**
- (b) Discuss any **four** conditions required for a market to be perfectly competitive. **(10 Mks)**