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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE & BUILT ENVIRONMENT

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:

**BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES/BACHELOR OF
ARCHITECTURE**

EAR 4309: INTRODUCTION TO INTERIOR DESIGN

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

YEAR THREE SEMESTER II

SERIES: MAY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: Pick Date May 2025

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 (30 MARKS -COMPULSORY)

- a) Using examples, explain THREE roles of soft furnishings in interior design. (6 marks)
- b) Distinguish between monochromatic and achromatic colour schemes and their application in interior design. (8 marks)
- c) Explain FOUR functional factors in the design and layout of furniture in interior spaces. (8 marks)
- d) Explain the role of indoor plants in interior design. (8 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the effect of using pendant light fittings in interior spaces. (8 marks)
- b) Describe THREE characteristics of sunlight and the challenges of depending on daylighting for interior illumination. (12 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Explain each of the following aspects of interior design that may be used to affect user psychological experience:

- a) Proxemics (10 marks)
- b) Scale (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Describe the characteristics of rustic interior style design regarding:

- i. Materials
 - ii. Colour
 - iii. Textiles
 - iv. Furniture
- (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

The manipulation of elements of interior design can create a sense of energy and excitement or calm and relaxation. Discuss this using examples of colour, colour schemes, light quantity and brightness contrast. (20 marks)