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EBC 2318: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT I

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION SERIES: OCTOBER 2012 TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates:

You should have the following for this examination

- Answer Booklet
- Scientific Calculator

This paper consists of FIVE questions

Question 1 (20 marks)

a) State SIX different types of specialist contractors in the construction industry. (3 marks)

b) State THREE duties and responsibilities of a clerk of work on site. (3 marks)

c) Briefly explain FOUR relations that exist in any organization structure. (10 marks)

d) Briefly explain any TWO factors that influence span of control. (5 marks)

Question 2 (20 marks)

The table below defines the activities within a small construction project.

Activit	Completion Time
y	(Weeks)
A	4
В	3
C	4
D	3
Е	8
F	3
G	4
Н	5

i) Draw the network diagram	(8 marks)
ii) Determine project completion time.	(4 marks)
iii) Identify critical activities	(4 marks)
iv) Determine slack time associated with each activity.	(4 marks)

Question 3 (20 marks)

a) State FIVE advantages of critical path method over Gantt chart. (5 marks)

b) State FIVE disadvantages of shall organization structure. (5 marks)

c) The table below shows operations carried out in a channel construction

(Assume each operation follows the other consecutively without delay).

No.	Activity	Duration
1	Site Clearance	3
2	Excavation	8
3	Timbering (Form work)	4
4	Leveling	3
5	Blinding	6
6	Reinforcement	12
7	Concreting	8

8	Formwork Removal	9
9	Finishes	5

Use information to:-

- i) Draw a Gantt Chart
- ii) Determine duration of the project.

(10 marks)

Question 4 (20 marks)

a) Briefly explain any type of construction contracts.

(8 marks)

b) For the contract in Q4 (a), state **FOUR** advantages and disadvantages.

(12 marks)

Question 5 (20 marks)

- a) Using relevant sketches, illustrate importance of the following in construction planning:
 - i) Method statement
 - ii) Site investigation report.

(10 marks)

b) State FOUR advantages of military (deep) organization structure.

(4 marks)

c) Briefly state and explain **THREE** types of documents used in negotiating a construction contract.

(6 marks)