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ECE 2507: LOGISTICS & SYSTEM ANALYSIS TRANSPORTATION

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: APRIL 2013

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates:

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*
- *Pocket Calculator*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

This paper consists of **TWO** printed pages

Question One

- a) Briefly explain the **THREE** main logistics areas of responsibility. **(7 marks)**
- b) Describe the steps that are followed by a logistic company when hiring temporary staff from an employment agent. **(5 marks)**
- c) In respect to the East African countries, state **THREE** policy measures that affect logistics for cross-border operations such as trucks transporting goods to neighbouring countries. **(4 marks)**

d) Using hypothetical examples, explain how the following can affect the income from logistics operations.

(i) Vehicle capacity

(ii) Vehicle utilization

(14 marks)

Question Two

a) Briefly describe the following types of lifting equipment.

(i) Reach stack

(ii) Gripper lift

(8 marks)

b) (i) Briefly explain 'logistics' as used in transport operations.

(6 marks)

(ii) Describe the role played by a logistics manager in a transport firm.

(6 marks)

Question Three

a) Briefly explain the difference between logistics and supply chain management.

(6 marks)

b) Briefly describe the following equipment used in the transportation of goods:

(i) Swap body

(ii) Road reilers

(10 marks)

c) In reference to transportation briefly explain the 'total logistics concept'

(4 marks)

Question Four

a) Name **FIVE** elements of logistics and distribution and outline the important factors that are considered for each element.

(10 marks)

b) With the aid of an organizational chart, describe a 'logistics functional structure'

(10 marks)

Question Five

Name and briefly describe the **FOUR** problems encountered in vehicle routing and scheduling.

(20 marks)