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COMMERCE

BMS 320: STORAGE AND WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT

DATE: MONDAY 15TH MAY 2017

TIME: 8.00 A.M. - 10.00 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question 1 and any other Two.

Question 1

- a) Briefly explain the following terms:
- (i) Stock layout
 - (ii) Inventory
 - (iii) Logistics
 - (iv) Warehouse
 - (v) Storage
 - (vi) Transport
- (6 marks)
- b) Outline four functions of a warehouse in an organization. (4 marks)
- c) Company ABC is in process of implementing the coding of materials for easy monitoring after it experienced massive losses. As an upcoming supply chain professional, describe five coding methods you would suggest to the company. (10 marks)
- d) You have been appointed as warehouse manager in a newly established company. Suggest any five stock location systems that you will implement. (10 marks)

Question 2 (20 marks)

- a) The supply chain Manager in Maji Moto Company is an expert in supply chain management, he has been advocating for holding more stock in the organization due to benefit associated with it. Discuss the 5 rationale associated with his advocacy. (10 marks)

- b) A warehouse manager has appointed you to assist him in receiving the expected deliveries. As an expert, propose five ways that would use to prepare for the receiving activities. (10 marks)

Question 3 (20 marks)

- a) Katumani Limited, a company in Uganda, has been importing sugar from Asia. Examine the merits of using containerization in transportation of the sugar. (10 marks)
- b) A manufacturing firm wants to embark on an expansion strategy through opening their own distribution outlets. They have sought your advice on the store layout that will be suitable for their outlets. Evaluate any five layout you would recommend. (10 marks)

Question 4 (20 marks)

- a) A company XYZ has resolved to streamline its inventory management using JIT (Just in Time) system. It decided to consult from your firm JIT software. Critically analyze the merits of using the above system. (10 marks)
- b) Mr. Omondi has been appointed as stock controller though has little knowledge on stock issuance procedure. Suggest to him any five methods of issuing stock. (10 marks)

Question 5 (20 marks)

- a) Company ABC has resolved to mechanize its warehouse operations to improve efficiency. Describe any five equipment they need to acquire. (10 marks)
- b) Aqua ltd is about to set up a ware house. Advise on any five factors they need to consider. (5 marks)
- c) Moving materials manually in ware house can be dangerous. Highlight any five safety precautions required. (5 marks)
