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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE
OF MASTER OF PROCUREMENT AND LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT**

MPLM 817: STRATEGIC INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

STREAMS: MPLM

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 14/07/2021

08.30 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer ALL questions

1. a) Materials coding system in large organization are usually automated. Explain the reason for automation. (10 marks)
b) Explain the factors that may lead to failure of the inspection process in an organization. (10 marks)
2. a) Nuu Company Ltd prefers the use zonal location method in its warehouse. Explain the factors that may lead to this preference. (10 marks)
b) Mwingi wholesalers has decided to change their store layout. Explain the reasons that could have made them make decision. (10 marks)
3. a) Just in Time (JIT) inventory control approach is adopted by most firms. Explain the factors that hinder its implementation. (10 marks)
b) Explain the measures which a warehouse manager may institute to enhance performance to the production department in an organization. (10 marks)
4. a) Packaging is one of the materials preservation methods. Explain the factors that may lead to the preference of this method in material management. (10 marks)

b) Explain five logistical aspect of packing activity in a large manufacturing firm.

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5. a) Explain the factors the warehouse manager should consider when facilitating the reduction of lead time. (10 marks)

b) Manual stock taking methods are still being used by some firms despite the advancement to technology. Explain the reason for this situation. (10 marks)

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