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**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT**

BCOP111: INTRODUCTION TO COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

STREAMS: BCOM / ODEL

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 31/3/2021

2.30 PM – 4.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question ONE and Any Other Two

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Members of a faith based organization have resolved to form a savings and credit cooperative society (SACCO) while others prefer a housing co-operative. Many of the church members have economic challenges and own small business in the nearby shopping centre while others work in the small scale farms within the locality.
- (i) As one of the church members explain to them on why they need a savings and credit cooperative more than the housing co-operative. [10 Marks]
- (ii) In case the church members decide to join a SACCO, explain the benefits that the members will derive from the apex Cooperative in the country. [8 Marks]
- (b) Management committee members are elected from the general membership. Explain the qualities that members should look for when identifying persons to be elected into this committee. [12 Marks]

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Some co-operative members in crop based agricultural co-operatives fail to repay loans granted. Suggest methods that may be used to ensure the co-operative society recovers all granted loans. [8 Marks]
- (b) Explain the concern for community principle and suggest ways in which employee based co-operatives may enhance its application. [12 Marks]

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Explain the ways in which the government may assist co-operatives formed by pastoralist communities. [10 Marks]
- (b) Transport co-operatives play a bigger role than just savings mobilization. Explain some of these other roles and suggest methods of ensuring they succeed in business undertaking. [10 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Compare and contrast informal and formal co-operatives and justify on why the informal co-operatives may at time succeed more than the formal ones. [12 Marks]
- (b) Explain the values that co-operative societies uphold in day to day management of their affairs. [8 Marks]

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