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**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF CO-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT**

BCOP 111: INTRODUCTION TO CO-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

STREAMS: BCOM Y1 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 24/3/2021

11.30 AM – 1.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

- 1.(a) In a recent stormy Annual General Meeting (AGM), members of Tuelewane Savings and Credit Co-operative Society (SACCO) Ltd resolved to replace all management committee officials and also the supervisory committee. The executive committee and supervisory committee were accused of not performing their roles as specified in the co-operative by-laws. Tuelewane cooperative members also complained of low attendance of all previous general meetings held under the current leadership.
- (i) Explain the specific reasons that may have caused members of Tuelewane SACCO Ltd to replace the management committee. [10 Marks]
- (ii) Explain possible basis of the accusation leveled against the executive committee and supervisory committee. [10 Marks]
- (b) Discuss characteristics of co-operative organizations and argue the case for preference of the co-operative model by small scale agricultural communities. [10 Marks]
2. (a) Some co-operative societies are at times accused of misappropriating funds hence leading to loan backlog. Explain the methods that may be used to ensure that a co-operative society has adequate funds that meet the need of its members. [8 Marks]

- (b) Cooperatives are expected to observe the principle of concern for the community. Using examples explain the circumstances under which the community may feel that co-operatives are not upholding this principle. [12 Marks]
- 3.(a) Kenya Union of savings and Credit co-operatives is the national organization for financial cooperatives. Explain the justifications of recognizing the usefulness of this entity by different types of stakeholders. [10 Marks]
- (b) Traditional co-operation is better than modern co-operation. Using relevant examples from different communities discuss this statement. [10 Marks]
- 4.(a) Using examples of different types of cooperatives justify on the reasons why different stakeholders recognize co-operative societies as great contributors to social-economic development of a country. [12 Marks]
- (b) Explain the rights of members before and during Special General Meeting highlighting the type of information provided during such meetings. [8 Marks]
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