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

BPLM 113: SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT II

STREAMS: BPLM

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 26/03/2021

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question ONE and any other TWO

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss how the blue chips organizations in the country can ensure value for money (VFM) in supplies and materials management activities [6 marks]
- (b) What is the importance of bill of quantities in a construction project in an organization [6 marks]
- (c) Identify and explain the common types of inventories in the contemporary business environment [6 marks]
- (d) Analyse the significance of strategic buyer-supplier partnership in business operations [6 marks]
- (e) In the recent past renowned scholars in suppliers profession have unanimously indicated that supplies function has become global in scope. Using relevant examples justify this statement [6 marks]

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) Discuss the correlation between supplies and production function in an enterprise [10 marks]
- (b) Elucidate the importance of materials handling in a manufacturing plant [10 marks]

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QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Explain the key strategic demand management processes in business environment [10 marks]
- (b) Briefly explain the concept of portfolio matrix as per Kraljic's sourcing tools model
[10 marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- (a) Identify and explain the best approaches on how to plan for significant supplies in business environment. [10 marks]
 - (b) Discuss the key performance indicators in supplies and materials management function
[10 marks]
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