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

**BPLM 113: SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS MANAGEMENT II**

**STREAMS:**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 08/07/2021**

**11.30 A.M – 1.30 P.M**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**(i) Answer question one and any other two**

1. (a) Materials coding system in large organizations 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]  
(c) Just in Time (JIT) inventory control approach is adopted by most firms. Explain the factors that hinder its implementation. [10 marks]
2. (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 packaging activity in a large manufacturing firm. [10 marks]
3. (a) Explain five safety precautions that should be undertaken when using a forklift in a warehouse. [10 marks]  
(b) Explain the factors that the warehouse manager should consider when facilitating the reduction of lead time. [10 marks]
4. (a) Explain the nature of preparation that a firm should take before stock taking exercise. [10 marks]

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

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