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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DIPLOMA IN PROJECT PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT

## PPMA 0223: STRATEGIC PROJECT MANAGEMENT

STREAMS: DIP (PPMA)
TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 03/12/2019
11.30 AM - 1.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

## Answer Question One and Two more

## Question One (30 Marks)

(a) Define the following terms as used in strategic project management.

| (i) | Tactics | $[2$ marks $]$ |
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| (ii) | Strategy | $[2$ marks $]$ |
| (iii) | SWOT analysis | $[2$ marks $]$ |
| (iv) | Strategic alliance | $[2$ marks $]$ |

(b) Using relevant examples describe the two major classifications of resources under the resource-based view theory.
(c) Outline six characteristics of a good vision statement.
[6 marks]
(d) Explain five advantages of strategic alliance.
[10 marks]

## Question Two (20 Marks)

(a) Describe Henry Mintzberg 5Ps of strategy.
[10 marks]
(b) Set out and explain the strategic management process.
[10 marks]
Question Three ( 20 Marks)
(a) Outline six benefits of environment analysis.
[6 marks]
(b) Describe the seven internal aspects that need to be aligned for an organization to be successful as outlined in the McKinsey's 7-S framework.
[14 marks]

## Question Four (20 Marks)

(a) Claris is an upcoming entrepreneur and would like to open a French-fried potatoes outlet near Chuka University. Advise her on the strategic challenges she would face using Michael Porters' competitive model.
[10 marks]
(b) Describe various types of strategic alliances.
[10 marks]

## Question Five (20 Marks)

(a) Outline common problems that an organization is likely to face while implementing strategies.
(b) Resources based view revolves around the idea of looking at a company in terms of the resources that are deployed. Based on this statement, explain the criteria that a resource must fulfill in order to provide competitive advantage and sustainable performance.
[8 marks]
(c) Describe various modes of strategic management.
[8 marks]

