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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:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 10/04/2018

8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M

INSTRUCTION:

- **Answer question one (compulsory) and any other two questions**
1. (a) Discuss the main factors that a materials manager should consider when designing stockyards. [5marks]
 - (b) Materials management is an integrated function in an organization. Discuss. [5marks]
 - (c) Explain the contribution of the logistics function to the performance of the materials management department. [5marks]
 - (d) State and briefly explain the 'red flags' of unethical issues in the supply chain department. [5marks]
 - (e) Using relevant examples, briefly explain the principles of material handling in an organization. [5marks]
 - (f) Explain the main reasons why organizations hold stock as part of their inventory. [10marks]
2. (a) Differentiate between an inverted 1 and across flow warehouse layout system. [8marks]
 - (b) Justify why a materials manager would buy used capital equipments. [12marks]
3. (a) Explain the importance of life cycle costing in procurement. [10marks]

(b) Outsourcing is not always a “rosy” decision for a supply chain manager. Discuss.
[10marks]

4. The commissioning of the standard gauge railway cargo transport in Kenya has created conflict with the container road transporters. Discuss how this conflict can be resolved.
[10marks]

(b) Explain how the economic environment affects the management of supplies in Kenya.
[10marks]
