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EDUCATION, BACHELOR OF TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT AND
BACHELOR OF AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

BCOM 103: PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT

STREAMS: BCOM, BED, BTHM & AGBM

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: THURSDAY 12/08/2021

11.30 A.M - 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Answer questions 1 (one) and any other two questions**
- 2. Do not write on the question paper**

Question One

- Define management and explain four reasons why management is important in an organization. (10 marks)
- Maslow's hierarchy of needs is commonly applied to determine how to manage the workers in an organization. Discuss the human needs as set out in this hierarchy giving practical examples of how managers can provide for these needs at the workplace (10 marks)
- It is easy to assume that all managers plan. However, in practice most managers do not really plan. What hinders managers from planning and how would you as a good manager overcome these hindrances? (10 marks)

Question Two

- Systems theory holds that organizations are open systems and must interact with their environment. With the aid of practical examples, discuss how any five external environment factors affect a business organization (10 marks)

(b) Why is controlling important to an organization? (10 marks)

Question Three

(a) There is no one best way of leading, it all depends on the situation, the leader, the subordinates and the organization. Explain any five leadership styles that leaders may apply. (10 marks)

(b) The divisional structure is usually appropriate for large organizations. Discuss five merits and five demerits of this structure. (10 marks)

Question Four

a) Max Weber envisioned organizations which were impersonal which he referred to this as bureaucracy. Set out any five characteristics of bureaucracy as suggested by Weber showing how they increase organizational efficiency. (10 marks)

b) “Managers should be considerate of other stakeholders and not just care about profits. After all they can’t make profits if they disregard others.” Identify any five business stakeholders showing what their specific needs are from the business. (10 marks)

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