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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF BACHELOR OF PROCUREMENT AND LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

BPLM 223: CLEARING AND FORWARDING

STREAMS: BPLM

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 08/08/2025

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

- **ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO**

QUESTION 1

- a) The term import is derived from the conceptual meaning as to bring in the goods and services into the port of a country. Discuss the various document used in importation process. (10 marks)
- b) Incoterms, which stands for International Commercial Terms, are a set of globally recognized trade terms that define the responsibilities of buyers and sellers in international trade transactions Discuss FIVE disadvantages of INCOTERMS in a contract of carriage (10 marks)
- c) A freight forwarder is an intermediary in the global shipping industry, organizing and managing the transportation of goods for clients. Explain the various functions of freight forwarder in clearing and forwarding (10 marks)

QUESTION 2

- a) Port congestion occurs when a port's ability to handle cargo is overwhelmed, leading to delays in berthing (docking), loading/unloading, and customs processing Explain FIVE strategies to reduce congestions at the Kenyan ports. (10 marks)

- b) A warehouse is a large building used for the storage and management of goods. It plays a crucial role in the supply chain, facilitating the movement of products from manufacturers to consumers. Explain the various types of warehouses used in clearing and forwarding (10 marks)

QUESTION 3

- a) Green procurement is environmentally responsible purchasing; it's about using your purchasing power to promote productive use of resources and materials. Explain the various aspects that makes a product green (10 marks)
- b) Professional ethics are the standards of conduct and behavior that are expected of individuals in their professional roles, often codified into specific rules or codes by professional organizations or associations Discuss the key principles of professional ethics that procurement professionals should adhere to (10 marks)

QUESTION 4

- a) An importation license, also known as an import license or import permit, is an official document issued by a government authority that authorizes the entry of goods into a country. It's a legal requirement for importing certain goods, often used to control the flow of goods for various reasons like economic policy, health and safety standards, or environmental protection. State and explain the potential consequences of importing goods without the necessary licenses (10 marks)
- b) Elaborate on the key emerging issues in clearing and forwarding today (10 marks)
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