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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER SUPPLIMENTARY/
SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS
FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELORS OF COMMERCE**

COURSE CODE: BCB 333

COURSE TITLE: MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

DATE: THURSDAY, 28TH JULY 2022 TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Question ONE (1) is compulsory
Answer other TWO questions
Do not write anything on the question paper

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

Question One

- a) Discuss the conditions under which a buyer can give preference to one supplier over another (10 marks)
- b) State and explain any five Advantages of decentralized stores organization (10 marks)
- c) Explain the functions that stores control aims at achieving (10 marks)

Question Two

- a) Explain the reasons under which an organization prefers to hold excessive inventories (10 marks)
- b) Explain any 5 principles of materials management (10 marks)

Question Three

- a) Explain any three aspects of materials handling (10 marks)
- b) Discuss some of the security measure that a store's manager has to put in place to ensure safety of stock (10 marks)

Question Four

- a) Discuss any five factors favoring automated storage and handling in an organization (10 marks)
- b) Why would an organization prefer to outsource its transport function from an outside provider (10 marks)

Question Five

- a) Discuss the importance of proper record keeping in an organization (10 marks)
- b) Setting a high quality and consistent standards for materials received and produced is an important element in materials management. Discuss the importance of this (10 marks)