

MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

COURSE CODE:

BCB 334

COURSE TITLE:

OFFICE MANAGEMENT

DATE: TUESDAY, 26TH JULY 2022

TIME: $2.00 - 4.00 \, \text{PM}$

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Question ONE (1) is compulsory Answer any other TWO (2) questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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SECTION A: COMPULSORY

Question ONE

- a. Using appropriate examples explain the factors that would impede effective interpersonal communication in the office. (10 marks)
- b. Compare and contrast the following pair of terms:

a. Office layout and office landscaping

(5 marks)

b. Filing and records management

(5 marks)

c. Office safety and Office security

(5marks)

d. Principle of Unity of command and Principle of unity of direction

(5marks)

SECTION B: Answer any 2 questions:

Question TWO

- a. One of the important responsibilities of administrative office managers is the selection and maintenance of office equipment and furniture. Discuss the factors to be considered when selecting furniture for a business concern. (10 marks)
- b. Discuss the qualities required of an office manager to effectively manage an organization. (10 marks)

Question THREE

- a. "Central services are more efficient than departmental services. Evaluate this statement with the use of examples. (10 marks)
- b. Explain the limitations of acquiring office premises through a lease. (10 marks)

Question FOUR

It is impossible to meet all demands of present day management by strictly adhering to only one organizational structure. As an office manager discuss the different forms of organizational structures that you can choose from. Give reasons how each can best suit the work of your office. (20 marks)