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# MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)

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FOR THE DIPLOMA  
IN  
MEDICAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

**COURSE CODE: BBD 222**

**COURSE TITLE: QUALITY ASSURANCE & GOOD LABORATORY  
PRACTICE**

**DATE: 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2023**

**TIME: 8.00 – 10.00AM**

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

This paper is divided into three sections, **A B** and **C**, carrying respectively: Multiple Choice Questions (**MCQs**), Short Answer Questions (**SAQs**) and Long Answer Questions (**LAQs**). Answer all questions. **DO NOT WRITE ON THE QUESTION PAPER.**

**TIME: 2 Hours**

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**SECTION A: Multiple Choice Questions (20 Marks)**

1. ISO stands for:

- a) International Standardization for organization
- b) International Organization for Standardization
- c) International Standard Operation
- d) International of Standard

2. The International Standard that best provides guidance for quality and competence for medical laboratories

- a) ISO 9001:2008
- b) ISO 17025:1999
- c) ISO 15189:2012
- d) ISO 17043:2010

3. Which statement would be most correct in addressing quality issues in a laboratory?

- a) Responsibility for quality participation falls to the Quality Manager
- b) Responsibility for quality participation falls to the “top management” including the Laboratory Head
- c) Maintenance of quality is everyone’s responsibility
- d) While everyone should be involved, main responsibility rests with the Quality Manager

4. The rationale for implementing an overall quality management system in the laboratory is to:

- a) Prevent any possibility of testing error
- b) Differentiate between qualitative and quantitative methods
- c) Prevent potential errors in the laboratory’s path of workflow
- d) Help to ensure that testing performed by the laboratory is accurate and reliable

5. All of the following are essential elements of the quality management system **EXCEPT**:

- a) Equipment management
- b) Personnel management
- c) Customer discrimination
- d) Process control

6. A shortened form of an SOP

- a) Job description
- b) Job Aid
- c) Job qualification
- d) Instrument manual

7. The laboratories national accreditation body in Kenya

- a) WHO
- b) CSLI
- c) ISO
- d) KENAS

8. Training staff to acquire skills outside their discipline

- a) Cross-training
- b) Retraining
- c) Continuing education
- d) Continuous professional development

9. The following are good practices when using gloves **EXCEPT**
- Remove gloves when leaving the working area
  - Never reuse gloves
  - Wash contaminated gloves to save on cost of buying new ones
  - Dispose well after use
10. Which is **TRUE** about needles and sharps disposal
- Recap needles before disposal
  - Put sharps in a puncture-resistant, leak proof container
  - Fill the sharps container to the brim
  - You can use ordinary boxes
11. A document providing detailed hazard and precautionary information of a chemical
- MSDS
  - SOP
  - Instrument printout
  - Job Aid
12. Determining the source of problems in a laboratory equipment is referred to as;
- Validation
  - Verification
  - Troubleshooting
  - Calibration
13. Which one is **FALSE** about Internal Audits
- Conducted by staff working on another area of the same laboratory
  - Determines if the lab is meeting its own standards
  - Helps prepare for external audits
  - Conducted by agencies from outside the laboratory
14. The following statements are true for Quality Control (QC) **EXCEPT**
- Use of control materials to monitor the accuracy and precision of analytical phase processes
  - Doesn't evaluate the operator's performance
  - Validates the reliability of the system
  - Evaluates environmental conditions that may impact test results
15. Freeze-dried controls are:
- Reconstituted before use
  - Thawed before use
  - Diluted before use
  - Used as they are
16. Which one **DOESN'T** ensure customer satisfaction?
- Timely results
  - Having incompetent staff
  - Good sample collection facilities
  - Confidentiality of the patient information
17. The following are sources of pre-analytical errors **EXCEPT**
- Collecting the wrong sample
  - Mislabeling or failing to label the sample
  - Sending the report to wrong location
  - Storing the sample incorrectly prior to testing
18. Which action in occurrence management addresses the cause of the error

- a) Remedial action
- b) Preventive action
- c) Remediation
- d) Corrective action

**19. Standard Operating Procedures:**

- a) Ensures consistency in laboratory results
- b) Are not updated on a regular basis
- c) Should not be detailed
- d) Their approval by laboratory management not necessary

**20. Orientation of new employees achieves the following EXCEPT**

- a) Acquaint them with personnel policies and ethics
- b) To easily manipulate them thereafter
- c) To know their work schedules
- d) To know the organization's employee benefits

**SECTION B: Short Answer Questions (40 Marks)**

1. Discuss the good laboratory practices involved in conducting clinical trials **(8 Marks)**
2. Enumerate any 8 benefits of adhering to laboratory quality standards **(8 Marks)**
3. Define SOP and highlight the characteristics of a good SOP **(8 Marks)**
4. Define the followings terms as used in laboratory test methods: **(8 Marks)**
  - a) Sensitivity
  - b) Specificity
  - c) Accuracy
  - d) Precision
5. State 8 criteria for sample rejection in the laboratory **(8 Marks)**

**SECTION C: Long Answer Questions (60 Marks)**

1. Discuss the functions of Kenya Bureau of Standards (KEBS), Pharmacist and Poisons board (PPB), KMLTTB in regulation and quality assurance in Biomedical laboratory testing **(20 Marks)**
2. Discuss personnel, equipment and organization as quality management systems elements **(20mks)**
3. a. Discuss the pre-analytical, analytical and post analytical sources of errors in the laboratory **(10 Marks)**  
b. Describe the role of a quality manager in processing and packaging of food products in food industries **(10mks)**