



The Co-operative University of Kenya

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EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF CO-OPERATIVE

BUSINESS/BACHELOR OF COOPERATIVE AND COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT/BACHELOR OF DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

UNIT CODE: HCOB 2115/CODM 2207/COCC 2203

UNIT TITLE: CO-OPERATIVE MANAGEMENT

DATE: DECEMBER, 2019

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question **ONE (compulsory)** and any other **TWO** questions

QUESTION ONE

- a) Co-operative societies are expected to have certain values, norms beliefs and practices to make them truly Co-operative societies. In view of the above statement, briefly discuss some of these aspects (8 Marks)
- b) Dr. William King (1786-1865) was one of the contemporary of Owens, Discuss the contributions he made to keep the development of Co-operative Movement. (5 Marks)
- c) Upon registration of a Co-operative Society, it becomes a body corporate by the name under which it is registered with perpetual succession and a common seal. Explain the qualifications for registering a Co-operative society. (8 Marks)
- d) The Board of Directors require a broad mix of skills, competencies and experiences to enable them understand their roles and responsibilities to keep them abreast with the ever changing Co-operative environment. Explain some of the competencies that they require in order to succeed in their mandate (9 marks)

QUESTION TWO

Members in Co-operative Societies exercise their right of membership provided they have satisfied the Acts or Laws of the society as provided. Discuss the rights and obligations of members (20 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) A Co-operative Society may charge its property if the by-laws give it powers to do so. Briefly explain a “Charge” as used in Co-operatives (10 Marks)
- b) Co-operatives may amalgamate or divide into two or more Co-operatives. Discuss the process involved in the amalgamation of co-operatives (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Boards of Directors are expected to exercise the powers bestowed upon them by the Co-operative Societies Act subject to any limitations to achieve organizational goals and objectives. In view of the above statement, discuss the functions of the board (15 Marks)
- b) Highlight the qualities of a chairman of a board which you consider useful in the organization (5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) The first general meeting of a society must be held not later than a month after registration. Discuss the Agenda of a First General Meeting. (10 Marks)
- b) Explain in short notes what is:-
 - i. Annual General meeting (5 Marks)
 - ii. Special General meeting (5 marks)