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# **UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

# 2018 /2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

<u>....3rd....</u> YEAR <u>...1st.....</u> SEMESTER <u>REGULAR</u> EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

## **ECONOMICS**

### COURSE CODE: ECO 313 COURSE TITLE: QUANTITATIVE METHODS I

DATE: 13/12/2019

TIME: 8 am – 12 pm

### **INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions
- Question ONE carries 30 marks
- Time allowed: 3 hours

#### **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

A manufacturer produces three products X, Y and Z. During production, a) the products require the use of two machines, A and B. The number of hours needed on both machines are shown in the following table

	Machine A	Machine B	
Product X	1 hr	1 hr	
Product Y	2 hrs	1 hr	
Product Z	2 hrs	2 hrs	

Machine A and B can be used for 40 hours and 34 hours a week respectively. the profits per unit is sh 10, sh 15 and sh 22 for product X , Y and Z respectively.

- Formulate the linear Programing problem (4 Marks) i)
- Solve the linear programming problem in a) above (12 Marks) ii)
- State and explain the assumptions for the input-output models **b**)

#### (6 Marks)

Determine the functional dependence of the following functions c)

 $Y_2 = 5x_1 + 1$ 

 $Y_1 = 3x_1^2 + 2x_2^2$ 

#### (8 marks)

#### **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Differentiate the following terms
  - Mutually exclusive Events and collectively Exhaustive events i)

- Sample space and experiment ii)
- b) Solve the following three simultaneous equations using the gaussian method.

2X + 12Y - 2Z = 20	
2X + 3Y + 3Z = 17	
3X - 3Y - 2Z = -9	(8 marks)
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c) Differentiate the three approaches to probability

(5 marks)

#### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the steps followed when conducting a casual comparative research design. (10 mks)
- b) Explain the main features of qualitative research paradigm. (10 mks)

#### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Out of 3000 tires in a warehouse, 2000 are domestic and 1000 are imported. Among the domestic tires, 40 % are all season and for the imported tires, 10% are all season. If a tire is selected at random and it is all-season, what is the probability that it is imported. **(6 marks)**
- b) the IQs of a large population of children are normally distributed with a mean of 100.4 and a standard deviation of 11.6.
  - i) what percentage of children have IQs greater than 125?

(5 Marks)

- ii) 90% of the children have IQs greater than what value?(4 marks)
- c) A committee has 7 members, 3 men and 4 women. In how many ways can a sub committee of four be selected if it is to consist of exactly
  - i) Three men
  - ii) Four women

(2 Mark) (1 Mark) (2 Mark)

#### iii) Two men and Two women QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss five probability sampling techniques in research methods. (10 mks)
- b) Describe the criteria of a good research problem. (10 mks)

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