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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER; B.COM. IDE STUDENTS

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TITLE OF PAPER : PURCHASING & SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

COURSE CODE : BA 430/BUS435

TIME ALLOCATED : THREE [3] HOURS

TOTAL MARKS : 100 MARKS

INSTRUCTIONS

1. TOTAL NUMBER OF QUESTIONS IN THIS PAPER IS 5
2. THE PAPER CONSISTS OF SECTION A AND SECTION B
3. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION A AND ANY THREE [3] QUESTIONS IN SECTION B.
4. THE MARKS ALLOCATED FOR A QUESTION OR PART OF A QUESTION ARE INDICATED AT THE END OF EACH QUESTION OR PART OF THE QUESTION.
5. NOTE: MAXIMUM MARKS WILL BE AWARDED FOR QUALITY, LAYOUT, ACCURACY, AND EXPLANATIONS FOR STEPS USED TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

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SECTION A: QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION ARE ABOUT THE ESWATINI PROCUREMENT ACT 2011, WHICH YOU STUDIED DURING THE SEMESTER. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION [25 MARKS].

QUESTION 1.

1.1. What is your reaction to the fact that, the Act does not allow politicians to participate in public procurement? (10 marks)

1.2. Government is accused of late settlement of vendor's invoices. Explain the several impacts this problem can have on public procurement (10 marks)

1.3. Use examples to differentiate collusive and corrupt practices (10 marks)

1.4. Explain any unethical practices perpetrated by the vendors in the public procurement environment (10 marks)

[TOTAL 40 MARKS]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS OF YOUR CHOICE FROM THIS SECTION.

QUESTION 2

Explain the signs and symptoms which Procurement managers can use as indicators of the existence of staff problems in the procurement department

[TOTAL 20 MARKS]

QUESTION 3.

a). Explain the use of the 80/20 concept in inventory management (10 marks)

b).The table below provides data pertaining to the unit cost in Emalangeneni and the annual demand for the listed items. Perform and ABC analysis for the given information assuming a 10% of items are very important, 30% are moderate important and 60% are least important (10 marks)

Item	Annual demand	Unit Cost(E)
1	2500	360
2	1000	70
3	2400	500
4	1500	100
5	700	70
6	1000	1000
7	200	210
8	1000	4000
9	8000	10
10	500	200

[TOTAL 20 MARKS]

QUESTION 4.

Discuss the factors that an organisation would consider in order to locate a new facility for its operations

[TOTAL 20 MARKS]

QUESTION 5.

Nowadays it is common practice and fashionable for companies to exist and operate in a supply chain environment as opposed to operating as individual entities. What will be the advantages and disadvantages of this strategy?

[TOTAL 20 MARKS]