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MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

COURSE CODE: BCF 311

COURSE TITLE: FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND MARKETS

DATE: 20TH NOVEMBER 2020 TIME: 9.00AM-11.00AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One in Section A and Any other TWO (2) Questions in Section B

TIME: 2 Hours

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SECTION A (COMPULSORY)**Question 1**

- a) Name any two main functions of a financial system. (2 marks)
- b) Explain financial deepening as used in financial institutions and markets. (2 marks)
- c) What is the key function of financial intermediaries in the market.(2 marks)
- d) Explain any theories of term structure of interest rates. (4 marks)
- e) The NEXT market was recently launched at the Nairobi Securities exchange. Explain what kind of products are traded in this market.(3 marks)
- f) What is the role of money markets in the economy(2 marks)
- g) What is Underwriting as used in the securities market(2 marks)
- h) Explain any four disadvantages of initial public offerings(4 marks)
- i) Differentiate between investment banks and commercial banks (4 marks)
- j) Who are the regulators of the capital markets in Kenya? (1 mark)
- k) The Following the launch of the NEXT market, the NSE(Nairobi Securities Exchange) now offers Index Futures and Single Stock Futures on selected indices and stocks respectively. Explain the following terms

Index futures(2 marks)



Single stock futures (2 marks)

SECTION B ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

Question 2

- a) Explain any 5 qualities of a good financial market. (10 marks)
- b) Explain any 5 advantages of trading in the euro market.(10 marks)

Question 3

- a) Explain any 5 costs associated with floatation of new securities in the market. (5 marks)
- b) Explain any 5 roles of the Nairobi securities exchange(5 marks)
- c) In 2017, the Kenyan Treasury launched M-Akiba, a five-year infrastructure bond to help encourage savings. Explain any five other ways that investors use bonds. (10 marks)

Question 4

- a) Explain any five applications of derivative instruments as used in financial markets. (10 marks)
- b) Explain any 5 market anomalies that are contrary to efficient markets.(10 marks)

Question 5

- a) Explain any five functions of the Central bank of Kenya. (10 marks)
- b) Explain any five reasons on the need for regulation in financial markets.(10 marks)

