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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR **END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS** YEAR ONE SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTERS OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

COURSE CODE: MBA 805

COURSE TITLE: MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

SYSTEMS

2/02/2022 DATE:

TIME: 2.00 PM - 4.00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

a. Explain why information systems are so important today for business and management.

b. Evaluate the role of information systems in today's competitive business environment.

[10 Marks]

"Information systems are too important to be left to computer specialists." Do you agree? Justify your answer. 4 Marks

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a. Evaluate the role played by the major types of systems in a business and their relationship to each other. [6 Marks]
- b. Describe the information systems supporting the major business functions: sales and marketing, manufacturing and production, finance and accounting, and human resources.

[6 Marks]

c. Identify and describe the three levels of the organizational hierarchy and describe the types of information systems serve each level. [8 Marks]

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a. Analyze how information systems support various business strategies for competitive advantage. [6 Marks]
- b. Describe the major behavioral theories that help explain how information systems affect organizations. [10 Marks]
- c. Describe the management challenges posed by the role of information systems in organizations and suggest some solutions. [4 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a. Explain how enterprise applications promote business process integration and improve organizational performance. [10 Marks]
- b. Explain how enterprise applications can be used in platforms for new cross-functional services.
- [4 Marks] c. Identify the challenges posed by enterprise applications and management solutions. [6 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Explain how a company can develop information systems that fit its business plan.

[4 Marks]

- b. Identify and describe the core activities in the systems development process. [6 Marks]
- c. Evaluate alternative methods for building information systems and alternative methodologies for modeling systems. [10 Marks]