



Riara School of Business

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**MAY – AUGUST 2023 TRIMESTER
EXAMINATIONS FOR DEGREE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

EVENING PROGRAMME

RPS 305: DISTRIBUTION AND WAREHOUSING

AUGUST 2023

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Students are NOT permitted to write on the examination paper during reading time.

This is a closed book examination. Text book/Reference books/notes are not permitted.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your REGISTRATION NO. Clearly on the answer booklet(s).
2. Answer Question One and ANY other TWO questions.
3. Questions in all sections should be answered in answer booklet(s).
4. Marks allocated to each question are shown at the end of the question.
5. PLEASE start the answer to EACH question on a NEW PAGE.
6. For the questions, write the number of the question on the answer booklet(s) in the order you answered them.
7. Write your answers in paragraph form unless stated otherwise.
8. Keep your phone(s) SWITCHED OFF at the front of the examination room.
9. Keep ALL bags and caps at the front of the examination room and do not refer to any unauthorized material before or during the course of the examination.
10. You are only allowed to leave the examination room 30minutes to the end of the Examination.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY – 30 MARKS)

- a. Briefly describe your understanding of the following concepts : **(8 Marks)**
- i) Distribution **(2 Marks)**
 - ii) Warehousing **(2marks)**
 - iii) Logistics **(2 marks)**
 - iv) Supply chain **(2 marks)**
- b. Assess **FIVE** strategic factors affecting the choice of distribution network **(10 Marks)**
- c. Distribution and warehousing function plays a critical role in driving the supply chain strategy. Discuss **Six** roles. **(12 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a. Using clear illustrations analyze **FIVE** types of logistics as applied in the field of supply chain management today. **(10 Marks)**
- b. Examine **FIVE** principles that governs the operations of warehouse locally and globally **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a. Critically underscore **FIVE** recent technological advancements in the field of distribution and warehousing and their logistics management efficacy **(10 Marks)**

- b.** Identify and explain **FIVE** methods used to forecast the demand for materials in order to determine the right quantities of inventory to hold **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a)** Distribution and warehousing must be guided by strong ethical principles which touches on specific areas of business continuity. Discuss **FIVE** principles **(10 Marks)**
- b)** Appraise **FIVE** roles of benchmarking as a best practice in effectiveness of distribution and warehousing. **(10 Marks)**