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#### **2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

#### FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

## FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

**COURSE CODE: HRM 805** 

COURSE TITLE: MANAGEMENT OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

DATE:09/08/2023 TIME: 2:00-5:00PM

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1) Answer Question ONE(Compulsory) and ANY OTHER TWO Questions
- 2) Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room
- 3) Credit is given for legibility, clarity and use of relevant examples
- 4) Question ONE is 40 marks while Questions 2-5 carry 20 marks each
- 5) Clearly write your Registration Number on each answer sheet used

**TIME:2 Hours** 

#### **QUESTIONS: SECTION A**

#### **QUESTION ONE**

- (a) The exploitation of workers by employers forced workers to unite and form trade unions. Examine **EIGHT** objectives that trade unions may seek to achieve(8mks)
- (b) As an employee relations expert, show how youcan use upward communication effectively to enhance employee voice (6mks)
- (c) Explain the importance of grievance procedure in maintaining effective employee relations (10mks)
- (d) Highlight the guidelines to be followed by managers to effectively impose effective discipline (6mks)
- (e) Describe the due process to be followed in disciplining an employee (10mks)

#### **QUESTIONS: SECTION B**

#### **QUESTION TWO**

- (a) Define the term conciliation as used in the management of employee relations (2mks)
- (b) Describe the use of conciliation by the state in resolving tradedisputes (10mks)
- (c) In maintaining employee health and safety, employers are to register their workplaces with the Directorate of Occupational Safety and Health services (DOSH) upon which a certificate of registration issued. Describe the contents of such a certificate (8mks)

#### **QUESTION THREE**

- (a) Examine the Kenyan constitution as a basis of employee relations (10mks)
- (b) Assess the use of the Human Resource Management approach in maintaining effective employee relations in an organization (10mks)

#### **QUESTION FOUR**

- a) Expound on the concept of psychological contract as a basis for employmentrelationship(10mks)
- b) From an employee's point of view, elaborate any <u>FIVE</u> aspects of the employment relationship covered by thepsychological contract(10mks)

### **QUESTION FIVE**

In relation to collective agreements, differentiate between:

- (i) Substantive agreements and procedural agreements (5mks)
- (ii) Single union deals and new style agreements (5mks)
- (iii) Partnership agreements and collective bargaining agreement (5mks)
- (iv) Picketing and lockout (5mks)