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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR
SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER
MAIN EXAMINATION**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION**

COURSE CODE: LSM 817

COURSE TITLE: PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

DATE: 06/12/2023

TIME: 9:00 AM-12:00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- 1) The paper contains FIVE questions
- 2) Attempt THREE questions
- 3) Question ONE is Compulsory

TIME: 2 Hours

QUESTION ONE – 30 MARKS

- a. Explain the significance of public procurement in government operations and economic development, showing how efficient public procurement benefit both governments and the private sector. [8 Marks]
- b. To meet the public procurement objectives, there are certain characteristics which are necessary. Describe these characteristics. [8 Marks]
- c. The management of the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority-PPRA shall vest in a board known as the Public Procurement Regulatory Board-PPRB. Demonstrate your understanding of the functions of this Board-PPRB in the management of the PPRA. [8 Marks]
- d. Explain key roles of an Accounting Officer at a public procuring entity. [6 Marks]

QUESTION TWO – 20 MARKS

It is only when individuals as well as institutions are held accountable that we can expect to achieve sound procurement that delivers on value for money and forms the basis for efficient service delivery. The public procurement responsibility authority and accountability are clarified when written declarations are made that state in unambiguous terms and circumstances that might be construed as condoning of adopting unethical practices in public procurement. These represents the requirements that must be adopted and adhere to by the procuring entity and the staff to ensure accountability.

- a. Identify and describe the specific declarations that must be made when and where unethical practices in the procurement proceedings may seem apparent. [10 Marks]
- b. Records should be managed throughout their life. A record goes through a life cycle. Discuss. [10 Marks]

QUESTION THREE – 20 MARKS

Applicable ethics in public procurement: in order to achieve value for money and to effectively contribute to the efficient service delivery, public procurement practice must adopt a strong ethical bent. It must be practiced so as to avoid leakages and loss, corruption and vender favoritism. The way to address these concerns is by adopting a strong sense of ethics.

- a. Describe the ethical positions applicable in public procurement to serve as a guideline for the ethical practice of procurement. [10 Marks]
- b. The end user department is an important element of a procuring entity as the end user departments are the structures which make up the procuring entity. Exemplify the responsibilities of the user department. [10 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR – 20 MARKS

- a. Discuss procedural process of management/administration of procurement contracts in public institutions. [10 Marks]
- b. Public procurement systems that existed in many developing countries before the procurement reforms were initiated were weak and characterized by corruption and non-transparent mechanisms. Analyze the drivers of public procurement reforms in Africa. [10 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE – 20 MARKS

- a. The procuring entity and its staff will be held responsible and accountable for non-compliance with the general procurement principles outlined in the procurement manuals in the practice of procurement and/ or in the application of discretion and judgments made in the decisions pertaining to procurement proceedings. Describe the eleven general procurement principles that every procuring entity should comply with. [10 Marks]
- b. The procurement Manager has advised the Chief Executive Officer on the need for a company to develop annual procurement and asset disposal plans. Explain the contents of annual procurement and asset disposal plans of the organization. [10 Marks]