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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

*This paper consists of EIGHT questions.
Answer FIVE of the EIGHT questions in the answer booklet provided.
All questions carry equal marks.
Candidate to answer the questions in English.*

This paper consists of 4 printed pages.

Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

1. (a) (i) Outline **two** roles of a system owner in system development. (2 marks)
- (ii) Describe **two** components of an expert system. (4 marks)
- (b) With the aid of a diagram, describe an open system. (4 marks)
- (c) Differentiate between *alpha* and *beta* system testing. (4 marks)
- (d) Keytech Company implemented a Management Information System (MIS). Explain **three** benefits the company could accrue from its use. *data management, stock control* (6 marks)
2. (a) Define slack time as used in project management. (2 marks)
- (b) State the stage in the System Development Lifecycle (SDLC) where each of the following is a deliverable:
- (i) Terms of Reference (TOR); (1 mark)
- (ii) Program Specification; (1 mark)
- (iii) Feasibility report; (1 mark)
- (iv) Project Initiation Document. (1 mark)
- (c) (i) Differentiate between *form* and *command line* interfaces as used in dialog design. (4 marks)
- (ii) Tumaini Institute intends to load existing student records into a new system. Describe **two** file conversion methods they could use. (4 marks)
- (d) A logistics company has a fleet of vehicles. Each vehicle is identified by a unique vehicle number, weight and destination. A vehicle can transport different items to different destinations. A destination has an address and a name. A vehicle follows a schedule that has a unique number and route.
- Draw an Entity Relationship Diagram to represent this logic. (6 marks)
3. (a) (i) Outline **three** limitations of a Gantt chart as used in project management. (3 marks)
- (ii) Explain **two** advantages of using Structured English as a system design tool. (4 marks)
- (b) Mary used spiral model methodology during system development. Outline **three** reasons for using this methodology. (3 marks)
- (c) James created a data dictionary for a system he was developing. Outline **four** symbols he is likely to have used. (4 marks)
- (d) Dwelfix Company acquired an Information System through outsourcing method. Explain **three** circumstances that could have led to the use of this method. (6 marks)
4. (a) Outline **four** qualities of a good system documentation. (4 marks)
- (b) Differentiate between *payback* period and *return on investment* cost benefit analysis techniques. (4 marks)
- (c) Jack used object oriented programming methodology to develop an online system. Explain **three** attributes of this methodology. (6 marks)
- (d) A group of students prepared a questionnaire for a system study. Describe **three** categories of questions they could have included in the questionnaire. (6 marks)

5. (a) Explain each of the following terms as used in system development:
- (i) perfective maintenance; (2 marks)
 - (ii) structured walkthrough. (2 marks)
- (b) RelayTec company developed a prototype for a new system. Explain **three** benefits of using this design method. (6 marks)
- (c) Differentiate between *Project Evaluation and Review Technique (PERT)* and *Critical Path Method (CPM)*. (4 marks)
- (d) Students at Mlinzi Technical College accesses academic report through an online learner's portal. A student signs up on the portal by filling details on an online form. The details are stored in a register file. A verification link is then sent to the student's e-mail. The student uses the link to change the default password. To access the report, a student is required to login using registration number and password.

Draw a level 1 data flow diagram to represent this information. (6 marks)

6. (a) Outline **four** characteristics of a user- friendly software. (4 marks)
- (b) Explain **three** importance of system analysis. (6 marks)
- (c) A student intends to undertake an ICT project. Explain **two** constraints the student is likely to encounter at the inception stage. (4 marks)
- (d) Table 1 shows details of an information system project. Use it to answer the question that follows.

	Activity	Predecessor	Duration
A	Assembly	-	3
B	Resource allocation	A	5
C	Installation	B	4
D	Configuration	B	6
E	Testing	C, D	5
F	Going live	E	3

Table 1

Draw a network analysis diagram for the project. (6 marks)

7. (a) (i) Outline **two** problem indicators for development of an Information System. (2 marks)
- (ii) Explain **two** advantages of normalization in database design. (4 marks)
- (b) Distinguish between *data reliability* and *data integrity* as used in system security. (4 marks)
- (c) A company implemented a new system without training the users. Explain **two** challenges the users are likely to face when using the system. (4 marks)
- (d) A company developed a mobile application module system for their operations.
- (i) Describe the most appropriate change over method the company could use. (2 marks)
 - (ii) Explain **two** limitations of the changeover method in (i). (4 marks)

8. (a) (i) Outline **three** cloud computing services an organization could use for an Information System. (3 marks)
- (ii) Explain **two** challenges of conducting focus group interview through videoconferencing. (4 marks)
- (b) The management of a company stopped funding an ongoing ICT project citing its likelihood of failure. Outline **four** signs this project could have been exhibiting. (4 marks)
- (c) Distinguish between *legal* and *social* feasibility studies. (4 marks)
- (d) David used a decision table to design a system. There are three conditions C1, C2 and C3 and two possible outcomes D1 and D2. If two of the conditions are met, D1 applies, otherwise D2.
Represent this logic in a limited entry decision table. (5 marks)

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