NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FACULTY OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

SERVICES MARKETING – CBU 4105

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION – OCTOBER 2009

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- (i) Answer any **Four (4)** Questions.
- (ii) All questions carry **25** marks each
- (iii) Questions may be answered in any order
- (iv) As much as possible, use relevant examples

QUESTION 1

"Service guarantees are an unnecessary cost that a company can do well without". How far do you agree with this statement? [25 Marks]

QUESTION 2

Kingdom Financial Holdings Ltd would like to open retail banking outlets countrywide. Advise them on how to design the best service and why this is important.

[25 Marks]

QUESTION 3

"The traditional marketing mix is not a useful tool for managers in the service sector". Discuss. [25 Marks]

QUESTION 4

Discuss the characteristics of services and their influence upon service prices.

[25 Marks]

QUESTION 5

Outline the differences between marketing research for services and for products. [25 Marks]

QUESTION 6

Using a framework for understanding environment-user relationships in service organisations, discuss the importance of physical evidence in communicating service quality attributes and creating the service experience. [25 Marks]

QUESTION 7

Using the gaps model by the PZB team, select a service organisation of your choice and discuss how service quality may be changed. [25 Marks]

END OF EXAMINATION