

FACULTY OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BACHELOR OF COMMERCE HONOURS DEGREE IN FISCAL STUDIES PART IV - SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION – JULY 2015 <u>CUSTOMS MANAGEMENT THEORY AND PRACTICE II [CFS 4101]</u> TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- 1. Answer any **<u>FOUR</u>** (4) questions.
- 2 Start the answer to each full question on a fresh page of the answer booklet.
- 3. Questions may be written in any order, but must be legibly numbered.
- 4. Write legibly.
- 5. Show workings

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- 1. The paper contains six (6) questions and two (2) printed pages.
- 2. All whole questions carry equal marks [25 marks] and part marks are indicated in brackets at the end of each part question.

Question One

With the aid of practical examples, critically examine the impact of the Preferential Rules of Origin on international trade and the economic implications of the different Rules of Origin. (25 marks)

Question Two

The World Customs Organization, in its quest to improve operating efficiency of customs administrations globally, proposed some important trade facilitation initiatives to take customs administrations into the future. Critically examine these initiatives and in each case explain to what extent has your Customs Administration instituted the initiatives? (25 marks)

Question Three

Discuss the United States of America's US Customs and Border Protections (US CBP) Customs and Trade Partnership against Terrorism (C-TPAT programme), the Container Security Initiative (CSI) and the 24 Hour Advance Manifest Rule. What are implications of these programmes to developing countries? (25 marks)

Question Four

With aid of practical examples, discuss the role of the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System ('the HS System') in international trade. What are the economic benefits for adopting and implementing the HS System? (25 marks)

Question Five

Analyse the pillars and main elements of the WCO SAFE Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate International Trade (called "the SAFE Framework") explaining what they are intended to achieve. To what extend has your customs administration implemented these elements? (25 marks)

Question Six

Discuss the SADC/COMESA trade facilitation strategy as a means to reduce trade barriers within the region and explain the role of national customs administrations in achieving their objectives. How is the proposed tripartite arrangement between COMESA/SADC/EAC going to resolve some of the challenges which the three organizations are facing? (25 marks)

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER

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