

# FACULTY OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION CFS 4201 SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION AUGUST 2014

TIME: 3 HOURS

# **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Answer any FOUR (4) questions
- Questions carry equal (25) marks

### **QUESTION ONE**

Critically assess Porter's determinants of a country's competitiveness, with special reference to applicability to Zimbabwe.

# **QUESTION TWO**

- a) What is the economic case for regional integration?
- b) Identify and explain the major sources of gain from regionalism.

### **QUESTION THREE**

"Economic growth, and therefore, economic convergence, requires reasonably efficient economic institutions." (JD Sachs and AM Warner; 1995, p8). Evaluate this claim.

# **QUESTION FOUR**

- a) What, in your opinion, are the sources of slow growth in Sub-Saharan Africa?
- b) Suggest solutions on how SSA can overcome this challenge.

# **QUESTION FIVE**

Write a brief critique on the following international trade concepts:

- a) Mercantilism (pre 16<sup>th</sup> century trade philosophy)
- b) Absolute advantage (Adam Smith, 1776)
- c) Comparative advantage (David Ricardo, 1817)
- d) Factor proportions (Heckscher Ohlin, 1919)
- e) International Product Life Cycle (Ray Vernon, 1966)

# **QUESTION SIX**

Robert Lucas (1990) laid out the challenge in his famous paper: "Why Doesn't Capital Flow from Rich to Poor Countries?" Interrogate this question.

**END OF EXAMINATION PAPER**