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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN FISCAL STUDIES

FINAL EXAMINATION – DECEMBER 2014

INTERNATIONAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT [CFS5309]

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. Answer question One in Section A and any THREE (3) questions in Section B.
- 2. Read questions carefully and address all parts of the question.
- 3. Questions may be written in any order, but must be legibly numbered.
- 4. Write eligibly.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- 1. The paper contains SIX (6) questions.
- 2. This paper consists of 3 printed pages
- 3. Marks for each question are shown in parentheses brackets () and square brackets [] at the end of each part of the question and full question respectively.
- 4. All questions carry **equal marks** [25 marks].

SECTION A: CASE STUDY (COMPULSORY)

Question1 (25 Marks)

- a. Briefly outline the challenges that confronted the airfreight mode of transport in the early 1970's.
 (3 marks)
- b. Identify the value advantages that Federal Express (Fed Ex) identified as critical to its success.
 (4 marks)
- c. What were the other factors that enhanced FedEx's competiveness? (4 marks)
- d. How did FedEx manage to adapt to changing times? (4 marks)
- e. Briefly explain lessons that similar Zimbabwean Companies can learn from the case. (10 marks)

SECTION B (ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS)

Question 2 (25 marks)

- a) What were the issues raised by Developing Countries with regard to the Trade Facilitation negotiations? (15 marks)
- b) How does the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement address the concerns cited above? (10 marks)

Question 3 (25 Marks)

Outline the reasons that necessitated modernization of the Revised Kyoto Convention

Question 4 (25 Marks)

Discuss how a company involved in supply chain management can realize cost and value advantages relative to its competitors. (25 marks)

Question 5 (25 Marks)

- i. What three important factors do Incoterms define?
- ii. What do Incoterms not cover
- iii. What definitions are given to the three basic factors of Incoterms?
- iv. There are two main documents connected with sea transport. What are they and why is one significantly important.

Question 6 (25 Marks)

"The modern trend in Supply Chain Management has been a departure from adversarial relationships towards collaboration with key suppliers". Using relevant examples, evaluate the driving forces for such collaboration.

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER