NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FACULTY OF COMMERCE

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (HONOURS) DEGREE IN MANAGEMENT

ORGANISATIONAL BEHAVIOUR – CBU 2105

FINAL EXAMINATION – JANUARY 2013

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer any **Four** questions.

INFORMATION TO CANDIDATES

- (i) All questions carry **25** marks each.
- (ii) Questions may be answered in any order.
- (iii) Credit will be given for the use of appropriate examples.
- (iv) This paper contains **Seven** questions.

QUESTION 1

(a) You have been invited to present a paper on the importance of organisational behaviour studies to managers in Zimbabwe. Discuss some of the issues that you are likely to highlight in your presentation.

[15 Marks]

(b) Can the behavioural sciences such as organisational behaviour ever reach the precision and predictability that exists in the physical sciences?

[10 Marks]

QUESTION 2

Explain how independent variables such as age, gender, marital status and ability impact on employee productivity, absenteeism and job satisfaction in organisations.

[25 Marks]

QUESTION 3

(a) Discuss the value types that were propounded by Allport and Associates, highlighting the congruent occupation(s) that might be associated with a particular value type.

[15Marks]

(b) Of what benefit is the study of values and attitudes to organisational behaviour?

[10 Marks]

QUESTION 4

(a) With the aid of a diagram, describe Moorhead and Griffin's causes and consequences theory and show how it explains job satisfaction in the work place.

[10 Marks]

(b) Discuss any **three** ways in which employees can express their dissatisfaction with their jobs.

[15 Marks]

QUESTION 5

'Coping strategies for job stress exist for both the individual and the organisational level'. Summarize and evaluate these various strategies for preventing and/or more effectively managing stress.

[25 Marks]

QUESTION 6

(a) Discuss the term 'personality.'

[7 Marks]

(b) Describe and explain the relevance of Hans Jurgen Eysenck's personality theory to the world of work.

[18 Marks]

QUESTION 7

Describe the characteristics of self-managed teams. What benefits accrue to organisations that transform themselves into self-managed teams?

[25 Marks]

END OF EXAMINATION