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PART IV SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS – JUNE 2010

INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION: CONTRACTS AND ARBITRATION – AQS4210

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 100

Instructions

Answer ANY Four Questions. All Questions Carry equal marks.

QUESTION ONE

Your client, A is aware of the existence of arbitration and litigation as a means of resolving commercial disputes and wishes more information about each method. He asked you to explain to him the similarities and differences between each method. (25 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) What are the essentials of a valid building contract? (12 marks)
- b) What is the procedure and importance of a pre-qualification process when looking for a contractor on construction project? (13 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Describe the following tendering procedures and on which type of project will they be most appropriately used.

- a) Selective tendering (12 marks)
- b) Two stage selective tendering (13 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

At the end of a construction project a final account is prepared, state and explain the conditions that will make a final account binding and conclusive. (25 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Why are preliminary costs estimates prepared? (10 marks)
- b) In preparing a construction project cost estimate what factors should an estimator consider? (15 marks)