

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

MPM 201: PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXAM

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DURATION: 3 HRS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer All questions in Section A and any other three questions in Section B.

Total possible mark is 100.

Start **each** question on a new page in your answer Booklet.

The marks allocated to **each** question are shown at the end of the section.

Show all your workings.

SECTION B

1. Monitoring and evaluation are two distinct activities. Using the diagram below, appeal to both the theoretical background and practical implementation of the two concepts to unveil the difference. [15 marks]



2. (a) Why is it important for project managers to be ethical? [5 marks]

(b) An enthusiastic headmaster was appointed to Dangamvura School, where he discovered that 40% of the 'O' level mathematics class has serious problems with mathematical operations (simple addition, subtraction, division and multiplication). Use your knowledge of the Fishbone diagram to analyze this problem. [5 marks]

(c) Using your own examples explain how a project manager can use the knowledge of Earned Value Management (EVM) to determine the status of a project. [5 marks]

(d) What is the purpose of a scope statement in project management? [5 marks]

(e) Stakeholder analysis is a project pre-initiating task. Discuss the importance of this activity to project management. [5 marks]

SECTION B (answer any three questions)

3. Network analysis is the basis for prudent time management. Demonstrate using practical examples how a manager can manage time through network analysis. (Hint: exhaust all concepts in network analysis). [20 marks]

4. 'Project execution is not an event but rather it is a process' Discuss. [20 marks]

5. Explain in detail tools and techniques at the disposal of a project manager to carry out project selection. [20 marks]

6.(a) All project documents are meant to ensure the effective implementation of a project. Select four such documents and illustrate how they assist in the effective implementation of a project. [10 Marks]

(b) Farai the class president remarked that project analysis is all encompassing with technical processes, market analysis, Economic analysis and financial analysis. Using a specific project brief show how each is applied. [10 Marks]

7.(a) As a project manager how would the following documents enhance efficiency and effectiveness of project execution.

- (i) Team contract
- (ii) Stakeholder analysis
- (iii) Code of ethics
- (iv) Quality management plan [12 marks]
- (b)The following approaches are used in cost estimation:
 - (i) Analogous estimation
 - (ii) Parametric estimation

Explain how each is used to estimate cost [8 marks]

- (a) SWOT Analysis and Balanced scorecard analysis are two critical methods for project appraisal. Using specific examples illustrate application of each. [12 Marks]
 - (b) There are four major responses to resolve risks, create a scenario where each is appropriate [4 Marks]

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