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FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

COURSE TITLE: ACCOUNTING INFORMATION SYSTEMS - MAC 302

SEMESTER 1: FINAL EXAMINATION – 11 NOVEMBER 2013

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TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **all questions** in sections **A** and **B**.

Start each question on a new page in your answer booklet for section B.

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

SECTION A (Each question carries 2 marks)

1. From the time Zimbabwe dollarized, what is the greatest risk being faced by people who handle cash in their organisations besides being robbed? What should they do to minimise that risk?
2. What is the purpose of detective controls? Give an example of such a control.
3. What is the most effective control measure in processing journals in your computerised accounting information system (AIS)?
4. What issues are considered under administrative controls?
5. Describe specific authorisation under monitoring activities for internal controls.
6. What are reasonableness checks? Where would you apply them?
7. Identify and explain two characteristics of a well designed chart of accounts.
8. Give two reasons why organisations should encourage if necessary force staff to take their leave annually.
9. To ensure that the net salary is not altered after processing, identify two measures that you would implement to minimise the possibility of such a threat.
10. Distinguish between essential and desirable facilities in software. Give an example of each.
11. What is the most important tool in cash books and why?
12. Identify two threats that can affect your expenditure/purchasing cycle.
13. Recommend two control measures that you would implement to minimise the exposure in the threats in question (12) above.
14. Identify and explain one limitation to internal controls.
15. Identify two reasons why software vendors do not want to give the source code.
16. Explain how the aging analysis would aid your organisation in effective management of debtors.
17. How would you identify fraud symptoms in employees in your organisation?
18. Identify and explain two objectives of the human resource management cycle.
19. One of the major tasks of external auditors is to identify fraud in your organisation.
Comment
20. Why does an open batch not form part of your report in your computerised AIS?
21. Restrictions on cheques are useless. Comment
22. What are logical and physical access controls?
23. Identify one situation for each of the controls in question (22) above)
24. Identify and explain one disadvantage of outsourcing payroll.
25. Why is a AIS heavily dependent on the use of codes?
26. Identify and explain two problems related to management that can arise in implementing your computerised AIS.
27. Any fraud requires three steps. Identify and briefly explain these steps.

SECTION B (Answer all questions)

1. As a recent graduate you have been asked to prepare a document that your organisation needs on measures that must be implemented to minimise fraud and ensure security of your computerised accounting information systems. (25 marks)
2. Before you consider the modified software approach, you should think about it seriously. What are the issues that you should review before choosing this option? (15 marks)
3. Discuss the objectives of an accounting information system. (6 marks)

END OF EXAMINATION PAPER