

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, PEACE, LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Answer one question.
- 2. Start each question on a new page.
- 3. Each question carries a weight of **100** marks.
- 4. You have 5 hours to complete and submit your answer to the University Moodle platform.
- 5. Anti-plagiarism tools will be used to assess your answer for any form of examination misconduct and plagiarised work will be punished in terms of University Regulations.

Question One

Several countries in Africa have enacted many corporate governance laws. Experiences, nonetheless, show a negative correlation between corporate governance laws and the number of governance scandals. Corporate governance scandals rather appear to be on the rise especially in the COVID-19 pandemic. What are the factors explaining such a spiral? As a Corporate Governance specialist, how would you apply the stewardship and principle-agent theories to curb corporate governance scandals? Anchor your response in empiricism.

[100 marks]

Question Two

Your organisation has been grappling with Chief Executive Officer (CEO) succession challenges for some time. The departure of CEOs has always left the organisation in a messy. As a fresh graduate from Africa University, you have been engaged by the management to help with a CEO succession strategy. Using the knowledge gained from this course, demonstrate how you would address the problem. Support your argument with illustrative examples.

[100 marks]

Question Three

Effective corporate governance is a potent combination of strategy, performance, compliance and accountability. But if you must be without one, be without a strategy. Using corporate governance experiences and knowledge gained from this case, argue your case.

[100 marks]

END OF EXAMINATION