



**PAN AFRICA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

**BACHELORS OF COMMERCE**

**END OF TERM EXAMINATION**

**DEPARTMENT: BUSINESS**

**COURSE CODE: CPS303**

**COURSE TITLE: OPERATIONS SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT**

**EXAM DATE: MONDAY**

**TIME: 5.30PM – 8.30PM**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- This examination script consists of **five(5)** questions.
  - Answer question ONE and ANY other three Questions.
    - Show all your workings
    - Read all questions carefully before attempting.
- Write your **student number** on the answer booklet provided.

**Question One (30 marks)**

- a) Define purchasing strategy and distinguish it from the purchasing process. (6 marks)
- b) Critically evaluate four key components of a purchasing strategy with practical examples. (12 marks)
- c) Discuss green purchasing strategy and its alignment with sustainability goals. (6 marks)
- d) Explain how e-procurement platforms enhance purchasing strategy execution. (6 marks)

**Question Two (10 marks)**

- a) State and briefly explain the 5 Rights of Purchasing. (5 marks)
- b) Explain why purchasing is a strategic function, not clerical, with one example. (5 marks)

**Question Three (10 marks)**

- a) Define Enterprise Resource Planning systems and state their role in purchasing automation. (5 marks)
- b) Explain how Enterprise Resource Planning integrates purchasing with inventory and finance functions. (5 marks)

**Question Four (10 marks)**

- a) Define the bullwhip effect in supply chains. (5 marks)
- b) Explain how information sharing reduces the bullwhip effect. (5 marks)

**Question five (10 marks)**

- a) State the main role of Kenya Institute of Supply Management in Kenya. (5 marks)
- b) Name one professional certification offered by Kenya Institute of Supply Management and its focus. (5 marks)