

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS: 2014**  
**MURANG'A UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**  
**MOCK EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN COOPERATIVE MANAGEMNET.**  
**BS1313**  
**NATURE OF CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT**  
**DATE: OCTOBER 2014 TIME: 3 HOURS**

***INSTRUCTIONS***

1. This paper consists of seven questions
2. Answer any five questions
3. All questions carry equal marks

**QUESTION ONE**

- a) Explain six types of information that a member of a cooperative society has right to access. (12 marks)
- b) Explain four limitations of government initiated cooperatives in terms of members' participation. (8 marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

- a) Explain six ways in which the cooperative movement has contributed to National development. (12 marks)
- b) Outline four functions of the cooperative education and publicity officers. (8 marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

- a) Highlight five items of agenda that are usually discussed during the first general meeting of a newly registered society. (10 marks)
- b) Explain five reasons why a person may be denied membership in cooperative society despite the open and voluntary membership principle. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

- a) A group of artisans in a certain region in Kenya are intending to form a cooperative society in their trade. Explain the ways in which the cooperative society would be expected to contribute to the development of the area. (10 marks)
- b) Explain ways in which the role of government has changed with the liberalization of the cooperative movement in Kenya. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Wazi cooperative society has been experiencing financial problems and there have been rumors that the management committee has mismanaged the society's finances. The members of the society have subsequently decided to investigate the rumors and have appointed a committee of five members to do this.

Explain the areas where the committee appointed should look into to ascertain the position of the society's finances. (10 marks)

- b) Describe the impact of bureaucracy in the present cooperative movement structure. (10 marks)

#### QUESTION SIX

- a) With the rapid expansion and growth of the cooperative sector, there has been a great demand for well trained and qualified personnel to run the cooperatives.

Explain the factors that may account for the limited supply of qualified personnel for the cooperative sector. (10 marks)

- b) Despite the government involvement in the management of cooperative societies, the turnover of most producer cooperative societies has been steadily declining over the years.

Outline the factors that may account for this trend. (10 marks)

#### QUESTION SEVEN

- a) The process of coffee production, processing and marketing can be a major contributor to environmental pollution.

Explain the measures that coffee primary marketing cooperative societies can take in order to minimize the level of pollution. (10 marks)

- b) Cooperation among cooperatives is one of the international cooperative alliance principles. Discuss its relevance to the cooperative movement. (10 marks)