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SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2019 TRIMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

EVENING PROGRAMME

RMK 302: MARKETING OF SERVICES

DECEMBER 2019 TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- i) Answer question one and any other two
- ii) Marks allocated to each question are shown at the end of the question
- iii) Arrange your work neatly and indicate the questions answered in the Examination booklet

QUSTION ONE: COMPULSORY (30 Marks)

- a. Explain the roles that service customers play and the strategies for involving service customers effectively to increase both quality and productivity. (10 marks).
- b. Using specific examples, discuss the benefits, challenges and strategies for effective service delivery through intermediaries. (10 Marks)
- c. Based on a specific firm, explain the key strategies the firm uses for managing service promises and internal marketing communications. (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a. Citing local examples, describe strategies that firms use to price services (10 marks).
- b. Explain the reasons behind service switching and present strategies for effective service recovery. (10 marks).

QUESTION THREE

- a) Examine university education service quality indicators. (10 marks).
- b) Discuss the process used for selecting customer defined standards for university education in Kenya. (10 marks).

QUESTION FOUR

Using suitable examples, clearly differentiate the characteristics of services compared to goods and give their implications when marketing services. (20 marks).