# UGANDA MARTYRS UNIVERSITY NKOZI

# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS END OF SEMESTER TWO FINAL ASESSMENT 2017/18 SWASA I

ECO 1211

# **ECONOMIC CONCEPTS**

DATE:
TIME:

- 1. Attempt any FOUR Questions
- 2. Well-argued and illustrated answers will earn more marks
- 3. Do not write anything on the questions paper.
- 4. Carefully read through ALL the questions before attempting.
- 5. No names should be written anywhere on the examination booklet.
- 6. Ensure your work is clear and readable. Untidy work shall be penalized.
- 7. Any type of examination Malpractice will lead to automatic disqualification.
- 8. Ensure that your **ID** number is indicated on all pages of the examination answer booklet.

## **QUESTION ONE**

- (a) Define Economics (04marks)
- (b) What basic problems does economics try to solve? (06marks)
- (c) How are the problems you have mentioned in (b) above relate to one another to make the study of economics a solid subject of study? (15marks)

# **QUESTION TWO**

- (a) How is price of a commodity arrived at? (05marks)
- (b) What is the advantage of setting a price of a commodity as outlined in (a) above to;
  - i) A consumer? (10marks)
  - ii) A producer? (10marks)

### **QUESTION THREE**

- (a) Define a market as understood in economics (05marks)
- (b) Differentiate clearly between a monopoly market and a monopolistically competitive market. (10marks)
- (c) How come that in an oligopolistic type of market, there is stiff competition between firms making an oligopoly, yet there is close cooperation between them at the same time?(10marks)

## **QUESTION FOUR**

- (a) In a perfectly competitive market, how come that a producer in this market is said to be producing at zero profits? (15marks)
- (b) What would happen if he/she produced at a profit level other that zero (10marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE**

- (a) Define unemployment (05marks)
- (b) What types of unemployment can you identify and how is each different from the others? (20marks)

### **OUESTION SIX**

- (a) What are the functions of money? (12marks)
- (b) What problems does money help to solve when it is introduced in an economy? (13marks)

# **QUESTION SEVEN**

- (a) Differentiate clearly between a central bank and a commercial bank. (10marks)
- (b) What are the motives for people to demand money and what is the significance of each motive? (15marks)