

# UGANDA MARTYRS UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

YEAR TWO SEMESTER ONE 2023/2024 FINAL ASSESMENT

**COURSE CODE :** ECO 2108

**COURSE UNIT :** LABOUR RELATIONS AND ECONOMICS

**PROGRAM :** BA ECON II

**DATE:** Wednesday 13/12/23

**TIME:** 9.30-12.30 pm

**DURATION:** 3 Hours

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## Instructions:

1. This examination consists of **SIX** questions.
2. Attempt any **FOUR** questions. Each question carries 25 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 **Registration number** is indicated on all pages of the examination answer booklet.
9. Remember to indicate the question numbers you have attempted.

### QUESTION ONE

- (a) What is meant by a **Trade Union**? (01 mark)  
 (b) Explain the methods used by trade unions to obtain wage increases for their members. (10 marks)  
 (c) Explain the factors that affect the success of Trade Unions in Uganda. (14 marks)

### QUESTION TWO

- (a) Distinguish between **structural unemployment** and **cyclical unemployment**. (04 marks)  
 (b) Discuss the measures that can be taken to control unemployment in Uganda's economy. (15 marks)  
 (c) Examine the causes of voluntary unemployment in your country. (06 marks)

### QUESTION THREE

- (a) Given the table below, use it to answer the questions that follow.

Fixed factor	Variable factor	Total product	Average product	Marginal product
4	0	0	-	-
4	1	4	-	-
4	2	14	-	-
4	3	25.5	-	-
4	4	40	-	-
4	5	60	-	-
4	6	72	-	-
4	7	77	-	-
4	8	80	-	-
4	9	81	-	-
4	10	75	-	-

- (i) Calculate the average product of the variable factor. (6 marks)  
 (ii) Calculate the marginal product of the variable factor. (6 marks)  
 (b) What are the factors influencing the productivity of workers in LDCs? (13 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Discuss some of the labour problems in developing countries like Uganda. (10 marks)  
 (b) What are the causes of child labour in Uganda? (10 marks)  
 (c) What are the ways of tackling the problem of child labour? (5 marks)



**QUESTION FIVE**

- (a) Define marginal wage cost and value of marginal product. (02 marks)
- (b) In the table below, a computer company uses both technology and data-entry operators to provide services in a perfectly competitive market. For each unit processed the firm receives \$200 (4). Column (2) shows how total output changes as additional data-entry operators are hired (given a fixed capital level). The Marginal Revenue Product schedule (6) indicates how hiring an additional operator affects the total revenue of the firm.

Units of labour (L) (1)	Total product (TP) (units per week) (2)	Average product (AP) (3)	Sales price (Per unit) (4)	Total revenue (5)	Marginal revenue product (MRP) (5)
0	0.0		\$200		
1	5.0		\$200		
2	9.0		\$200		
3	12.0		\$200		
4	14.0		\$200		
5	15.5		\$200		
6	16.5		\$200		
7	17.0		\$200		

- (a) Calculate the average product, total revenue and marginal revenue product. (15 marks)
- (b) Use the table above to draw the short run demand curve for labour. (04 marks)
- (c) Describe the features of the graph. (04 marks)

**QUESTION SIX**

- (a) Discuss the causes of labor migration or mobility in Uganda. (08 marks)
- (b) What are the obstacles to labor mobility in Uganda? (05 marks)
- (c) Discuss the effect of labor migration or mobility on development of Uganda. (07 marks)
- (d) How can you increase your income and job satisfaction basing on what you have just learnt and on your personal experience? (05 marks)

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