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## ITC4212: Information Systems Strategy and IT Governance

**Duration: Two (2) Hours** 

## Read and follow the instructions given below:

- This paper contains four (4) questions in three (3) pages.
- "Index number" should be written on top of each page of the answer script, and pages must be numbered appropriately
- Answer **all** questions

Question 1 Total Marks 25

A. State four (4) symptoms of poor IT alignment. (4 Marks)

B. Define IT maturity. (3 Marks)

- C. Explain the stages of IT maturity and the characteristics associated with (6 Marks) each stage.
- D. Discuss the evolution of IT functions in an organisation with the help of a (6 Marks) diagram.
- E. Assess the impact of the external environment on the implementation of (6 Marks) IT governance strategies.

Question 2 Total Marks 25

"An organization without an IT governance framework is currently implementing a suitable IT governance framework to optimize the efficient use of its IT resources." Answer the following questions based on this scenario.

- A. List three (3) ITG frameworks that can be used by the organization (3 Marks)
- B. Discuss two (2) potential risks and challenges associated with the lack of (3 Marks) a structured ITG framework.
- C. Evaluate the impact of three (3) different organisational factors on selecting an appropriate IT governance framework. (6 Marks)
- D. Stakeholder involvement is crucial in the selection process of an IT (6 Marks) governance framework. Justify the statement with examples.
- E. Provide a brief overview of the implementation plan for the selected IT (7 Marks) governance framework within the organization

Question 3 Total Marks 25

D.

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A. State the main components of a Business Strategy Plan. (5Marks)
B. Explain the ever-increasing importance of Information Systems in modern organizations. (6 Marks)
C. Explain the differences between Vision and Mission statements, considering their focus, timeframe, and content.

(8 Marks)

Describe the Information Systems Strategy Triangle with the help of a

Question 4 Total Marks 25

- A. Explain Porter's Competitive Advantage model with examples. (5 Marks)
- B. Examine the benefits and strategic advantages of adopting social business (6 Marks) strategies within today's environment.
- C. Are Information Systems Strategies critical for implementing strategies (8 Marks) in dynamic environments? Justify your answer with the help of an appropriate model.
- D. "The strategic planning process encompasses three phases-situation (6 Marks) analysis, strategy formulation, and strategy implementation". Discuss the statement.

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