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**SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**  
**OCTOBER 2013 EXAMINATION**

**Course Code: HPM343**

**Credit Unit: 2**

**Course Title: Procurement and Supply Management**

**Time Allowed: 2 hours**

**Instruction: Attempt question one and any two questions of your choice. Question**

**one carries 30 marks while others carry 20 marks each. Present your answer in coherent and orderly manner.**

**QUESTIONS**

1. a. Explain the term "Single versus Multi-plant Purchasing Organization."  
b. What are the advantages of decentralization of purchasing?  
c. Mention and describe the various types of inspection.
2. a. Outline five function of a purchasing department  
b. What are the key procurement variables?
3. a. Outline the factors that lead to duplication of procured items.  
b. State five principal benefits associated with central purchasing
4. Describe the process of standardization.
5. a. Outline the benefits of specification.  
b. Outline the advantages of an effective procurement.