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OF BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

BCOM 225: INTRODUCTION TO COOPERATIVES

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INSTRUCTIONS:

QUESTION ONE

- a) Trace the Historical Background of Cooperatives in Kenya with specific reference to the period between the Sessional Paper No. 4 of 1987 In Kenya to 1997 **(10 Marks)**
- b) Cooperatives have the Advantage of having “Limited Liability” “Service Motive” “Economic Operations” and are “Easy to Form.”
Explain what the above merits mean **(10 Marks)**
- c) Cooperatives are private organizations that are controlled and owned by the individuals who use the supplies, services, or products they produce. This business opportunity can vary in size, type, and membership, but all of them get formed to meet the specific objectives of the members
In this regard, explain the roles that Cooperative Societies play in Kenya **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) The ICA is a common acronym (short form) or terminology in global Cooperative circles
Explain who constitutes the membership of the ICA **(3 Marks)**
as well as the roles of the ICA **(6 Marks)**
- b) Identify and four (4) Tertiary National-Co-operative Organizations (NACOs) and explain their roles **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the Essentials for Registration Of a Co-Operative Society in Kenya in the context of the Cooperatives Act **(10 Marks)**
- b) Explain the Rights of Members of Cooperatives **(10 Marks)**



QUESTION FOUR

- a) There are rules which have to be in the cooperative bylaws. Discuss this statement the Cooperatives Act **(10 Marks)**
- b) The coffee industry is an important sub-sector in agriculture. However, despite its importance, the industry has been facing a lot of problems especially in the marketing of coffee by the co-operatives. The co-operative sub-sector of the coffee industry has been blamed for inefficiencies in internal coffee marketing. Neither have the various aspects of this inefficiency been identified

Despite these problems, Cooperatives still have critical duties to carry out in the area of economic development of the country. Elaborate on the contents of these duties **(10 Marks)**

