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BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

BCOM 225: INTRODUCTION TO COOPERATIVES

STREAM:

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DAY: WEDNESDAY [11.30-1.30 P.M]

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question One (compulsory) and any other two questions

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) Explain the principles governing Cooperatives in Kenya **(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 role that the Cooperative Movement plays in Kenya **(10 Marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) The Cooperative Societies have some major challenges; Lack of Entrepreneurial Vision and improper Financial Management and Innovation (lack of) . Discuss **(10 Marks)**
- b) Explain the roles of the International cooperative Alliance **(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 amendments of cooperative By Laws. **(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 these duties **(10 Marks)**

