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LABOUR ECONOMICS

CODE: HHRM 121

SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS

MAY/JUN 2020

DURATION: 3 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. This paper contains 1 section with 6 Questions.*
- 2. Answer ANY **four** questions.*
- 3. Total marks 100.*

1. With the aid of clearly labeled diagrams, discuss the effect of the following controls imposed by the Zimbabwean government soon after attaining independence;
 - a) Minimum wage. (9 marks)
 - b) Interest ceiling. (8 marks)
 - c) Maximum housing rental ceiling. (8 marks)

2. Discuss in detail any **five** restrictive strategies that unions can resort to in order to reduce the supply of labour. (25 marks)

3. Discuss any **five** factors that determine marginal productivity of labour. (25 marks)

4.
 - a) Explain the term, “Unemployment benefits” (5 marks)
 - b) Discuss **four** measures that can be adopted by the government to reduce the natural rate of unemployment. (20 marks)

5.
 - a) Explain what is meant by a regressive supply curve of labour. (8 marks)
 - b) Discuss any **four** factors that determine the elasticity of supply of medical doctors in Zimbabwe. (17 marks)

6. Demonstrate the relevance of the Phillips Curve in explaining inflation and unemployment in Zimbabwe. (25 marks)

END OF EXAMINATION