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FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXAMINATION PAPER		
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	INSTRUCTIONS
1.	Answer ALL the questions.
2.	Read all the questions carefully before answering.
3.	Number the answers clearly

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The quality of education and training in Namibia rests on the quality of its managers. Based on this understanding, answer **ALL** the questions below to the best of your ability.

Question 1: Short questions [10 marks]

- 1.1 The Constitution of Namibia states that All persons shall have the right to establish and maintain institutions of education on the following conditions (select more than one answer): (4)
 - a) such institutions are registered within the country.
 - b) such institutions are partly registered within the country.
 - c) such institutions partly are registered and regulated within the laws of the country.
 - d) such institutions are registered and regulated within the laws of the country.
 - e) such institutions partly maintain some standards acceptable in the country.
 - f) such institutions maintain standards acceptable in the country.
 - g) such institutions do provide some level of inferior education.
 - h) such institutions do not inferior provide inferior education.
- 1.2 Which of the following is not part of the African Harmonisation Strategy (select more than one answer)?
 (4)
 - a) Constitution of Namibia
 - b) The African Credit Accumulation and Transfer System
 - c) Namibia Qualification Authority
 - d) Arusha Convention
 - e) Namibia Training Authority
 - f) African Quality Rating Mechanism
 - g) Namibia Council on Higher Education
 - h) African Continental Qualifications Framework
- 1.3 Which of the following statements describes the two main functions of external quality assurance agencies in Namibia?
 (2)
 - a) To employ qualified instructors.
 - b) To set standards for training providers.
 - c) To solicit finances for TVET centres.
 - d) To develop policies relating to quality education and training.

Question 2: Essay questions [90]

- 2.1 Imagine that you have been asked to prepare a presentation on the importance of a Quality Management System (QMS) in the TVET environment. Identify and briefly discuss ONLY FIVE reasons why TVET centres should establish and maintain a quality management system. Provide an example for each reason to support your answer. (25)
- 2.2 The literature identifies 8 principles of Total Quality Management System (TQMS). Briefly discuss how as a manager of a hypothetical centre you will use the following FIVE of the EIGHT principles to improve and maintain the quality of teaching, learning, and assessment in your centre. Provide relevant examples to support your responses.
 (25)
 - a) Decision-making based on facts
 - b) Communication
 - c) Continuous improvement
 - d) Employee involvement
 - e) Customer focus

- **2.3** In your own words, briefly explain how External Quality Assurance (EQA) agencies in Namibia affect TVET centres'.
 - a) autonomy,
 - b) policies relating to quality,
 - c) control,
 - d) financing, and
 - e) standards setting.

Provide relevant examples to support your answers.

(25)

2.4 Based on your knowledge and experience, choose, and briefly explain how TWO of the four drivers (social, political, economic, and technology) has influenced the quality agenda in Namibia's TVET institutions because of the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Provide relevant examples to support your answer.
(15)

Total [100]