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MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION INTERMEDIATE LEVEL MAY 2012

 SUBJECT:
 MARKETING

 DATE:
 14th May 2012

 TIME:
 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon

Answer the first two questions and any other three questions. All questions carry equal marks.

- 1. (a) Explain what is meant by 'marketing orientation'. [4 marks]
 - (b) Define 'Relationship Marketing'. [4 marks]
 - (c) Distinguish between 'market segmentation' and 'target marketing'. [4 marks]
 - (d) Why are services (i) intangible and (ii) inseparable? [4 marks]
 - (e) Explain what is meant by 'Direct Marketing'. [4 marks]
- 2. (a) What are the three levels a product should be viewed on? [4 marks]
 - (b) Explain what is meant by (i) hit and run and (ii) discriminatory pricing. [4 marks]
 - (c) What are the main characteristics a salesperson should have? [4 marks]
 - (d) Distinguish between 'desk' and 'field' research. [4 marks]
 - (e) Mention the basic differences between 'business' and 'international' markets. [4 marks]
- 3. Describe the main elements of the *marketing mix* and illustrate how these can be used to market a new hairdressing salon. [20 marks]
- 4. Explain the benefits of using 'socio-economic' and 'lifestyle' segmentation methods for a Travel Agency. [20 marks]
- 5. Describe the main factors of the '*macro-environment*'. [5 marks] Explain how changes in the external environment can alter a company's marketing strategy. [15 marks]
- 6. Explain four methods of *primary marketing research* you would use to gauge the public's perceptions about a new lifestyle magazine. [20 marks]
- 7. Describe the use of four elements of the *marketing communications mix* in creating an effective communications campaign for the launch of a new energy drink. [20 marks]
- 8. Explain the roles of the 'retailer' and 'wholesaler' in the channels of distribution and how they are being impacted by changing trends due to advances in communications and technology. [20 marks]

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