

Tutorial Letter 102/2/2018

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This tutorial letter contains information relating to the examination.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Dear Student,

This tutorial letter, designated **COS2626/102/2/2018**, contains information pertaining to the October/November 2018 examination as well as the supplementary examination in May/June 2018.

At this stage, you should have received the following study material:

- COS2626/**101**/3/2018 (Available under the Official Study Material link on *myUNISA*)
- COS2626/**102**/2/2018 (Available under the Additional Resources link on *myUNISA* in a folder name Examination Tutorial Letter).
- COS2626/**201**/2/2018 (Solution to Assignment 01 - Available under the Additional Resources link on *myUNISA*).
- COS2626/**202**/2/2018 (Solution to Assignment 02 - Available under the Additional Resources link on *myUNISA*).
- COS2626/**204**/2/2018 (Solution to Assignment 04 - Available under the Additional Resources link on *myUNISA*).
- COS2626/**205**/2/2018 (Solution to Assignment 05 - Available under the Additional Resources link on *myUNISA*).

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2 STRUCTURE OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER

The paper consists of **TWO** sections, namely Section A and Section B. Section A consists of **40** multiple-choice questions, worth 1 mark each. Section B includes short questions and case-study questions. Some of these questions have sub-questions. Section B counts **40** marks.

The mark that you obtain will be converted to a mark out of 100 that will be incorporated in the final mark in the following way:

Your final mark for this module will be calculated as follows:

Final Mark = Semester mark (out of 100) × 20% + Examination mark (out of 100) × 80%

In order to pass this module, a final mark of 50% is required.

Refer to Learning Unit 5.5 on *myUNISA* for more information in this regard.

3 FORMAT OF THE EXAMINATION PAPER

GENERAL arrangements concerning the examination paper:

- **COS2626 examination** is a **CLOSED-BOOK** examination. This means that you may **NOT** take any notes with you into the examination centre.
- The duration of the paper is **2** hours. Please ensure that you use this time effectively.
- **NO CALCULATORS** are necessary and may **NOT** be used.
- When you receive your paper, please ensure that your paper is complete, i.e. all pages are printed and none of them is **BLANK** (the paper ends with a copyright sign ©). If there is any mistake in this regard, immediately report it to the invigilator who will give you another paper. Remember, you must be allocated additional time if there is any external problem.
- The paper **MAY NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE EXAMINATION ROOM**. It remains the property of UNISA.
- For **Section A** (multiple-choice questions), students will be provided with a grid for the 40 questions. Please fill in the correct option in this grid. An example of this grid is as follow:

Question Number	Answer
Question 1.	
Question 2.	

- **Section B** (short questions and case-study questions) must be answered in the fill-in spaces in the question paper. The marks for each question will be indicated in brackets next to the question.

For section B, you will receive a short question on the community engagement project that you created in Assignment 03. Please reflect on what you did for this assignment such as what project you created and how this uplifted the community. Even if you did not receive very good marks for this assignment, reflect on areas for improvement.

- The examination paper will be in **English** only.

4 EXAMINATION SYLLABUS

When we set the examination paper, we try to cover the different chapters equally so that the questions from each chapter amount to more or less the same number of marks. Since some of the chapters cover more concepts than others, an exact equal allocation of marks to each chapter is not possible.

50% of the paper will consist of **short questions and case-study** questions based on all the prescribed chapters. The case-study questions will be similar to those posed at the end of the respective prescribed chapters in the prescribed book, in the assignments and in the Study Guide. The **multiple-choice** questions which comprise 50% of the paper will be based on all the prescribed chapters in the prescribed book.

The questions are set to cover all the essential aspects in the prescribed book. Consequently, **NO CHAPTER OR SECTION SHOULD BE OMITTED**. Please use the assignments, the supplementary practice questions that will be uploaded to myUNISA, as well as the review questions at the end of every chapter as a basis for ascertaining whether or not you have mastered the relevant material.

5 MATERIAL TO STUDY

TUTORIAL LETTERS	PRESCRIBED MATERIAL
<p>The following tutorial letter under the Official Study Material link on <i>myUNISA</i>. COS2626/101/3/2018</p> <p>The following tutorial letters can be located under the Additional Resources link on <i>myUNISA</i>. COS2626/101/1/2018 (Startup letter) COS2626/102/2/2018 (This tutorial letter) COS2626/201/2/2018 (Solution to Assignment 01) COS2626/202/2/2018 (Solution to Assignment 02) COS2626/204/2/2018 (Solution to Assignment 04) COS2626/205/2/2018 (Solution to Assignment 05)</p>	<p>Network+ Guide to Networks (Seventh Edition) Chapters 1 – 12</p>

6 IMPORTANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION

If you have previously written an UNISA examination, you are most probably familiar with the arrangements concerning examinations. We discuss some of these arrangements below to increase your chances of feeling at ease when you write your examinations.

- *Supplementary examination:* Please remember that the format of the May/June 2019 supplementary examination will be the same as that of the October/November 2018 examination. The semester mark will **NOT** be taken into account in the supplementary examination mark.

- *Examination centre:* Upon registration, you chose a particular examination centre. Unless you have explicitly changed your examination centre with the Examination Department and have received confirmation that it has been changed, you should **NOT** go to any other examination centre to write your examinations. Please remember that UNISA distributes the examination papers to the examination centres that students indicated during registration. If a student goes to the wrong centre, there will **NOT** be an examination paper available for him or her.
- *Examination date & time:* It is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure of the correct examination date and time. UNISA sends out letters to all students who have gained admission to the examination. Unfortunately the postal system is not always reliable and not all of these letters reach their destinations. The dates are also published on *myUNISA*. It is **YOUR** responsibility to make sure of the correct and final date, so please consult the *myUNISA* website. Alternatively, you may also phone UNISA's Examination Department.
- *Missing an examination:* Every year we get students who have 'misread' their timetable and then go to the examination centre unprepared for that day's examination paper, but prepared for another paper. This is disastrous and there is **NOTHING** we can do to help you. If you misread your examination date and time and as a result fail a particular paper, it might set your studies back another year.
- *Examination admission:* You will be informed by the University about the status of your examination admission, as well as the date, time and venue of the examination. Please note that if you have **NOT** submitted at least one assignment before the due date you will **NOT** be granted examination admission. Please **DO NOT** contact the lecturers in this regard as we will not entertain any requests from students regarding examination admission.

7 STRATEGY FOR WRITING THE EXAMINATION

When writing an examination, the following seven things are vital:

1. Read the instructions.
2. Identify what is required and match it with your knowledge - read the questions carefully!
3. Manage your time.
4. Stay calm - the best way to accomplish this is to be as well prepared as possible!
5. Do not waste time on a question you struggle with. Leave the question and continue with the next one.
6. If you have spare time, first check that you have done all the questions, then address incomplete questions.
7. Ensure that your student number and course code are correct.

8 SUPPLEMENTARY PRACTICE QUESTIONS

On a weekly basis, supplementary practice questions will be uploaded to *myUNISA* by your e-tutor. Kindly work through these questions in preparation for the final examination.

9 SURVEY

You will receive a short survey to complete after the examination. Please answer this survey as honestly as possible to enable us to reflect on the module.

From the entire team of COS2626, we wish you all the best for the forthcoming examination.

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