

## INTERNATIONAL INTRODUCTORY CERTIFICATE IN LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT

# INTRODUCTION TO FREIGHT TRANSPORT SERVICES INTRO-01

### June 2023

### Note to Candidates

Candidates are advised to spend NOT more than 60 minutes in Section A and not more than 30 minutes on each question in Section B.

### Instructions to Candidates

- Duration of examination: 2.30 hours
- Answer ALL Questions in Section A and any THREE questions in Section B
- Questions may be answered in any order
- Allocation of marks is indicated along each question
- Credit will be given for citing relevant examples
- Write legibly

### **SECTION A**

#### **Question 1**

- a) Define the term freight.
- b) i) Give the main issues that will confront us when we are involved in the movement of goods. (3 marks)

(4 marks)

ii) Write brief notes why "transport" is a service that is usually demand-led.

(3 marks)

iii) List five main drivers that dictates when and how an organisation needs to tailor its transport function. (5 marks)

- c) Give a breakdown of the factors that are perceived to be important to the users of freight transport service. (13 marks)
- d) 'There are some characteristics we should consider in our customer service solution'. Name six of such characteristics. (6 marks)
- e) State the characteristics of road and air transport in respect of speed, reliability, and costs. (6 marks)

## **SECTION B**

### Answer any THREE questions

### **Question 1**

Explain how SWOT analysis can be used by an organisation to scan its operating environment. (20 marks)

### **Question 2**

Describe any four types of vehicles used in the shipment of goods and give their characteristics. (20 marks)

### **Question 3**

Outline the main benefits of providing regular services for a freight service operator.

(20 marks)

### Question 4

Evaluate the importance of planning and scheduling of a logistics function.

(20 marks)