



INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE IN LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT

FREIGHT TRANSPORT OPERATIONS

05-L3

JUNE 2025 EXAMINATION

Note to Candidates

Candidates are advised to spend no more than 60 minutes in Section A and no more than 40 minutes on each question in Section B.

Instructions to Candidates

- Duration of examination: **2.30 HOURS.**
- **Answer Question 1(Compulsory) and any 3 Questions in Section B.**
- Start answering each main question on a new page.
- Mark allocation is indicated along each question.
- Credit will be given for citing relevant examples.
- Write legibly.

SECTION A	COMPLUSORY	(40 marks)
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MINI CASE STUDY

‘Small and Medium freight Enterprises in Zimbabwe are exposed to higher rate of failure at early stages than larger established organisations due to a number of drawbacks. Understanding the pitfalls of small and medium freight transport operators can help a potential business person to mitigate the mortality of the businesses’.

- a) Explain the common reasons why small and medium freight operators fail in Zimbabwe. **(10 marks)**
- b) Suggest five prudent ways to avoid these pitfalls. **(5 marks)**

- c) Discuss major advantages and disadvantages of operating small and medium freight enterprises. **(10 marks)**
- d) In what ways does small and medium freight transport facilitate trade growth in Zimbabwe. **(15 marks)**

SECTION B **(60 marks)**

Answer any THREE questions

QUESTION 2

Citing practical examples, explain clearly the measures the Government should implement to lower pollution levels in the freight logistics industry. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION 3

Discuss the five main planning areas that should be considered when establishing a new freight transport operation in Zimbabwe. **(20 marks)**

QUESTION 4

- a) More formally, main decisions made at the tactical level concern the following issues:
- i. Service selection
 - ii. Traffic distribution
 - iii. Terminal policies

Briefly discuss the activities at each of the above decisions. **(14 marks)**

- b) Highlight three levels of planning in a typical freight operations environment. **(6 marks)**

QUESTION 5

- a) Using clear examples, distinguish between;
- i. Warehousing and Storage. **(2 marks)**
 - ii. Total fixed and Total variable costs **(2 marks)**
 - iii. Imports and Exports **(2 marks)**
 - iv. Insurance and Assurance **(2 marks)**

- b) Explain the role of modern technology in freight transport. **(12 marks)**

QUESTION 6

- a) Give five reasons why freight transport has become a vital part of the economy. **(16 marks)**

- b) Name four advantages of Freight transport being outsourced. **(4 marks)**