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MUSEUM STUDIES

MSM 311

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Time: 3 Hours

Subject: Museum Studies – MSM 311

Marks: 100

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please the questions carefully.
2. This exam consists of three questions.
3. Answer all questions and, in doing so, be guided by the allotment of marks to each question in terms the length and depth of your answers.
4. Good luck.

Question 1: Terminology

Discuss your understanding of the following terms. Be brief and concise in your answers. Be guided by marks allotted to each terminology or concept.

- 1.1 Curatorship (3)
- 1.2 Decolonisation of museums. (3)
- 1.3 Repatriation of Artefacts. (3)
- 1.4 Reframing Museum Narratives. (3)
- 1.5 Inclusive Representation in Museums. (3)
- 1.6 What is the purpose of *Code of Ethics* in the museum profession? (3)

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Question 2

- a) Briefly discuss the inception of museums and how they evolved to be classified into different types. (10)
- b) Identify at least 3 different types of museums in South Africa and name one example for each type you identify. (12)
- c) Comparatively discuss 3 key distinguishing characteristics of a museum in contrast to an art gallery. Be brief and concise. (12)
- d) Identify 3 museum professional positions and then *concisely* discuss and their respective key roles. (12)

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Question 3

- 3.1 Discuss some of the key ethical responsibilities of museum professionals? (16)
- 3.2 Identify some of the key activities (and their significance) that constitute museum education and public programs. (20)

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