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BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMS, 2018/2019 Academic Year Level 300

CSAD 356: MICROFINANCE

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70 marks

Time: 2 Hours

Instruction: Answer any three questions. All answers should be written in the answer booklet provided.

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Question 1

Microfinance has received so much attention especially in developing countries, due to its potential impact on the economically active poor. Examine the factors that are responsible for the rapid growth of microfinance. 23 marks

Question 2

Although the operations of microfinance differ from that of the traditional Banks, both suffer from similar risks. List and explain 6 types of risks that are associated with banking. 23 marks

Question 3

- a). Examine the role of microfinance in poverty reduction (improving the wellbeing of the poor).

 18 marks
- b). The flexible nature of microfinance enables the use of collateral substitutes. Discuss two collateral substitutes used by Microfinance Institutions. 5 marks

Question 4

The principles of lending employed by MFIs are flexible and responsive concepts on lending. State and explain the "CAMPARI" principle of lending used by most MFIs.

23 marks

Question 5

The sustainability of MFIs is critical if they are to continue their core mandate of providing financial services to the poor.

The table below shows the 2018 financial records of Cornerstone Microfinance Company.

Item	GH¢		
Operating income	350,500		
Financial expense	55,000		
Net impairment loss, gross loan portfolio	75,000		
Operating expense	132,000		
Gross loan portfolio	144,000		
Delinquency + 1 month or more	15,000		
Net subsidy	18,000		
Interest rate charged on loans is 30%			

- a. Use the information above to determine the sustainability of Cornerstone Microfinance Company by estimating the three indicators of sustainability, namely;
 - i. Subsidy dependence index (SDI)

5 marks

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- ii. Operational self-sufficiency (OSS) 5 marks
- iii. Portfolio at risk (PAR) (a proxy for financial self-sufficiency) 5 marks
- b. State and explain 2 determinants of the success and sustainability of MFIs. 8 marks