



**NOVEMBER 2023 EXAMINATION SESSION**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 – AFTERNOON**

## **PORT AGENCY**

Time allowed – three hours.

Answer any FIVE questions – all questions carry equal marks.

Please read the questions carefully before answering

1. You are the port agent for a handy-sized bulk carrier loading grain under a time charter. You have also undertaken services for the head owner and a third-party crew manager, additionally you have also arranged all localised transport and stevedoring services for the cargo exporter.

Detail the four separate disbursement accounts resulting from the port call with appropriate expenses noted for each account.

2. With the use of examples explain **FOUR** of the following abbreviations and why they are important.

- a. BBB
- b. DOP
- c. FWAD
- d. GT
- e. WVNS

3. You are the charterers nominated agent for a vessel which has arrived at a port of your choice. Owners had contacted you prior to agreeing the charter party, and your employee provided a PDA and accepted and approved the intended vessel. Entry to the port is via a lock gate system with a maximum beam of 18 mtrs. An agent from your company has incorrectly accepted a vessel with a beam of 19.5 mtrs. The vessel has subsequently arrived and tendered its Notice of Readiness, at anchor. You have been contacted by the Port Authority who have advised you that the vessel is too large to enter the port. You subsequently have been contacted by the charterers who have asked you for alternative options but also have advised that they will hold you liable for any additional costs incurred.

Discuss the actions that you would take.

**PLEASE TURN OVER**

4. Compile a detailed time sheet and calculate demurrage or despatch due from the information within the Statement of Facts.

**MV "Tutorship"**

Arrived Buenos Aires Roads	1500 Hours Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
NOR Tendered	1700 Hours Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Loading Commenced	0700 Hours Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Loading Completed	1700 Hours Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Vessel Sailed Buenos Aires	1200 Hours Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March

Cargo Loaded 20,000 M/Tonnes Grain

C/P States:-

"Laytime to commence at 1300 Hours if notice is given before Noon, at 0700 Hours next working day if given after noon: Notice to be given in ordinary working hours"

"Cargo to be loaded at the rate of 5,000 metric tonnes per weather working day of 24 consecutive hours."

Time from 1700 Hours Friday or the day preceding a holiday to 0800 Hours Monday or next working day not to count unless used, but half of actual time used to count, unless vessel already on demurrage.

The port loaded the vessel 24 hours per day.

Demurrage rate USD 5,000 Per Day and Pro Rata/Despatch at half demurrage rate on laytime saved.

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March Rain stopped loading between 1800-1900 hrs

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March the vessel was unable to load cargo between 1200-1600 due to lack of cargo availability from the local shippers.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March rain stopped loading between 0700-1400 hrs

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March rain stopped loading 0900 – 1100 hrs

No local, national or international holidays occurred during this period of time.

There was a delay in the availability of tugboats on sailing due to strike action.

5. You have been approached by the operator of a Cruise liner who intends to undertake regular port calls in the summer months from a port of your choice. Create a formal proposal, introducing your company, offering agency services and added value services appropriate to this market sector.
6. Discuss how a port agent can improve their cash flow.
7. Using the world map provided, show appropriate load and discharge ports and suitable vessel types. Draw a profile and cross section of the vessel, label suitable dimensions and tonnages as well as voyage routes for **ONE** of the following cargoes.
  - a) Iron Ore
  - b) LNG
8. You have been approached by a shipowner requesting information on your husbandry services. Create a formal proposal to the potential new client offering appropriate services for this specific market sector.