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**Dear Student**

Thank you for the effort and congratulations on completing assignment Two (2).

This feedback tutorial letter provides me with the opportunity to dialogue with you and advise you on your performance on the second assignment. I hope the feedback provided herein will help improve the quality of your responses not only on this subject but through your lifelong learning journey.

I’m disappointed at the fact that most of you did not make use of the assessment evaluation form that was attached on the previous tutorial letter. The assessment evaluation form provides you with hints on which areas to focus and helps you attain much higher grades. Additionally I have noticed that most of the answers were replicas of what was taught to you, again to ensure that you have higher scores it’s important to you put in enough effort and attempt to provide practical examples in addition to that that was taught to you. It is always joyous to see students applying concepts that were taught in class by relating them to real life scenarios.

Finally, during the examinations ensure that you put in effort to understand the questions and that you follow all the instructions provided.

Best of wishes for the upcoming examination.

Mr. Jacinto Silva
**Question 1**

The question requested candidates to explain the service components of both freight transportation and passenger transportation. A mark was awarded for each service component explained and an additional mark was awarded an example provided in relation to the following:

**Freight transportation:**

Transportation providers are required to meet the service requests of their numerous shippers. Service requests can be common requests about delivery time, and may vary all the way to specific/customized requests. The cost of transportation is therefore dependent on the service that may be required. For instance, temperature controlled parcels may be most costly than those which do not require reefers. The most common service characteristic for freight transport are:

- Transit time
- Reliability
- Accessibility
- Capability
- Security

**Passenger Transportation**

Passenger transportation is a market composed of suppliers of transport services and users of these services. A well-functioning transport market should allow transport supply to meet the specific service demand of transport users so that transport needs for mobility are satisfied. At most passenger transport requires the following service components to ensure that users are happy:

- Destination
- Schedules and speed
- Costs
- Equipment and attention
- Terminals
- Complaints and experience

**Question 2**

The question requested that candidates provide practical examples in justifying the need for a transportation policy for a developing economy such as Namibia. Three marks were awarded for a well outlined role and an additional two for explanations in relation to the following:

- **National Competitiveness** – Transport policy helps improve Namibia’s competitiveness and that of its transport infrastructure and operations through greater effectiveness and efficiency to better meet the needs of different customer groups, both locally and globally.
- **Public and environmental safety** - to achieve the objectives of transportation, policies should be in place to ensure that it’s done in an economical and environmentally sustainable manner thus minimizing the negative side effects.
- **Cost of transport infrastructure** – transport infrastructures at most require huge capital investments which cannot be developed by single private enterprises.
- **Promote economic equality for all** – policy enables individuals from all walks of life requiring transport for people or goods to access the transport system in ways which best satisfy their chosen criteria. Policy helps to invest in infrastructure or transport systems in ways which satisfy social, economic, or strategic investment criteria.

- **To prevent monopolies** – uncontrolled competition can lead to market dominance by a single entity.