



**REFORMED CHURCH UNIVERSITY**

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**FACULTY OF COMMERCE**

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

**MBA 107**

**PART 1 SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATION**

**TOTAL MARKS [100]**

**DATE: OCTOBER 2024**

**Time: 3 Hours**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. This paper has *six (6)* questions
2. Answer question *one (1)* and *any* other *three (3)*
3. Each question carries *25 marks*
4. Start each question on a new page

1. Assess how effective corporate governance practices contribute to a company's reputation and directly affect its ability to attract investment. In your discussion, consider the rising influence of ESG ratings. (25)
2. Critically discuss the role of external auditors in promoting financial reporting integrity highlighting how auditor independence impact their ability to deliver objective assessments? [25]
3. Evaluate the growing significance of shareholder activism as a mechanism influencing corporate strategy, and discuss their potential effectiveness in driving positive change, as well as the challenges faced by activist shareholders. [25 marks]
4. "The primary duty of the board of directors is to maximize shareholder value." Analyse this viewpoint, considering the evolving expectations of stakeholders and the potential tensions between shareholder primacy and broader corporate responsibilities. [25 Marks]
5. Conduct a comparative analysis of significant corporate governance reforms (Sarbanes-Oxley, King Reports, Cadbury Report). Evaluate their long-term effect on restoring investor trust and driving governance improvements [25 Marks]
6. Critically evaluate the challenges associated with auditing large, complex organizations operating in multiple jurisdictions. How can auditors maintain their independence and objectivity while navigating these complexity

**END OF PAPER**