

School of Technology and Society

# WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Course: Digital M	arketing	G2F 7.5 credits		
Sub-course				
Course code: FÖ5	35G			Credits for written examination 4.0 hp
Date: 2023-10-26				Examination time: 08:15 - 12:30
Examination resp	onsible: A	AFM Jalal Aham	ed	
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Aid at the exam/a	ppendice	s: Lexicon, Sw	edish – E	nglish, German – English
Other				
Instructions □  ⊠		Take a new sheet of paper for each teacher.		
		Take a new sheet of paper when starting a new question.		
		Write only on one side of the paper.		
	$\boxtimes$	Write your na	me and per	rsonal ID No. on all pages you hand in.
	$\boxtimes$	Use page num	bering.	
	$\boxtimes$	Don't use a re	d pen.	
		Mark answere	d question	s with a cross on the cover sheet.
Grade points				
A = Utmärkt (Excellent) B = Mycket Bra (Very Good) C = Bra (Good)			E =	Tillfredsställande (Satisfactory) Tillräckligt (Sufficient) Fail

Examination results should be made public within 18 working days

Good luck!

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### Question #1

a) Discuss the Information Acceptance Model (IACM) as proposed by Erkan & Evans (2016). Why do you think this model (IACM) can explain the influence of eWOM in social media on consumers' purchase intentions?

20 points

b) Rosario et al. (2020), argued that eWOM is not offline WOM. Why? Explain?

10 points

## Question # 2

a) What are the benefits that the digital era brought for firms seeking international marketing operations?

15 points

b) Why and how the internet helps firms to overcome linguistic and cultural differences obstacles of internationalization?

10 points

# **Question #3**

The company where SVEA worked was about to develop a new strategy. A new strategy was needed because it was clear that something had to be done to follow the digitalization trend. However, when presenting the reasons why and what should be done when developing the new strategy, it sounded as if the company's top managers could not spell out what they wanted to accomplish. Thus, their arguments were unclear. As a consequence, nobody knew what should be done and how to do it.

SVEA therefore contacted her friend Alf (meaning you) who had extensive experience from working with digitalization strategies and invited him to hold a speech at a coming management meeting. They agreed that the topic of Alf speech would be:

What is digital servitization and how can it help companies to grow?

In this scenario we imagine that you are Alf the person with extensive digitalization experience, who shall explain the question above. Please note that your answer must include examples that illustrate your arguments.

25 points

#### **Question #4**

In your opinion, why the small business owner's attitude toward advertising differs? Can you relate the Cole et al., 2017 findings in Sweden? Do you expect the same results in Sweden? If so, then why? Or why not?

10 points



## **Question #5**

Discuss the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) of Davis, 1989, and its development over time (hints: Original TAM, parsimonious TAM, and TAM-2)

10 points

## Ref.:

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