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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

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CERTIFICATE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

CERTIFICATE IN AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

CERTIFICATE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MATHEMATICS 1

DATE: 14/12/2020

TIME: 11.30-2.30 PM

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## INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

SHOW ALL YOUR WORKING CLEARLY.

### QUESTION ONE

- 1 a) Given that  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ ; determine
- (i)  $2A - B$                       |                      (ii)  $BA$                       (iv)  $B^T$                       (8 marks)
- b) If the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} y & 4 \\ y & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is singular, find possible values of  $y$                       (4 marks)
- c) Use matrix method to solve the following simultaneous equation,
- $$3x - 2y = 8$$
- $$x - 5y = 7$$
- (8 marks)

## QUESTION TWO

- a) Determine the term stated in the following series
- (i) -32, -29, -26,.....9<sup>th</sup> term
- (ii) 16, -8, 4, .....10<sup>th</sup> term (6 marks)
- b) Find the sum of the first 60 terms of the series 10+10.3+10.6+..... (3 marks)
- c) The 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> terms of our arithmetic progression are 240 and 365 respectively. Calculate the sum of the first 50 terms. (7 marks)
- d) The common ratio of a G.P is 2 and the sum of the first eight terms is 1020. Find the first term. (4 marks)

## QUESTION THREE

- a) Find the (i) median (ii) mode (iii) quartile deviation of the following measures  
52, 50, 51, 53, 59, 54, 52, 60 and 58 (7 marks)
- b) The masses of ball bearings from a factory are recorded in the table below.

|             |     |       |       |       |       |
|-------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Mass(g)     | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-19 | 20-24 | 25-29 |
| No of balls | 10  | 12    | 20    | 10    | 8     |

By using a working mean of 17, determine

- (i) The mean mass and
- (ii) The standard deviation (10 marks)
- c) The mean of 20,14,9, 20, a and 6 is 15; find the value of a (3 marks)

## QUESTION FOUR

- a) Solve the following equations
- i.  $1 - \log(x - 6) = \log x$
- ii.  $\frac{a^8 = a^3 x a^x}{a^2}$
- iii.  $\log 12 + 3 \log^x = \log 96$  (10 marks)
- b) Calculate
- i. simple interest and
- ii. compound interest of Ksh 7,120 invested for 3 years at 11% per annual (5 marks)
- c) Find the length of the shortest piece of a string that can be cut into equal length, each 28cm, or 35cm or 42cm. (5 marks)

## QUESTION FIVE

a) Convert

i. 67 to binary

ii.  $10e_{12}$  to decimal

iii.  $11101_2$  to octal

iv. Work out  $3417_8 - 2735_8$

(9 marks)

b) If  $\begin{pmatrix} c + 2d & 14 \\ -3 & d - 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 14 \\ -3 & 7 + 3c \end{pmatrix}$  find the value of c and d

(6 marks)

c) Simplify {

i.  $69 \div 6 + (3 \times 8 - 7)$

ii.  $\frac{2x - 4y}{4} - \frac{x - y}{3}$

(5 marks)