



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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CERTIFICATE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

1601/ 103. MATHEMATICS 1

DATE:25/11/2021

TIME: 11:30 – 2:30 AM

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**Instructions to candidates.**

**Answer all the questions**

**Show all your working clearly**

## QUESTION ONE

- a) Simplify  $1 \div (4 \frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{4} \text{ of } 7 \frac{1}{5})$  (4 marks)
- b) Arrange the following fractions in ascending order,  
(i)  $\frac{3}{10}, \frac{1}{22}, \frac{9}{55}, \frac{7}{20}$  (ii)  $\frac{7}{12}, \frac{9}{16}, \frac{1}{20}, \frac{5}{18}$  (6 marks)
- c) A man left  $\frac{2}{5}$  of his estate to his wife and this amounted to K £ 36,000,  $\frac{1}{5}$  of the remainder was left to a son and the rest to 3 daughters equally. How much did each daughter receive? (6 marks)
- d) Express the first quantity as a fraction of the second quantity.  
(i) 450g:2kg (ii) 45sec : 1hr (4 marks)

## QUESTION TWO

a) Evaluate the following

(i)  $\text{Log } 12.5 + \log 8$

(ii)  $\log_2 32$

(iii)  $\frac{64^{1/2} + 4^{3/2}}{4}$

(iv)  $3/4 \div 5/16$

(12 marks)

b) Use logarithms to evaluate

$$\sqrt{\frac{820 \times 0.624}{11.23^2}}$$

(8 marks)

## QUESTION THREE

a) Find the value of  $13.2 \times 0.0057$  and

i) State the number of s.f

ii) Correct to 2 d.p

(4 marks)

b) Simplify i)  $6a^2 \times 3a^3 \div 9a$

ii)  $\frac{(3x^2)}{9x^4}$

(6 marks)

c) Without using tables or calculators, simplify the following:

i)  $\text{Log } 50 - \log 100 + \log 2$

ii)  $\text{Log } 54 + 2 \log (5/3) - \log 15$

(6 marks)

d) (i) Express as a single logarithm  $3 \log 2 + 2 \log 3 - 2 \log 6$

(ii) Express in index notation  $-3 = \log_a x$

(4 marks)

## QUESTION FOUR

a) Find the value of:  $\frac{27^{1/2} \times 243^{1/2}}$

(4 marks)

b) Express the following as fractions

(i) 0.833 ..... (ii) 1.227 ..

(6 marks)

c) (i) Solve the following equations

$$4 \log 2 + \log 4 = x \log 2 + \log 8$$

(ii) Simplify:  $\frac{p^2 x q^{5y} r^n}{p^x q^y} \div \frac{p^{3x} q^{4y} r^{3n}}{p^{2x}}$

(10 marks)

## QUESTION FIVE

- a) Find the value of  $x - y(x + z)$  if  $z = 7$ ,  $y = 2$  and  $z = 1 \frac{1}{2}$   
(3 marks)
- b) A book is 4.5 cm thick and each cover is 1.5 mm thick. How many pages are there if each page is 0.35mm thick? (4 marks)
- c) Find the HCF and LCM of 84, 126 and 210. (7 marks)
- d) Write down the following numbers in standard form and the accuracy stated in brackets.
- i) 9732.023 (3 s.f)
  - ii) 84.905 (2 d.p)
  - iii) 0.24706 (1 s.f) (6 marks)