



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021

**SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING**  
**SECOND YEAR SECOND TERM FOR**  
**DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**

**WATER SUPPLY**

**DATE:**

**TIME:**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

1. a) Define the following terms
  - i) Total pressure
  - ii) Centre of pressure
  - iii) Archimedes principle
  - iv) Buoyancy
  - v) Centre of buoyancy (10 marks)
- b) A rectangular plate 2M wide and 4M deep is immersed in water in such a way that its plane makes an angle of  $25^\circ$  with the water surface as shown in **Figure**. Determine:
  - i) Total pressure of on one side of the plate
  - ii) The position of Centre of gravity (10 marks)
2. a) A tank 3m x 4m contains 1.2m deep oil of specific gravity of 0.8. Determine;
  - i) Intensity of pressure at the base of the tank
  - ii) Total pressure on the base of the tank (8 marks)
- b) Give two applications of hydrostatics (2 marks)
- c) A square plate ABCD 5M X 5 M hangs in from one of its corner as shown in **figure 2**.

- Determine;
- i) The total pressure
    - ii) The position of Centre of gravity (10 marks)
  3. a) Define the following terms
    - i) Path lines
    - ii) Streamlines
    - iii) Streaklines (6 marks)
  - b) Define the following types of flow
      - i) Streamline flow
      - ii) Turbulent flow
      - iii) Steady flow
      - iv) Unsteady flow
      - v) Compressive flow
      - vi) Rotational flow
      - vii) Irrotational flow (14 marks)
  4. a) State difference between uniform flow and non-uniform flow (2 marks)
  - b) Describe the three conditions for a body to be in stable equilibrium (9 marks)
    - c) A square plate of 1m side is immersed vertically with its Centre is 4m below the water surface. Determine;
      - i) Total pressure
      - ii) Centre of Centre (9 marks)
  5. a) A gate 3m wide and 2m deep is fitted in a wall having a slope of 60° constructed a cross a channel. Determine;
    - i) Total pressure
    - ii) Position of the gate when the channel is full of water (10 marks)
  - b) Derive an expression to show that Centre of pressure equals to;
 
$$h = IG + \frac{AX^2}{AX}$$
 (10 marks)