

MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2022/2023

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING EMM 305: METROLOGY

DATE: December 2022

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- I) This paper contains **FIVE** (5) questions.
- II) Question ONE is COMPULSORY and carries 30 marks
- III) Answer any other **TWO** (2) questions.

SECTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

QUESTION ONE

a) Define the following terms as applied in metrology using neat sketches;

i	Least Count on a Micrometer Screw Gauge	[2 marks]
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- ii. Repeatability. [2 marks]
- b) List **FOUR** types of Comparators based on the principle used for obtaining magnification [2 marks]
- c) Using a neat sketch, illustrate the major parts of an **Optical Projector** Comparator.

[5 marks]

[8 marks]

- d) With a neat sketch, describe gear inspection process using Parkinson gear tester.
- e) A spur gear of 3 mm module has 40 teeth. Calculate the following proportions. Pitch Circle diameter, addendum, dedendum working height and base pitch for a pressure angle of 20°.
- f) A shaft is fitted into a hole with nominal size of 25 mm. H7p6 fit is selected for the application. With reference to BS4500A attached, determine:

i.	The upper and lower limit for the hole,	[2 marks]
ii.	The tolerance of the hole,	[1 mark]
iii.	The upper and lower limit for the shaft,	[2 marks]
iv.	The tolerance of the shaft,	[1 mark]
v.	The maximum and minimum clearance of the fit,	[2 marks]

SECTION TWO (ANSWER ANY TWO)

[20 MARKS EACH]

QUESTION TWO

- a) Enumerate **SIX** factors that contribute to Surface irregularities formation [6 marks]
- b) List and state the importance of **FOUR** types of standards grades in metrology.[4 marks]
- c) Highlight **SIX** advantages of wavelength standards. [6 marks]
- d) Give the readings of depth micrometer screw gauge and vernier calipers shown in Fig. Q2 (a) and (b). [4 marks]

QUESTION THREE

- a) Using a neat sketch, illustrate the major parts of a vernier caliper. [5 marks]
- b) List **SIX** advantages of Autocollimators. [6 marks]
- c) Represent diagrammatically the tolerance zone of the following shaft and hole pairs and calculate the sizes of **GO** and **NOT GO** (plug and ring) gauges to inspect them. Neglect gauge tolerances.

Shaft size: $35^{-0.050}_{-0.025}$ Hole size: $35^{-0.00}_{-0.04}$

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Using neat diagrammatic illustration, explain the wringing process as applied in slip gauges angular measurement. [4 marks]
- b) Use Table I to determine the gauge blocks to choose in order to obtain the following lengths. [6 marks]
 - i. 83.995 mm. iii. 3.9525 mm.
 - ii. 29.7575 mm.

Table I: Range of Gauge Blocks.

Range (mm)	Steps (mm)	No. of pieces
1.01 – 1.49	0.01	49
0.5 - 9.5	0.5	19
25 - 100	25	4
1.0025 - 1.0075	0.0025	3

[9 marks]

- c) Enumerate **SIX** characteristics of a good comparator. [6 marks]
- d) Discuss **FOUR** systems utilized by mechanical comparators to amplify displacement.

[4 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Enumerate **FIVE** purposes for which screw threads are used. [5 marks]
- b) Discuss **THREE** methods that can be used for surface roughness analysis. [9 marks]
- c) Using neat sketches, explain how minor diameter of a screw thread can be measured using external micrometer. [6 marks]



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