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MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)

MAIN CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DIPLOMA IN MECHANICAL AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

COURSE CODE: DME 083

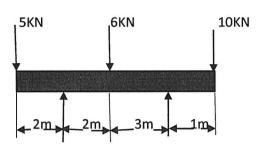
COURSE TITLE: SOLID AND STRUCTURAL MECHANICS II

DATE: 29/04/2022 TIME: 12:00 -2:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

TIME: 2 Hours



- a) Draw the bending moment diagram and the shear force diagram for the beam above (10MKS)
- b) Define the following terms
- i) A beam

(2MKS)

ii) Point of Contra flexure

(2MKS)

- c) Determine expressions for the bending moment and shearing force distributions for the cantilever shown in the figure below, which is subjected to a uniformly distributed load acting downwards and spread over the entire length of the cantilever. Take $L\ as\ 5m$ (10MK)
- d) Show that, for a simply supported beam, loaded with a uniformly distributed load over the whole length, the maximum bending moment occurs at mid span and has a value equal to $\frac{WL^2}{8}$ (6MKS)

QUESTION TWO

(20MKS)

- a) Show that the maximum deflection of a simply supported beam with uniformly distributed load is given by $-\frac{5WL^4}{384}$ (14mks)
- b) A simply supported beam of span 2.5 meters and rectangular section $25mm \times 75mm$. Determine the maximum slope and deflection of the beam E=100GN (6mks)

a) State FOUR assumptions made in the theory of bending

(4mks)

b) From first principle method show that the simple bending equation is given by

$$\frac{M}{I} = \frac{E}{R} = \frac{\sigma}{\gamma}$$

(11mks)

- c) Define the following terms
 - i) Bending Moment
 - ii) A strut
 - iii) Statistically indeterminate beams
 - iv) Statistically determinate beams
 - v) Pure bending

(5mks)

QUESTION FOUR

(20MKS)

- a) State TWO assumptions in deriving the Euler's formula for buckling loads of struts (2mks)
- b) From first principles show that the Euler buckling load for a strut with one end fixed and one end free is given by $P_e=\frac{\pi^2 EI}{4L^2}$ (15mks)
- c) Using sketches differentiate between Sagging and Hogging of a beam

(3mks)