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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF  
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**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE DIPLOMA  
IN  
CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING**

**COURSE CODE: DCE 057**

**COURSE TITLE: MATHEMATICS I**

**DATE: 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

**TIME: 11.00AM – 1.00PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Answer Question **ONE** and any other **THREE** questions
2. Examination duration is **2 Hours**

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**Question one (30 mks)**

a.(i) Find the number of inversions in the permutations of; (2 mks)

1. (3 4 1 5 2)

2. (4 2 5 3 1)

Classify each of the permutations as even or odd. (2 mks)

ii. find all the values of  $\lambda$  for which  $\det(A)=0$ ,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -2 \\ 1 & \lambda - 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2 \text{ mks})$$

b. Given that  $f(x) = 5x+1$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  and  $h(x) = 2x-5$ , solve for  $x$  in the equation

$$f \circ g^{-1}(x) = h^{-1}(x) \quad (4 \text{ mks})$$

c. If  $x + \frac{1}{x} = 1$ , show that  $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = -2$

what is the value of  $x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5}$  (4 mks)

d. Solve the inequality  $\frac{4-x}{1x+3} < 3$

e. If  ${}^n P_4 = 12x^n P_2$ ,

i. find  $n$  (3 mks)

ii. Solve for  $n$  in  ${}^n C_2 = 3$  (3 mks)

f. Show that  $A.(B+C) = A.B + A.C$

g. If  $R(u) = x(u)j + z(u)$ , where  $x, y$  and  $z$  are differentiable functions of a  $u$ . Show that;

$$\frac{\delta R}{\delta u} = \frac{\delta x}{\delta u} I + \frac{\delta y}{\delta u} J + \frac{\delta z}{\delta u} K \quad (3 \text{ mks})$$

h. Express in  $\frac{2+3i}{1+2i}$  the form  $p + iq$ ; hence find  $|p+iq|$  (3 mks)

**Question two (10 mks)**

A right circular cone has its vertex at the point (2, 1, 3) and the centre of its plane face at the point (1, -2, 2). A generator of the cone has equation  $r = (2i+j+3k) + (i-j-k)$ . Find the radius of the base of the cone and hence its volume. (10 mks)

**Question three (10 mks)**

Given that  $(x+1)$  and  $(x-2)$  are factors of expression  $f(x)=x^3+ax^2+b$  find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .  
What is the other factor. (10 mks)

**Question Four (10 mks)**

a. Obtain the binomial expansion of  $(1-2x)^5$ . Use your expansion to evaluate  $(0.95)^5$  correct to 5 decimal places. (4 mks)

b. If  $\int_1^u 3(x+1)^2 \delta x = a^3 + 11$  find the values of  $a$ . (3 mks)

c. Differentiate from first principles

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x \quad (3 \text{ mks})$$

**Question five (10 mks)**

a. Show that  $\sin 3A = 3 \sin A - 4 \sin^3 A$ .

b. Solve  $2\cos\theta = \sin(\theta+30^\circ)$  giving the general values of  $\theta$ .

c. Solve the equation  $2\cos 2\theta - \sin\theta = 1$  for values of  $\theta$  between 0 and  $2\pi$ .

**Question Six**

a) Use Cramer's rule to solve for  $z$  without solving for  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $w$ .

$$4x+y+z+w=6$$

$$3x+7y-z+w=1$$

$$7x+3y-5z+8w=-3$$

$$x+y+z+2w=3$$

b) If  $\phi(x, y, z) = 3x^2y - y^3x^2$ , find  $\nabla \phi$  at the point  $(1, -2, -1)$

c) Complete the formulas below

i.  $\nabla (\phi+4) =$

ii.  $\nabla (A+B) =$

iii.  $\nabla (\nabla \phi) =$

iv.  $\nabla (A+B) =$