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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
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(MMUST)**

MAIN CAMPUS

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2015/2016 ACADEMIC YEAR**

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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

COURSE CODE: DCE 087

**COURSE TITLE: REINFORCED CONCRETE AND
MASONRY DESIGN**

DATE: TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2015 TIME: 9.00 – 11.00 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper consists of FOUR Questions
2. Answer Question One and any other two questions
3. Examination duration is **2 Hours**

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Question One (compulsory)

a) (i) Explain the forms of structural failure under the following

- i. Ultimate state limit (2marks)
- ii. Serviceability limit state (2marks)

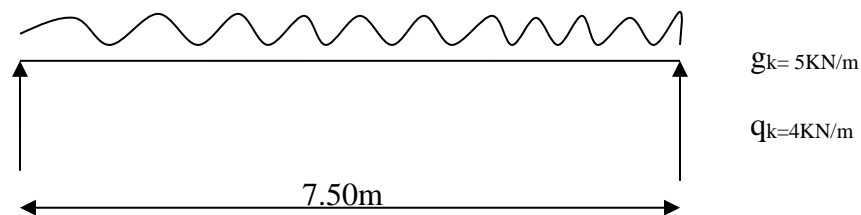
(ii) You have been appointed the design Engineer for the six storied men's hostel at the University. Explain what you will be considering in carrying out your duties. (4marks)

b) The figure below is a reinforced concrete beam simply supported carrying uniformly distributed load including self weight of 5kN/m and an imposed weight of 4kN/m. Design the beam for the following to BS 8110

- i. Bending reinforcement (8marks)
- ii. Shear reinforcement (6marks)
- iii. Cracking (1mark)
- iv. Deflection (2marks)

Design data:-

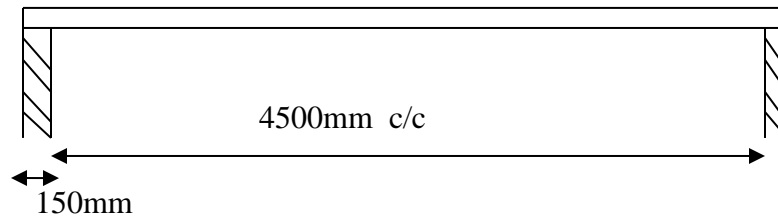
Exposure condition	-Mild
Fire Resistance	-1 ¹ / ₂ hrs
Concrete cube strength	-25N/mm ²
Steel characteristics strength	-460N/mm ²



Question Two

The figure below is a reinforced concrete floor slab with an imposed loading of 3KN/m^2 spanning between the brick walls with the following design data:-

$f_{cu} = 20\text{N/mm}^2$	Exposure condition	=Mild
$f_y = 460\text{N/mm}^2$	Fire resistance	=1½ hrs



Design the floor for:-

- Bending moment (10 marks)
- Check for deflection and cracking (5 marks)

Question Three

A 400mm square column carries a dead load $G_k = 1200\text{KN}$ and imposed load $Q_k = 300\text{KN}$. The safe bearing capacity of the soils is 170KN/m^2 . Design a square footing to carry the loading given the following (to Bs 8110)

Concrete characteristic strength $f_{cu} = 20\text{N/mm}^2$

$$f_y = 460\text{N/mm}^2$$

Footing self weight = 125KN (15 marks)

Question Four

A short braced column with $f_{cu} = 20\text{N/mm}^2$ and $f_y = 460\text{N/mm}^2$ is required to support an ultimate axial load of 2000KN. Determine a suitable section for the column assuming that the area of longitudinal steel A_{sc} is of the order of 30% of the gross-sectional area of the column H_{col} .

(15 marks)