



**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR**

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL
ENGINEERING**

COURSE CODE: CSE 341

COURSE TITLE: TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

DATE: TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2020 TIME: 3.00 – 5.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper contains EIGHT questions
2. Answer ONE question in section I and TWO questions each from sections II and III
3. Marks for each question are indicated in the parenthesis.
4. Examination duration is **2 Hours**

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SECTION 1 –Answer one question

- 1) a) Traffic flow can be divided into two main categories, name and describe them **(4 marks)**
- b) Traffic stream characteristics fall into two broad categories Macroscopic and microscopic. Mention two characteristics in each case, describe them and mention their importance to Traffic Engineers **(16 marks)**
- 2(a) Data is an essential input for effective planning, design and management of transportation systems. Describe the process involved in carrying out traffic measurements to obtain that data **(10 marks)**
- b) Describe any five types of traffic surveys that can be done **(10 marks)**

SECTION 11- Answer any two questions

- 3 (a) Data collection methods can be broadly categorized into in-situ methods and floating car data (FCD) methods. Briefly describe any two from each category **(6 marks)**
- b) What is an axle load **(3 marks)**
- c) Describe three methods that can be used to measure axle loads **(6 marks)**
- 4 a) What is the importance of traffic forecasting **(3 marks)**
- b) Traffic grows from time to time. Explain 5 factors that contribute to the growth in traffic **(12 marks)**
- 5) Considering the four by four base year trip matrix below. Determine the future estimated trip matrix where the growth factor is 1.2 using **(15 marks)**
- Uniform growth factor method
 - Singly constrained growth factor method- origin constrained
 - Doubly constrained growth factor.

	1	2	3	4	Σj
1	5	50	100	200	355
2	50	5	100	300	455
3	50	100	5	100	255
4	100	200	250	200	570
Σi	205	355	455	620	1635

SECTION III- Answer any two questions

- 6) There are four major indices to describe parking utilization. Define them giving the appropriate mathematical formulation where necessary. **(10 marks)**
- 7) What is the purpose of islands at intersections, use illustrations **(10 marks)**
- 8) There are two mathematical formulations for determination of trip generation model. Describe them giving the appropriate formula **(10 marks)**