



MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)

(Main Campus)

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

MAIN EXAMINATION

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE OF

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY

COURSE CODE: DPE 300

COURSE TITLE: PRINCIPLES OF SURVEYING

DATE: 13/12/2023 TIME: 12-2PM

Instructions to Candidates

This paper contains FOUR (4) questions
Question one is compulsory {total =30 Marks}
Attempt any other two (2) {total = 40 Marks} from the remaining questions
Be brief and to the point

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SECTION 1: COMPULSORY {30 MARKS}

Question ONE

a) In the context of surveying differentiate between the following:

i) Grid meridians and assumed meridians

[5 Marks]

ii) Bearings and Azimuths

[5 Marks]

b) In the context of surveying, briefly discuss the following:

i) Electronic Distance Measurement (EDM)

[2 Marks]

ii) Reconnaissance survey

[2 Marks]

iii) The process of surveying

[6 Marks]

c) Briefly discuss **THREE** methods of surveying

[6 Marks]

d) Briefly discuss FOUR necessary precautions taken when using chain surveying instruments

[4 Marks]

SECTION II: ATTEMPT ANY OTHER TWO (2) QUESTIONS {40 MARKS}

Ouestion TWO

a) Outline the general procedure undertaken in chain survey

[12 Marks]

b) Discuss characteristics of contours

[8 Marks]

Question THREE

a) Briefly discuss five important rules (Methods) used for the calculation of areas in Surveying:

[15 Marks]

b) The following offsets were taken from a chain line to an irregular boundary towards the right side of the chain line.

Chainage Offset 'm' 0 3.4 20

4.0

40 5.5 60 6.5

80 7.3 100

6.0

120 4.0

[10 marks]

c) Use Simpson Rule to calculate the area

[5 Marks]

Question FOUR

a) Explain the importance of survey equipment calibration

[4 Marks]

b) Survey equipment calibration can be event driven as per statutory of survey Act or other relevant legislation, discuss **FIVE** events leading to such calibration [10 Marks]

c) In the context of surveying, differentiate between calibration and validation

[6 Marks]

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