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MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

MAIN CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2023 / 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

COURSE CODE: AET 101

COURSE TITLE: MATERIALS SCIENCE AND BASIC SOLID
MECHANICS

DATE: 19th Dec, 2023 TIME: 8-10 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- This paper contains five questions
- Answer QUESTION ONE, and any other three
- Candidate must not write anywhere on the question paper
- Duration of examination is 2 hrs

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Question 1 (25 marks)

- (a) State the different types of bonds found in elements **(4 marks)**
- (b) With the aid of diagrams describe the following unit cells as found in materials science, and for each, name any two elements that described by the unit cells.
- i. BCC
 - ii. FCC
 - iii. HCP **(6 marks)**
- (c) State the factors that determine the mechanical properties of a metal **(5 marks)**
- (c) State the principles of the following
Rutherford atomic model
Bohr atomic model

Question 2 (15 marks)

- (a) Briefly describe the following with the aid of simple sketches
- i. Molecular structures
 - ii. Crystalline structures
 - iii. Amorphous structures **(5 marks)**
- (b) Distinguish between the following;
- i. Elastic material and a plastic material
 - ii. Metallic and non-metallic material
 - iii. Stress and strain
 - iv. Physical and mechanical properties
 - v. Ductility and brittleness **(10 marks)**

Question 3 (15 marks)

- Describe three ways in which metals can form alloys **(3 marks)**
- Define and explain the importance of an equilibrium diagram **(4 marks)**
- Distinguish between the following stainless steels;
- i. True stainless steels
 - ii. Austenitic stainless steels
 - iii. Martensitic stainless steels **(3 marks)**

Question 4 (15 marks)

Discuss the applications of the following materials in design of food processing and engineering systems

- i. Steel
- ii. Copper
- iii. Plastic
- iv. Aluminium
- v. Ceramics

(15 marks)

Question 5 (15 marks)

With the aid of a well labelled diagram describe the behavior of an elastic material under tensile stress, until it fractures **(9 marks)**

State the for four quantum numbers used in atomic theory and their principles **(6 marks)**