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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DIPLOMA

IN

MECHANICAL AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

COURSE CODE: DME 089

COURSE TITLE: REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING

DATE: 13TH APRIL 2023

TIME: 8:00 – 10:00 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE**(30 MARKS)**

- a) Define the following terms:
- i. Psychrometry **(1mk)**
 - ii. Dehumidification **(1mk)**
 - iii. Dry bulb temperature **(1mk)**
 - iv. Dew point temperature **(1mk)**
 - v. Throttling process **(1mk)**
- b) Describe the function of the main components of a vapour compression refrigeration cycle. **(8mks)**
- c) The following data refers to an air conditioning system to be design for an industrial process for hot and wet climates;
- Outside conditions; 30 °C DBT, and 70% RH
Required inside conditions; 20 °C DBT and 60% RH
The required condition is to be achieved first by cooling and dehumidifying and the by heating. If 25 m³ of air is absorbed by the plant every minute, Find:
- i. Capacity of the cooling coil in tonnes of refrigeration (TR). **(9mks)**
 - ii. Capacity of the heating coil in kW. **(3mks)**
 - iii. Amount of water removed per hr. **(3mks)**
- d) What is the use of a flash chamber in a refrigeration and air conditioning system. **(2mks)**

QUESTION TWO**(20 MARKS)**

- a) Show that the COP of a heat pump is given by $COP_h = 1 + COP_r$ **(6mks)**
- b) State any **FOUR** properties of refrigerants. **(4mks)**
- c) Describe the principle of refrigeration. **(10mks)**

QUESTION THREE**(20 MARKS)**

- a) Differentiate between the following terms; **(4mks)**
- i. Heating load
 - ii. Cooling load
- b) With the aid of a schematic diagram and a T-S diagram describe the processes involved in a Reversed Heat Engine Cycle. **(16mks)**

QUESTION FOUR**(20 MARKS)**

In the air cooling system of a jet aircraft, air is bled from the engine compressor at 3 bar, and is cooled in a heat exchanger to 105 °C. It is expanded to 0.72 bar in an air turbine, the isentropic efficiency of the process is 85%. The air is then delivered to the cockpit and then leaves the aircraft at 27 °C. **(20mks)**

- a) Calculate the temperature at which air enters the cockpit and the mass flow rate of air for refrigerating effect of 4 kW.
- b) If the air turbine is used to help to drive auxiliaries, calculate its contribution in power.

