



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

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE DEGREE  
OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL AND  
COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING**

**COURSE CODE: ECE 316**

**COURSE TITLE: DIGITAL ELECTRONICS 1**

**DATE: MONDAY 11/12/2023 TIME: 3: 00 PM – 5:00 PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Question ONE (1) is compulsory  
Answer Any Other TWO (2) questions  
TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30MARKS)

- a) Distinguish between the following terms  
i. Combinational logic circuit and Sequential logic circuit  
ii. Minterms and Maxterms  
(4 marks)
- b) Convert the following to binary numbers  
i.  $(64.6875)_{10}$   
ii.  $(DF)_{16}$   
(4 marks)
- c) Given two binary numbers  $X=1010100$  and  $Y=1000011$ , perform the subtraction (a)  $X-Y$  and (b)  $Y-X$  using 2's complements  
(4 marks)
- d) Prove the Consensus law  $X.Y + X'.Z + Y.Z = X.Y + X'Z$   
(3 marks)
- e) With an aid of a well labelled diagram, **explain** the working of a binary adder.  
(4 marks)
- f) State any **three** differences between synchronous and asynchronous counters.  
(3 marks)
- g) With an aid of a well labelled diagram, **discuss** the **two** types of SR Latch.  
(4 marks)
- h) Define a pulse generator and give its **two** areas of application.  
(4 marks)

### QUESTION TWO

- a) Convert  $10111011_2$  to its equivalent Gray code.  
(2 marks)
- b) Define an Excess-3 BCD code. State the shortcoming of the 8421 code which is overcome in the Excess-3 code. Illustrate with the help of an example  
(3 marks)
- c) Using a well labeled diagram, explain the operation of multiplexers. State any **two** major limitations of Multiplexers.  
(5 marks)
- d) Construct a **5:32** line decoder with four **3:8** decoders with Enables and a **2:4** line decoder. Use block diagrams for components  
(10 marks)

### QUESTION THREE

- a) i) With the aid of a circuit diagram and a truth table, explain the working of a full subtractor.  
(5 marks)  
ii) By use of a K-map, derive the minimized SOP equations for the functions D and  $B_0$ .  
(5 marks)
- b) Define a Flip Flop in relation to digital electronics. State any two differences between a Latch and a Flip Flop.  
(4 marks)

- c) With an aid of an appropriate diagram, briefly discuss any *two* types of Flip Flops

(6 marks)

#### QUESTION FOUR

- a) Differentiate between a register and a counter (2 marks)
- b) With an aid of a well labelled diagram, describe the working of a 4-bit SISO register (8 marks)
- c) With the help clocked JK flip flops and waveform, explain the working of a three-bit binary ripple counter. Write truth table for clock transitions.

(10 marks)

#### QUESTION FIVE

- a) i) State the difference between a demultiplexer and a decoder. (2 marks)  
ii) Implement a **1:16** Demultiplexers using lower order Demultiplexers. (8 marks)
- b) Register A and B contain four D-type flip flops each triggered at the positive edge of the clock pulse. Design a digital circuit that will transfer the data from Register A to Register B with a transfer command. (10 marks)

