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**DIPLOMA IN BUILDING & CIVIL ENGINEERING (DBCE 13M)  
DIPLOMA IN ARCHITECTURE (DA 13M)**

AMA 2101: ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS I

**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION  
SERIES: OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2013  
TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*
- *Mathematical tables/Calculator*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions.  
 Answer any **THREE** questions  
 Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown  
 This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages  
**Question One**

a) Solve the equations:

$$\log_{31} x = \log_4 \left( x^2 + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2}$$

(i)

$$\log_5 x^2 = \log_5 y = 2$$

$$\log_5 x + \log_5 y = 3$$

(ii)

**(11 marks)**

b) A student builds blocks in rows such that each row contains one block less than the row beneath. Find the blocks in the bottom row. State your assumptions **(5 marks)**

c) Find the number of terms in the series **(4 marks)**

$$8\frac{1}{3} + 7\frac{1}{3} + 6\frac{1}{3} \dots \dots \dots 5\frac{1}{3}$$

**(4 marks)**

**Question Two**

a) The law relating the following data is thought to be of the form;  $y = px^q$  where p r q are constants.

x	1.6	2.6	3.9	6.4
y	2.5	3.2	4.1	5.4

(i) Use graphical method to determine the law

(ii) Find the value of y when x = 5

**(14 marks)**

b) Timber material is supplied monthly to a carpentry workshop in the following series in thousand tonnes:

$$4200 + 840 + 1668 + \dots$$

Find:

(i) Supply in 8<sup>th</sup> month

(ii) The period when 0.02 thousand tonnes will be required

**(6 marks)**

**Question Three**

a) Three terms form G.P. Their sum is 14 and their product is 64. Find the numbers **(8 marks)**

b) (i) Expand up to the term containing x<sup>3</sup>

$$\left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^{-3}$$

(ii) Using the expansion obtained in b(i) find  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  (8 marks)

c) Find 8<sup>th</sup> term in binomial expansion of  $\left(2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2$  (4 marks)

**Question Four**

a) (i) Solve  $z^3 + 2j + 1 = 0$  giving the answer in the form  $x + yj$   
 (ii) Represent the solution obtained in a(i) on a diagram (12 marks)

b) Solve the equation  $3\cos x - 4\sin x = 1$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$  by expressing  $3\cos x - 2\sin x$  in the form  $R\cos(x + \alpha)$  (8 marks)

**Question Five**

a) (i) Given  $Z_1 = 2 + j$ ,  $Z_2 = j$  and  $Z_3 = 4 - zj$   
 $Z_y = \frac{Z_1 \times Z_2}{Z_3}$   
 Find  
 (ii) Represent  $Z_4$  in a(i) on a sketch (12 marks)

b) Three forces act at a point in same plane as  $j$   $50N$  at  $N40^\circ E$ ,  $100N$  at  $S60^\circ W$  and  $150N$  at  $N60^\circ W$ .  
 Use complex number method to find the resultant force at the direction if with its acts. (8 marks)