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

AMA 2150: ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS I

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

SERIES: DECEMBER 2013

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*
- *Scientific Calculator*

- *Mathematical Table*

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 equation:

$$\log_4(x-1) = \log_4(x+1) + \frac{1}{2}$$

**(5 marks)**

b) Find the sum for the following progression:

$$13\frac{3}{4} + 11\frac{3}{4} + 9\frac{3}{4} + \dots + 5\frac{3}{4} - 3\frac{3}{4}$$

**(5 marks)**

c) Three consecutive numbers forming a G.P has a sum 14 and their product is 64. Find the numbers  
**(5 marks)**

d) The sum of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> numbers for an AP is 8. The 8<sup>th</sup> term is twice the 4<sup>th</sup> term. Determine the 6<sup>th</sup> term.  
**(5 marks)**

**Question Two**

a) Sand is to be supplied weekly to a construction site in thousand tonnes forming the series;  
950, 760, 608 and so on.

Find:

- (i) Supply for the 10<sup>th</sup> week
- (ii) Supply by the end of 7<sup>th</sup> week
- (iii) The time when 10.95 thousand tonnes will be supplied to the site. **(8 marks)**

b) An experiment was performed suggesting a law of the form  $y = cx^m$  (where c and m are constants).  
Results for the experiment were:

x	3.5	4.4	6.6
y	183	226	310

- (i) Determine the law graphically
- (ii) Find the value of y when x = 5 **(12 marks)**

**Question Three**

a) A contractor borrows kshs 400,000 and repays in 20 equal monthly installments at a simple interest of 15%. Find the total interest to be repaid if interest is determined on reducing balance **(8marks)**

- b) (i) Find the 8<sup>th</sup> term in the binomial expansion of  $\left(3 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{20}$
- (ii) Expand  $(8 + 0.4y)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  upto the term containing  $x^3$
- (iii) Using the expansion obtained in b(ii) evaluate  $\sqrt[3]{64.4}$  by putting  $y = \frac{1}{8}$  **(12 marks)**

#### Question Four

- a) From first principles show that:  $1 + \tan^2 x = \sec^2 x$  **(4 marks)**
- b) Solve the equation  $\tan^2 x + \sec x = 4$  for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$  **(7 marks)**
- c) (i) Solve the equation  $z^3 - j + 1 = 0$  giving the answer in the form  $a + bj$
- (ii) Represent the answer obtained in c(i) on a diagram **(9 marks)**

#### Question Five

- a) Given  $z_1 = 3j$ ,  $z_2 = 4 - 2j$ ,  $z_3 = -j + 1$  find  $\left| \frac{z_1 \times z_2}{z_3} + z^6 \right|$  **(10 marks)**
- b) The forces act at a point in the same plane as shown in figure 1
- Figure 1

- (i) Use complex number method to find the resultant force
- (ii) Determine the direction of application for the resultant **(10 marks)**