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EBC 2102: ENGINEERING SURVEYING I

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

SERIES: APRIL 2014

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer booklet*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Answer any **THREE** questions of the **FIVE** questions

All questions carry equal marks  
 Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown  
 This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

**Question One**

- a) Differentiate between the following pair of terms:  
 (i) Plane surveying and Geodetic surveying  
 (ii) Land surveying and engineering surveying. **(4 marks)**

- b) (i) Given the human eye can estimate a right angle to  $\pm 3^\circ$  and that the smallest line that is capable of being plotted on paper is 25mm, calculate the maximum length of offset that can be estimated by eye for a scale of map of 1:2500. **(3 marks)**

(ii) The data shown in table 1 is for the measurement of a line in two bays. Calculate the correct length of the line:

Bay	Measured length (m)	Standard Temperature	Field Temperature	Angle of Slope	Coefficient or Linear expansion
A	52.573	20°	32°C	7°	0.000011° C
B	68.914	20°C	33.5°C	12°	0.000011°C

**(8 marks)**

- c) With the aid of a sketch, explain the measurement procedure of a line across a marshy ground without setting out right angles. **(5 marks)**

**Question Two**

With the aid of sketches, determine the following chain surveying procedures:

- a) Measuring a line over a small hill by the random line method. **(6 marks)**  
 b) Measuring a line across a tall building by setting out right angles **(7 marks)**  
 c) Measuring a line across a wide road **(7 marks)**

**Question Three**

- a) State any FIVE properties of contour lines **(5 marks)**  
 b) Explain any FOUR factors that govern the choice of vertical interval in contouring. **(4 marks)**  
 c) Figure 1 shows the spot height at the intersection of a rectangular grid. Redraw the grid and by estimation, interpolate and plot the 32, 34, 36 and 38mm contours. **(6 marks)**

- d) Differentiate between the following terms:
- (i) Contour interval and horizontal equivalent
  - (ii) Longitudinal section and cross-sections
- (5 marks)**

#### Question Four

- a) (i) Differentiate between permanent and temporary adjustment of a level. **(3 marks)**
- (ii) Describe the bubble error adjustment of a dumpy level **(8 marks)**
- b) The following data was obtained during a leveling exercise along the length of a proposed road: 2.578, 2.675, 2.481, 2.351, 2.590, 2.688, 2.775, 2.970, 3.850, 3.922, 4.224, 4.000, 3.750, 3.270, 3.500, 3.211 all in metres. The telescope was first sighted on a TBM of reduced level of 287.581m and the instrument was shifted after the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> staff readings. Reduce the levels by the height of collimation method applying the necessary arithmetical checks.

#### Question Five

- a) Explain the radial lines method of contouring. **(6 marks)**
- b) Explain the procedure of measuring vertical angles with a theodolite. **(7 marks)**
- c) The readings shown in table 2 were recorded during the measurement of several angles about a point. Reduce the angles using an angular booking table and illustrate the configuration. **(7 marks)**

**Table 2**

Inst Stn	To stn	Face Left			Face Right		
		o	'	“	o	'	“
A	B	06	10	10	180	10	13
	C	60	50	20	240	50	22
	D	175	24	14	355	24	15
	E	282	11	12	102	11	10
	F	300	05	07	120	05	08

