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***AMA 1001: ALGEBRA***

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**SERIES: MAY SERIES**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

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**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

*-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID*

This paper consists of 5 questions. Attempt question one compulsory and any other two questions

**Do not write on the question paper.**

**Question ONE (30 marks)**

a) Simplify

i. 
$$\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \div \frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{5} \quad (2 \text{ mks})$$

ii. 
$$\frac{1}{(4/7 \times 2 \frac{1}{4})} \div \left( \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} \right) + 2 \frac{2}{24} \quad (2 \text{ mks})$$

b) Determine how much of copper and how much zinc is needed to make a 99kg brass ingot, if they have to be in the proportion copper: zinc 8:3 respectively (2 mks)

c) If 3 people can complete a task in 4 hours, how long will it take 5 people to complete the same task assuming rate of work remains the same. (2 mks)

d) Convert the following binary numbers into decimal number

i.  $10111.00111_2$  (3 mks)

ii.  $101101.11001_2$  (3 mks)

e) Convert decimal numbers into binary numbers

i.  $58.3125_{10}$  (4 mks)

ii.  $51.34375_{10}$  (4 mks)

f) Solve for x in the equation

i.  $\log_8 x = -\frac{4}{3}$  (2mks)

ii.  $x^{0.25} = 0.792$  (2 mks)

g) Evaluate

$$\frac{(2^4)^2 \times 3^{-2} \times 4^4}{2^3 \times 16^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad (2\text{mks})$$

h) Solve

$$8 + 4(x-1) - 5(x-3) = 2(5-2x) \quad (2\text{mks})$$

### Question TWO (20 MARKS)

a. Solve for the unknown

(i).  $\frac{1}{3a-2} + \frac{1}{5a+3} = 0$  (3mks)

(ii).  $\frac{3\sqrt{t}}{1-\sqrt{t}} = -6$  (3mks)

b) Solve the following simultaneous equation elimination

$$1.5x - 2.2y = -18$$

$$2.4x + 0.6y = 33 \quad (5 \text{ mks})$$

c) Solve following quadratic equation

i. By completing square

$$2x^2 + 9x + 8 = 0 \quad (5 \text{ mks})$$

ii. By factorization

$$3x^2 - 11x - 4 = 0 \quad (4 \text{ mks})$$

**Question THREE (20 MARKS)**

a. Evaluate using laws of indices

$$(i). \frac{(3^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \times \left(8^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^2}{(3^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} \times (4^3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 9^{-\frac{1}{2}}} \quad (2 \text{ mks})$$

$$(ii). \frac{8^{-2} \times 5^2 \times 3^{-4}}{25^2 \times 2^4 \times 9^{\frac{1}{2}}} \quad (2 \text{ mks})$$

b. Solve the following indicial equations

i.  $4^{2x-1} = 5^{x+2}$  (3 mks)

ii.  $2^{x+1} = 3^{x+2}$  (3 mks)

iii.  $X^{1.5} = 14.91$  (2 mks)

c. Evaluate

i.  ${}^{10}C_6$  (2 mks)

ii.  ${}^7C_2$  (2 mks)

d. Evaluate

i.  ${}^9P_6$  (2 mks)

ii.  ${}^8P_3$  (2 mks)

**Question FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Expand using Pascal's triangle

$$(2p - 3q)^5$$

(5 mks)

- b) The 6<sup>th</sup> term of an AP is 17 and the 13<sup>th</sup> term is 38. determine the 19<sup>th</sup> term (3mks)
- c) Find the 15th term of an AP if the 1<sup>st</sup> term is 2.5 and the 16<sup>th</sup> term is 16 (2mks)
- d) The 1<sup>st</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and the last term of an AP is 4, 31, and 376.5 respectively. Determine the number of terms in the series, the sum of all terms and the 80<sup>th</sup> term (5mks)
- e) Find the sum to infinity of the series 3, 1, 1/3..... (2 mks)
- f) The 1<sup>st</sup> term of a GP is 12 and the 5<sup>th</sup> term is 55. determine the 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> term. ( 3mks)

**Question FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) solve the following simultaneous equation graphically

$$3x - 2y = 0$$

$$4x + y + 11 = 0$$

(8mks)

- b) Solve the following quadratic equation  $y = -5x^2 + 9x + 7.2$  graphically given that the solution lies in the range  $x = -1$  to  $x = 3$ .

Determine also the co-ordinates of turning point and nature of turning points. (9 mks)

- c) Determine the gradient and y axis intercept of each of the following functions without plotting

i.  $Y = 2x + 5$

ii.  $Y = 4x - 5$

iii.  $Y = 3 - 4x$

(3 mks)