



# TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

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FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING & CIVIL ENGINEERING

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING  
(INSTITUTION BASED EXAMINATION)

**ECE 2305 : PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING I**

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

**SERIES: MARCH 2017**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

*-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID*

This paper consists of five questions.

Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

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

**QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)**

- Briefly describe the hydrologic cycle. (6 marks)
- For a water supply project, outline SIX factors that influence the per capita water demand. (6 marks)
- The population of a town from the census office is as shown in Table 1:

**Table 1**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Population</b>
1960	8000
1970	12000
1980	17000
1990	22500

Using the arithmetical increase method, determine the town's population in the year:

- i) 2000
- ii) 2010

(6 marks)

d) State TWO reasons for designing water projects in phases.

(2 marks)

e) Describe various methods used in rain harvesting.

(10 marks)

**Attempt any TWO questions**

**QUESTION TWO**

- a) Compare the following sources of water;
- i) Surface water from rivers
  - ii) Ground water from boreholes
  - iii) Rainwater from roof catchments

(9marks)

b) Sketch a submerged lake intake (crib intake).

(6 marks)

c) Explain the importance of testing water before choosing the source for a water supply.  
(5marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

a) A water supply is to have the following components;

- A river intake (pumped)
- Filter
- High lift pumps
- Screens
- Chemical dosing plant for coagulants
- Low lift pumps
- Clarifiers
- Disinfection plant
- Preliminary settling tanks
- Coagulation/ flocculation unit
- Clear water tank

i) Arrange the components in the correct sequence, starting from the first

ii) Mention the reason a component appears before another one

(12 marks)

- b) Briefly describe the following water treatment processes
- i) Coagulation and flocculation
  - ii) Disinfection

(8 marks)

#### QUESTION FOUR

- a) Briefly describe the following tests for water
- i) Jar test
  - ii) Total coliform test

(12 marks)

- b) Explain the procedure of determining the following from a water sample;
- i) Suspended solid
  - ii) Total solids

(4 marks)

- c) Define the following terms as used in water testing
- i) Acidity
  - ii) Alkalinity

(4 marks)

#### QUESTION FIVE

- a) Design a rectangular sedimentation tank to treat 2.4 million litres of raw water per day. Make the following assumptions;
- i) Depth of the tank is 3m
  - ii) Length: Breadth ratio is 3

Also calculate the surface loading in  $l/d/m^2$

(6 marks)

- b) Explain the TWO major reasons of providing storage tanks in the water distribution systems. (4 marks)
- c) Sketch a typical circular water storage tank labeling all the important parts. (8marks)
- d) State TWO reasons for water softening. (2 marks)