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EBE 3105: CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY I A

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
SERIES: OCTOBER 2016

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instruction to candidates

You should have the following for this examination

- Answer booklet
- Pocket Calculator

This paper consist of five question.

Answer any three questions of the five questions

All question carry equal marks

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

This paper consist of two printed pages

QUESTION 1

- a) Outline six advantages of timber as a construction materials (6 mrks)
- b) State FIVE clay products and their point of application in building works (5mrks)
- c) State THREE main categories of stone classification depending on their origin or composition (9mrks)

QUESTION 2

- a) Define the term dewatering (2mrk)
- b) With aid of a diagram explain THREE methods of dewatering 9mrk
- c) Explain three factors which make underpinning necessary in foundations (6mrks)
- d) State three advantages of framed structures (3mrk)

QUESTION 3

- a) In aid of diagram, explain procedures of placing bored piles (8mrk)
- b) Explain THREE basic forms of framed structures 6mrk
- c) Draw a steel grillage foundation (6mrk)

QUESTION 4

- a) Procedure of mixing, handling and placing of plain concrete. (10 mrk)
- b) Outline purposes of site clearance (4mrk)
- c) Explain the following terms
 - i. Manual excavation
 - ii. Mechanical excavation
 - iii. Backfilling (6mrks)

QUESTION 5

- a) With aid of a diagram explain the following types of foundations
 - i. Strip
 - ii. Stepped
 - iii. Isolated column
 - iv. iv) Beam and strip (12mrk)
- b) Define the following terms as used in construction work
 - i. i). Backfilling
 - ii. ii). Timbering
 - iii. iii). Profile board
 - iv. iv). Dead loads (4mrk)
- c) State FOUR TYPES of waterproof materials and points of application. (4mrk)