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ECE 2206 : CIVIL ENGINEERING MATERILAS I

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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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

-Drawing instruments.

This paper consists of five questions.

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

Do not write on the question paper.

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Using a sketch illustrate the dry process of cement manufacture. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain three broad classifications of hydraulic Cements. (6mks)
- (c) Explain the role of tricalcium silicate, dicalcium silicate, and tricalcium alluminate and tetracalcium aluminoferrite in the hydration process of cement. (4 marks)
- (d) Describe the standard test for the determination of:-
 - i) Soundness of cement
 - ii) Compressive strength of cement as per current Kenya standard. (8 marks)
- (e) (i). Briefly explain carbonation shrinkage.
(ii). Give three factors influencing the rate of carbonation. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Describe briefly three main brick work and Block work mortars. (6 marks)
- (b) Kenya standard Ks 1725 groups cements into five main types. Discuss them. (8 mks)
- (c) Discuss the significance of cement quality control tests, such as fineness, setting time and soundness tests. (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) List and describe **FOUR** common types of concrete admixtures under the heading given in the table below: (12 marks)

	Type of admixture	Effect on concrete	Typical materials	Advantages	Disadvantages
(i)					
(ii)					
(iii)					
(iv)					

- (b) Bulking of sand is not recommended in mixing of concrete. Clearly explain this statement: (2 marks)
- (c) Differentiate between absolute specific gravity and apparent specific gravity. (2 marks)

(d) Outline four functions of mortar for use in masonry work. (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Explain the factors that influence the choice of concrete mixers. (4marks)
- (b) Describe four types of Batch mixers. (8marks)
- (c) Explain three ways of delivering ready mixed concrete. (6marks)
- (d) Describe the specification required for ready mixed concrete. (2 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- (a) Given a concrete mix ratio 1:0.8:2.4:0.4 of Cement: Fine aggregate: Coarse aggregate: Water, calculate the weights of material required to produce 1m^3 of compacted concrete using:
 - (i) Volumetric method
 - (ii) The density method
 - (iii) (NB: SG Cement = 3.15, SG Aggr = 2.65 and density of plain concrete is 2300Kg/m^3) (7 marks)
- (b) Explain the factors governing the selection of mix proportions in a design mix. (4 marks)
- (c) Briefly describe THREE methods of determining concrete workability namely:
 - (i) Slump test.
 - (ii) Compacting factor test
 - (iii) Vebe (V – B) test (9 marks)