



# TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

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*Faculty of Applied & Health Sciences*

**DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS**

**SEPTEMBER 2018 SERIES EXAMINATION**

**AMA 4102: GEOMETRY**

**BSSC, BMCS, BSMF, BSCE, BTCE, BTEE, BSEE, BSME,  
BTME, BSMD AND BTMD**

**SPECIAL/ SUPPLIMENTARY EXAMINATIONS**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES:**

You should have the following for this examination

- Mathematical tables
- Scientific Calculator

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions

Answer question **ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

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**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS) COMPULSORY**

- a. Find the normal distance from the point (1,3) to the line  $2x + 3y = 6$  (2 mks)
- b. Prove that  $\frac{\cos^2\theta(1-\sec^2\theta)\sin\theta}{(1-\sin^2\theta)\cos\theta\tan^2\theta} = -\tan\theta$  (3 mks)
- c. Find the equation of an ellipse whose vertices are points (-1,2) and (9,2) while eccentricity is  $\frac{2}{3}$  (4 mks)

- d. Determine the length of a tangent from the point (5,7) to the circle whose equation is  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 6y + 9 = 0$  (5 mks)
- e. If  $\sin A = \frac{3}{5}$  and  $\cos B = \frac{15}{17}$  where A is obtuse and B acute, find the exact value of  $\sin(A + B)$  (4 mks)
- f. Find the equations of the two tangents that can be drawn from the point (2,3) to the parabola  $y^2 = 4x$  (5 mks)
- g. Find k so that the lines  $\frac{x+2}{-3} = \frac{2y-1}{2k} = \frac{z+5}{2}$  and  $\frac{x}{3k} = \frac{y-5}{1} = \frac{z+3}{-5}$  may be perpendicular to each other. (3 mks)
- h. Sketch  $y = 4\cos 2x$  from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 360$  . and use it to state the amplitude and the period. (4 mks)

## QUESTION TWO (20 marks)

- a. In a triangular lawn the length of two sides and there included angle are  $a = 12m$   $b = 10m$  and  $\angle c = 30^\circ$ , calculate the radius of the circumcircle just touching the corners. (4 mks)
- b. Find an equation in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$  for a line which passes through the point of intersection of the lines  $x - 3y = 4$  and  $3x + y = 2$  being also perpendicular to the line  $4x - 3y - 7 = 0$  (6 mks)
- c. Discuss the equation stating all properties of the hyperbola, hence sketch the curves indicating the asymptotes, foci and vertex. (10 mks)

## QUESTION THREE (20 marks)

- a. Solve the equation  $3\cos 2\theta + \sin \theta = 1$  for values of  $0 \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$  (6 mks)
- b. Find the equations of the line through (1,-2,3) and perpendicular to the plane  $2x + y - z = 5$  (7 mks)
- c. Give a brief definition about the following terms
- Direction ratios (2 mks)
  - Direction cosines (2 mks)
- d. Give the parameterization of the line joining the points (2,2,1) and (4,6,6) (3 mks)

## QUESTION FOUR (20 marks)

- a. Plot accurately the graph of the polar equation  $r = \sin 2\theta$  and mark the line of symmetry on the grid. How many lines of symmetry exist in the figure? (7 mks)
- b. Solve the equation  $12\cos^2 \theta + \sin \theta = 11$  on the domain  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$  (5 mks)
- c. Determine the points of intersection of the line  $2y=x+6$  and the parabola  $y = 8x$  hence find the equations of the tangent and normal lines at these intersection points. (8 mks)

### QUESTION FIVE (20 marks)

- a. Find the eccentricity and semi latus rectum of the ellipse  $4x^2 + 3y^2 = 5$  (5 mks)
- b. Determine the equations of the tangent to the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y - 8 = 0$  which is parallel to the line  $3x + 2y = 0$  (8 mks)
- c. Solve the equation  $\tan\theta = 2 \sin\theta$  (3 mks)
- d. Find the magnitude and equations of the shortest distance between the straight line  $\frac{x+3}{-4} = \frac{y-6}{3} = \frac{z}{2}$  and  $\frac{x+2}{-4} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z-7}{1}$  (4 mks)