



## **TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA**

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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL ENGINEERING (BSMD)  
BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY IN MEDICAL ENGINEERING (BTMD)**

**APS 4150: PHYSICS FOR MEDICAL ENGINEERING  
SPECIAL/ SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS**

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**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DATE: September 2018**

### **INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

**You should have the following for this examination.**

**-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID.**

**This paper consists of FIVE questions.**

**Answer question ONE (COMPULSORY) and ANY other TWO questions.**

**The maximum marks for each question is shown.**

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

**Mathematical tables and scientific calculators may be used.**

### Question One (30 marks)

- With examples explain the difference between basic and derived quantities of measurements. (4marks)
- An object moving on a circular path with constant speed is said to be accelerating. Explain why. (3marks)
- State Hooke's law (3marks)
- Explain the difference between oscillation and vibration (2marks)
- What is a wave? State characteristics of a wave (5marks)
- State and differentiate the three states of matter in terms of kinetic theory (7marks)
- Describe the three modes of heat transfer. Which one of the three is faster and why? (6marks)

### Question Two (20 marks)

- Figure 1 below shows an object whirled in a circle

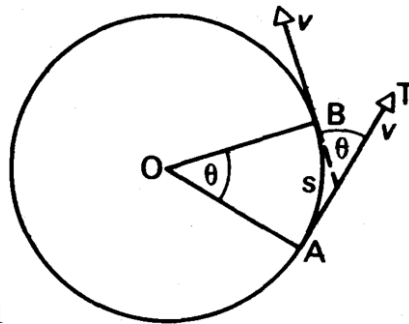


Figure 1

- Find its angular velocity  $\omega$  at B from A after time  $t$ . (1mark)
  - Determine the period  $T$  of the motion in terms of angular velocity (2marks)
  - If the radius of the path is  $r$ , find the arc-length  $s$  in terms of  $\theta$  and hence show that velocity  $v$  of the object is  $v = r\omega$  (6marks)
- Show that the acceleration of the object along the circular path described in (a) above is given by  $a = \frac{v^2}{r}$  (8marks)
  - An object moves around the circle of radius 600cm at a constant speed of  $2\text{ms}^{-1}$ . Calculate the angular velocity and acceleration of the object (3marks)

**Question Three (20 marks)**

- a) Explain the following terms as applies to optics
- i) Interference (2marks)
  - ii) Diffraction (2marks)
- b) Show that for the light emerging from two coherent sources which are at a distance  $d$  apart, making an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal, their path difference  $x$  will be given by  $x = d \sin \theta$  . State any assumption in your derivation. (9marks)
- c) The width of the central maximum in the diffraction pattern is often of particular interest. Suppose that a slit  $3 \times 10^{-4}$ m wide is illuminated by a yellow-green light ( $\lambda=500$ nm). Find the total width of the central maximum on a screen 2m from the slit. (7marks)

**Question Four (20 marks)**

- a) What is surface tension? State its SI units (3marks)
- b) Show that the height through which the liquid rises in a tube depends on the liquid's surface tension, its density and the radius of the capillary tube (10marks)
- c) Show that for a solid object of mass  $m$  just about to slid on an inclined plane at an angle  $\theta$  to the horizontal, its coefficient of static friction is equivalent to the tangent of the angle (7marks)

**Question Five (20 marks)**

- a) Explain the following terms as used in structure of materials;
- i) Elasticity (2marks)
  - ii) Ductility (2marks)
  - iii) Brittle substance (2marks)
- b) From elasticity point of view
- i) State Hooke's law (2marks)
  - ii) Determine the tensile stress and strain of a 2m wire of diameter 0.64mm when a 2kg mass stretches it by 0.60mm. (take  $g = 9.8$ N/kg) (5marks)
  - iii) What is the Young's modulus of elasticity in (ii) above? (2marks)
- c) Show that the energy stored per unit volume of a material undergoing elasticity is half the product of tensile stress and strain (5marks)