



# TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY  
DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE & BUILT ENVIRONMENT  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:**  
BACHELOR OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES/BACHELOR OF  
ARCHITECTURE

**EAR 4205: SURVEYING**

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

YEAR TWO SEMESTER I

SERIES: APRIL 2022

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DATE: Pick Date April 2022**

### **Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

-Scientific calculator

-Drawing instruments.

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

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

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**QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS).**

- a). Citing relevant formulas and sketches, discuss the process of reciprocal levelling as applied in survey **(14 Marks).**
- b) Discuss constant errors in levelling **(8 Marks).**
- c) Explain ANY method of overcoming an obstruction during linear measurements in the field **(4 Marks).**
- d) Discuss the following equipment used in chain surveying
  - i). Chain
  - ii). Ranging rod **(4 Marks)**

**ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION**

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) The figure 1, shows a network of spot levels observed during the process of contouring of a site for the construction of a building. Given that the square grids were at intervals of 20 metres, draw contour lines for the site at the interval of 1.0 metre interval **(14 Marks).**

80							
	79.0	79.1	80.1	80.4	80.3	80.2	
60		79.2	80.6	80.8	81.6	81.7	80.3
40	79.3	80.5	80.8	81.5	82.3	81.8	80.6
20	80.6	81.4	81.6	82.6	82.7	81.7	81.6
	81.3	81.6	82.6	83.1	84.1	81.5	81.4
0	0	20	40	60	80	100	120

Fig 1: Network of spot heights

- b) In levelling across a river, reciprocal levelling observations gave the following results for the staff held vertically at points X and Y from level stations A and B on each bank respectively.

Staff reading of X from A = 2.753 m

Staff reading of X from B = 3.080 m

Staff reading of Y from A = 3.550 m

Staff reading of Y from B = 3.895 m

If the Reduced level of X is 100 m AOD, determine the level of Y **(4 Marks)**.

- c) What is an offset **(2 Marks)**.

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) The group of figures below refer to staff readings taken with a level from instrument stations, A, B, C, D and E. The first and the last readings in each group are the backsights and foresights respectively. The backsight from station A was taken with the staff held at a bench mark of 200 m above Ordinance Datum. The data is provided below:

A: 3.780, 0800, 1.200, 0.694; B: 1.775, 1.560, 0.543; C: 1.02, 1.700, 2.412, 1.225; D: 2.545, 3.451, 3.112, 2.413. Book the readings using Height of Collimation method and determine reduced level for each staff station **(14 Marks)**.

- b) What factors would you consider first before deciding on the vertical interval to be used? **(6 Marks)**.

#### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) State any five **significant corrections** that are applied to a steel band when obtaining linear measurements, using relevant equations. A 40 m bay of a baseline was measured using a 30 m steel band that had been standardized in a catenary at a tension of 100 N and a temperature of 20°C. The following data was recorded:

- Measured length = 30 m
- Applied tension = 70 N
- The radius of Earth's curvature = 6370 Km
- The differences in height between the two points = 0.7 m
- The altitude of the base = 2200 m above sea level
- Cross sectional area of the tape = 6.6 mm<sup>2</sup>
- Young Modulus of Elasticity (E) =  $2.1 \times 10^{11}$  N/mm<sup>2</sup>
- Coefficient of Linear Expansion ( $\alpha$ ) =  $11 \times 10^{-6}/^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Mass of the tape = 0.032 Kg/m
- Field temperature = 12°C

Determine the correct length of the bay reduced to mean sea level (20 Marks).

#### QUESTION FIVE (20 Marks)

a) Define the following terms as used in rise and fall systems

- i). Backsight
- ii). Foresight
- iii). Intermediate sight
- iv). Datum
- v). Reduced level

(10 Marks).

b) Using appropriate sketches and formula, discuss Curvature and Refraction corrections (10 Marks).