



# TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS FOR DEGREE IN  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

**EEE 2418: VISUAL DISPLAYS I**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**SERIES: APRIL 2014**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- You should have the following for this examination:
    - Answer booklet
    - Calculator
  - Answer question **ONE (Compulsory)** and any other **TWO**.
- This paper consists of Three printed pages***
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**QUESTION 1 (Compulsory)**

- a) Define the following terms as applied to Television picture:
  - i. Aspect ratio
  - ii. Contrast

**(2 marks)**
- b) Explain horizontal resolution of a television system. Illustrate with a diagram. 

**(4 marks)**
- c) A television standard has 819 scan lines and a frame scan rate of 25HZ-with 2:1 interlace. Assuming 15% horizontal blanking time and a kell factor of 0.7, Find:
  - i. The video bandwidth requirement of the system.
  - ii. The vertical resolution

**(5 marks)**
- d) i) Explain the reason of using interlace scanning as opposed to sequential scanning scheme in Television systems.

- ii) Using a labelled diagram, explain interlace scanning in television
  - iii) Show the time base waveforms for horizontal and vertical scanning. **(10 marks)**
- e) i) Sketch the CCIR B (ITU-RB) standard composite video waveform for two horizontal scanning lines.
- ii) Explain the functions of the back porch of the composite video signal. **(9 marks)**

### QUESTION 2

- a) Explain illustrating with diagrams, how video is produced by the target plates in vidicon camera pick-up tube. **(6 marks)**
- b) Discuss the advantages of CCD imager in television camera over other pick-up devices. **(6 marks)**
- c) i) Draw a block diagram of a vidicon camera showing how composite video signal is produced.
- ii) Explain how the scanning time base system differ when interline transfer method is use for CCD imager from that used for vidicon tube. **(8 marks)**

### QUESTION 3

- a) State any **FOUR** functions of the r.f tuner of a television receiver. **(4 marks)**
- b) i) Draw a block diagram of a digital television receiver.
- ii) Give the merits of digital techniques in television receiver over analogue schemes. **(16 marks)**

### QUESTION 4

- a) Explain the advantages of IF modulation over direct modulation in television transmission. **(5 marks)**
- b) Explain the television broadcast transmission requirements in the service area of a television station. **(4 marks)**
- c) Describe, using block diagrams, the operation of a television transmitter using IF modulation. **(11 marks)**

### QUESTION 5

- a) Compare and contrast the cathode ray tube (CRT) and TFT LCD technologies. **(4 marks)**
- b) Explain the operation of the drive circuits for Active Matrix TFT LCD panels. Illustrate using a diagram. **(10 marks)**

- c) i) State the facilities for program production and editing in a modern television studio complex.  
ii) Draw a block diagram of the timing unit of a sync pulse generator and explain its purpose in a television studio. **(6 marks)**