

THE MOMBASA POLYTECHNIQUE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

EXAMINATION FOR CIT2K11M

FACULTY : ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT : COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY
COURSE CODE : EIT 1130
COURSE TITLE : MULTIMEDIA SYSTEMS
TIME : 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIOS

- **Answer Question ONE and any Other TWO Questions**

Question one 30 marks

- a) Define the term multimedia? [2marks]
- b) Explain why a multimedia application requires a large amount of storage space?
[4marks]
- c) What are the key characteristics of a Multimedia System? [4marks]
- d) What is multimedia system [2marks]
- e) What are the few technical challenges with multimedia information technology?
[2marks]
- f) What is the meaning of multimedia application [2marks]
- g) What is Hypertext and Hypermedia? [4marks]
- h) Explain applications of multimedia in any four areas [4marks]
- i) State and explain three technology incentives that support multimedia[6marks]

Question two 20 marks

- a) What is meant by the terms static media and dynamic media? Give examples of each type of media. [4marks]
- b) Why is file or data compression necessary for Multimedia activities? [2marks]
- c) Give a definition of Virtual Reality. [1marks]
- d) Briefly outline the four broad classes of approach that one may exploit to compress multimedia data. Do not detail any specific compression algorithms. [8marks]

Question three 20 marks

- a) Give a definition of a Multimedia Authoring System. [2marks]
- b) Briefly describe four ways in which content can be formatted and delivered in a Multimedia Authoring System. [8marks]
- c) What issues of functionality need to be provided in order to effectively use a wide variety of media in Multimedia applications. Your answer should briefly address how such functionality can facilitate in general Multimedia applications. [5marks]

Question four 20 marks

- a) With suitable examples, explain the following elements of multimedia:[4marks]
 - i. Audio
 - ii. Images
- b) Explain the term “Digital multimedia” [2marks]
- c) Describe MIDI file formatting technique [3marks]
- d) Explain the difference between the following terms: [6marks]
 - i. “Lossy compression” and “Lossless compression”
 - ii. “JPEG” and “MPEG”

Question five 20 marks

a) Differentiate between Run-length Encoding and Huffman coding [6marks]

b) Using Run-length Encoding, compress the following sequence of symbol

[1marks]

'AAAACBBBBB'

c) Write short notes on Real Audio and real video multimedia file compression and show their differences [6marks]

d)) Explain any two classifications of multimedia file systems [2marks]

