



# THE MOMBASA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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**DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING (DC 011)**

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EBC 2201: STRENGTH OF MATERIALS I

**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY 2012**

SERIES: MAY/JUNE 2012

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

## **Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*
- *Calculator*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions

Answer question any **THREE** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are clearly shown

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**Question 1 (20 marks)**

- a) Illustrate the variations of stress with strain for a mild steel rod subjected to an increasing tension force from zero to failure (6 marks)
- b) Define the following terms:
- i) Proof stress
  - ii) Elastic limit
  - iii) Poisson ratio (6 marks)
- c) A steel bar rectangular cross-section 150 x 60 mm is subjected to an axial tension of 250KN. Determine the changes that result in the cross-sectional dimensions. Given that  $E = 200\text{KN/mm}^2$ , and Poisson's ratio = 0.4

**Question 2 (20 marks)**

A beam is loaded as shown in figure 4.

- a) Calculate the support reactions.
- b) Draw the shear force and bending moment diagrams indicating the values at the critical points. (20 marks)

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**Question 3 (20 marks)**

- a) Figure 2 shows the cross-section of built up beam made of steel and a plate. Determine:
- i) The position of the centroid along x-x axis
  - ii) The second moment of area about xx axis (20 marks)

Figure 1

**Question 4 (20 marks)**

- a) State **FIVE** assumptions made in the analysis of pin jointed plane frames.
- b) Using the resolution of joints method. Determine the nature of magnitude of the force for the members of the frame shown in figure 3 (20 marks)

Figure 3

**Question 5 (20 marks)**

Draw SFD and BMD for the figure 4: and then determine the point of contraflexure: (20 marks)

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