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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING & CIVIL ENGINEERING

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

ECE 2202: ENGINEERING SURVEYING I

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION SERIES: AUGUST 2012 TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates:

You should have the following for this examination

- Answer Booklet
- Pocket Calculator

This paper consists of FIVE questions

Answer question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other TWO questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

This paper consists of TWO printed pages

Question One (COMPULSORY - 30 Marks)

- a) Briefly explain the following types of surveying.
 - i) Geodetic surveying
 - ii) Cadastral surveying
 - iii) Engineering surveying

(6 marks)

- **b)** A baseline known to be precisely 100m long was measured with a nominal 20m tape. The observed length of the base was found to be 99.925m.
 - i) What is the actual length of the tape?
 - ii) This tape was used in the measurement of an area calculated to be 3.162ha. Find the true area.

(10 marks)

- c) Outline any FIVE precautions to be taken when using chain surveying instruments. (10 marks)
- **d)** Define the following types of errors.

(4 marks)

- i) Gross errors
- ii) Cumulative errors.

Question Two (20 marks)

- a) Briefly explain the following terms as used in leveling:
 - i) Back sight
 - ii) Foresight
 - iii) Change point
 - iv) Height of instrument

(8 marks)

b) The following consecutive observations on staff were taken with the help of a level. If the reduced level of the first point is 200.50m and the level was shifted after third, sixth and eighth observation. Compute the R.Ls of all points. 1.500, 1.350, 1.150, 1.850, 2.415, 2.035, 1.950, 1.250, 1.450, 2.350

(12 marks)

Question Three (20 marks)

a) Briefly explain THREE categories of errors in leveling.

(9 marks)

b) Two pegs A and B were 100m apart across a river. The following readings were taken with a level instrument.

	Reading of Staff at	
Level at	A	В
A	1.743	3.047
В	1.622	2.822

The error in collimation was +0.003 per 100m. Find the true difference of level between A and B and the refraction. (11 marks)

Question Four (20 marks)

a) Outline FIVE characteristics of contours.

(10 marks)

b) Briefly explain the following indirect methods of locating contours.

(10 marks)

- i) By squares
- ii) By cross-sections

Question Five (20 marks)

- a) Define the following terms as used in linear measurement:
 - i) Slope correction
 - ii) Sag correction

(5 marks)

- **b)** The following data was obtained from a survey along a slope. Calculate the horizontal distance given the following:
 - Measured length
- 126.30

- Slope angle = $2^{\circ}34^{\circ}$
- Difference in height between the two points = 5.65m

(15 marks)