



# THE MOMBASA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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**DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING  
HIGHER DIPLOMA IN BUILDING & CIVIL ENGINEERING**

EBC 2315/AMA 3101: COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

SERIES: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

## **Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer booklet*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions in **TWO** sections **A & B**

Answer question **ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

## SECTION A (COMPULSORY)

### Question 1

a) Describe the following computer programming terms (6 marks)

- (i) Algorithm
- (ii) Pseudo code
- (iii) Flow charts

b) (i) Outline **THREE** types of programming errors and their effects. (6 marks)

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{x_N}^{x_0} e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

(ii) Write a program to evaluate  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{x_N}^{x_0} e^{-x^2/2} dx$ , the area under the curve using Simpson's rule  
( $A = h/3 \{ (1^{st} + last \text{ ordinates}) + 4(ODD \text{ Ordinates}) + 2(EVEN \text{ Ordinates}) \}$ )

(6 marks)

c) Write out the output of the following program (8 marks)

```
10      X = 2
20      M = 5
25      L = 2
30      A = X*X
40      X = X +2
50      A = A*M
60      PRINT A, X, L, M
65      M = M*L
70      IF X < 10 THEN 40
80      END
```

## SECTION B (Answer any TWO questions from this section)

### Question 2

a) Write a program in BASIC to evaluate the value of  $\sin x$  from the series

$$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

by summing the first six terms (10 marks)

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$$

b) The Newton-Raphson's approximation is given by  $x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)}$  where  $x_0$  is the estimate and  $x_1$  the improved estimate. Write a program to evaluate the square root of a number from the

$$f(x) = x^2 - c = 0$$

quadratic relationship using 10 iterations (10 marks)

### Question 3

- a) Write a computer program in BASIC using the “IF.....THEN” statement to output prime numbers less than 10. (14 marks)
- b) Differentiate the following terms:
- (i) Nested Loop and Statement
  - (ii) Compiler and Interpreter
  - (iii) Definite and Indefinite repetition (6 marks)

### Question 4

$$\frac{3}{4} + \frac{5}{4^2} + \frac{7}{4^3} + \dots$$

- a) Write a program in BASIC to evaluate the series using the first five terms (9 marks)
- b) Using the INT() function write a program to convert hours in decimal to Hours, Minutes and Seconds (5 marks)
- c) Write the output of the following program. (6 marks)

```
10      X = 2
20      FOR Y = 1 TO 5
25      X = X + 2
30      FOR J = 1 TO 3
40      Z = X * Y
50      PRINT X, Y, J, Z
60      NEXT J
70      NEXT Y
80      END
```

### Question 5

- a) Write a program to evaluate the factorial of any given number (12 marks)
- b) Explain the following programming terms:
- (i) Syntax
  - (ii) Loop
  - (iii) Self-replacement statement
  - (iv) Illegal function call (8 marks)