



TECHNICAL UNIVERISTRY OF MOMBASA

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DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

CERTIFICATE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CIT 14S)

**EIT 1131: FUNDAMENTALS OF INFORMATION SECURITY**

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

**SERIES: APRIL 2015**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions.

Attempt 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)

- a) Outline the process of authentication of user when accessing secured information system. (6 marks)
- b) Explain:  
    (i) Confidential data  
    (ii) Prohibited data  
    (iii) Restricted data  
    Give examples of each (6 marks)
- c) List any FIVE ways that can be used to identify a user of secured information system. (5 marks)
- d) Differentiate between log and audit trail (3 marks)

### Question Two

- a) State any FIVE ways in which information can be lost (5 marks)
- b) Define software virus (2 marks)
- c) Discuss how you would prevent spread of virus in a busy organization (8 marks)
- d) Assume you are responsible for computerized information system in an organization. Draw up guide line to keep password secured. (5 marks)

### Question Three

- a) Discuss the following concepts with reference to information security:  
    (i) Confidentiality of data  
    (ii) Integrity of data  
    (iii) Availability of data  
    (iv) Accountability (16 marks)
- b) Explain what is meant by encryption of data. Briefly explain how encryption works (4 marks)

### Question Four

- a) Describe any THREE software methods to protect privacy of information (4 marks)
- b) Explain any TWO types of encryption system (4 marks)
- c) Discuss the precautions one should take when using internet services to protect information and identify theft (6 marks)
- d) Explain the following as applied to information security (6 marks)  
    (i) Vulnerabilities  
    (ii) Threats  
    (iii) Risks

### Question Five

- a) Briefly discuss the process of risk analysis (10 marks)
- b) List the precautionary methods you can employ in an organization to prevent disasters taking place. (5 marks)

- c) Assume you are in charge of computer lab. List any FIVE rules you would enforce to protect you computer system. **(5 marks)**