



TECHNICAL UNIVERISTY OF MOMBASA

# Faculty of Engineering & Technology

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:  
BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(BSTT 13S – Y1 S2)

EIT 4111: ICT AND SOCIETY

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: APRIL 2014

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

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**Question One (Compulsory)**

- a) Explain the following concepts as used in ICT and Society. (12 marks)
- (i) Ergonomics
  - (ii) Social Networking Computing
  - (iii) Cloud Computing
  - (iv) Repetitive Strain Injuries
  - (v) Encryption
  - (vi) Security
- b) Differentiate between the following terms:
- (i) “Fault Tolerance” and “Fault Avoidance”
  - (ii) “Privacy” and “Anonymity”
  - (iii) “Information Communication Technology” and “Technological Convergence”
- (12 marks)
- c) State any FOUR benefits of ICTs to the society. (4 marks)
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- d) Identify any FOUR forms of speech found in cyberspace that some people consider offensive. **(2 marks)**

### **Question Two**

- a) Describe the THREE aspects of privacy. **(6 marks)**
- b) The average life of a computer is 3 – 4 years yet a computer’s life can be cut down to a fraction of that amount if the machine is not kept in perfect condition.
- (i) Outline any FIVE causes of computer failures. **(10 marks)**
  - (ii) Identify any FOUR causes of computer errors. **(4 marks)**

### **Question Three**

- a) The Internet has accelerated rates and scale of violations of individual privacy. Outline any FIVE factors or causes contributing to violations. **(10 marks)**
- b) Explain the following attributes of privacy:
- (i) Autonomy
  - (ii) Personal identity
  - (iii) Pseudo-identity **(6 marks)**
- c) State any FOUR physical authentication methods for the users. **(4 marks)**

### **Question Four**

- a) Computers have caused new social problems to the society. Explain the following problems, giving suitable examples where applicable:
- (i) Computer crime
  - (ii) Software theft
  - (iii) Spams
  - (iv) Hacking
  - (v) Information disclosure **(10 marks)**
- b) State any FOUR reasons for monitoring employees at the workplace. **(4 marks)**
- c) State any TWO surveillance technologies. **(2 marks)**

### **Question Five**

- a) Explain the term “telecommuting”. **(2 marks)**
- b) Outline any FOUR positive impacts of telecommuting to individuals. **(8 marks)**
- c) State any FOUR components of telecommuting technology. **(4 marks)**