



**THE MOMBASA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

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# **Faculty of Applied & Health Sciences**

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & PHYSICS

**PRECERTIFICATE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

AMA 1000: FUNDAMENTALS OF MATHS

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**SERIES: AUGUST 2012**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*

This paper consist 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 **FOUR** printed pages  
**SECTION A (COMPULSORY)**

**Question One (20 marks)**

- a) Define the following terms as used in Mathematics: (1 marks)  
 i) Naperian logs (1 mark)  
 ii) Series
- b) Transpose the Formular to make f the subject of the formula.

$$\frac{R}{r} = \sqrt{\frac{f+p}{f-p}}$$

**(4 marks)**

- c) In quadratic equations, show that  $5x^2 + 12x + 3 = 0$  where  $X = \frac{-b}{2a} \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{2a}}$  , and hence solve the equation  $a \neq 0$  (5 marks)

- d) Solve for the unknowns in the following set of equations (6 marks)  
 $3x + 2y - z = 19$   
 $4x - y + 2z = 4$   
 $2x + 4y - 5z = 32$

- e) Show that  $\log_2^x + \log_3^x + \log_4 x = 7.079 \log_{10} x$  (3 marks)

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

**Question Two (20 marks)**

- a) Solve the following simultaneous equations (4 marks)  
 $7x - 4y = 23$   
 $4x - 3y = 11$
- b) Simplify the following, giving your answer without fractional indices. (6 marks)

$$F = \sqrt[3]{a^6 b^3} \div \sqrt{\frac{1}{9} a^4 b^6} \times (4\sqrt{a^6 b})^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

**(6 marks)**

- $\log_7 83.64$
- c) (i) Find (4 marks)
- $$V = \frac{\pi h}{6}(3R^2 + h^2)$$
- (ii) If  $h = 2.85, R = 6.24$ , determine the value of V when (2 marks)
- d) Obtain the first four terms of  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}x\right)^6$  and use it to estimate the value of  $(1.005)^6$ . (4 marks)

### Question Three (20 marks)

- a) Solve the equation below (5 marks)
- $$5.4^{x+3} \times 8.2^{2x-1} = 4.8^{3x}$$
- b) Determine whether or not the following set of equations can each be expressed as a product of linear factors.
- i)  $4x^2 + 3x - 4$  (1 mark)
- ii)  $6x^2 + 7x + 2$  (1 mark)
- iii)  $3x^2 + x - 4$  (1 mark)
- iv)  $7x^2 - 3x - 5$  (1 mark)
- c) Solve the following pair of equations
- $$2(x + 2y) + 3(3x - y) = 38$$
- $$4(3x + 2y) - 3(x + 5y) = -8$$
- d) The hypotenuse of a right angled triangle is 13cm. Find the length of other two sides if their difference is 7cm. (5 marks)
- e) The sum of twice a number and its square is 48. Find the numbers. (2 marks)

### Question Four (20 marks)

- $$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$
- a) Show that the sum of n terms of a geometric series is given by (7 marks)
- $$2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \dots$$
- b) given the series  $2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \dots$ , find
- i) The common ratio r
- ii) The sum of the first 5 terms (4 marks)

- c) Insert 3 geometric means, A, B, C between 56 and 896. (3 marks)
- d) The fourth term of an Arithmetic progression is 22 and the 7<sup>th</sup> term is 40. Determine the first term, the common difference and hence the sum of the first 12 terms. (5 marks)

**Question Five (20 marks)**

- a) Define the following terms:
- i) Null matrix (1 mark)
- ii) Order of a matrix (1 mark)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 8 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- b) Given the following matrices
- Find (i) AB (3 marks)
- (ii) A+3B (3 marks)
- (iii) B<sup>2</sup> (3 marks)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \\ 7 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

- c) Given the matrices state the order of each of the matrices and hence  
state whether these matrices are compatible under multiplication. (6 marks)

- d) Rationalize the following:

$$\frac{1}{3 + \sqrt{2}}$$

(2 marks)

- e) Express the following as roots of a single compound number.

$$4\sqrt{3}$$

- i) (1 mark)

$$5\sqrt{7}$$

- ii) (1 mark)