



# THE MOMBASA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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**DIPLOMA IN ARCHITECTURE**

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AMA 2106: GEOMETRY

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

SERIES: APRIL 2012

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

## **Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*
- *Mathematical tables*
- *Scientific calculator*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions

Answer any **THREE** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are clearly shown

This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

**Question 1 (20 marks)**

$$2 \sin\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right) = \sin A + \sin B$$

- a) Prove (6 marks)  
b) Solve the equation; (8 marks)

$$\cos 2\theta - \cos \theta = 0$$

(8 marks)

- c) A tower 10m high is constructed on a hill. The angle of depression to a beacon in the field is found to be  $24^\circ$ . The angle of depression from the foot of the tower to the same beacon is  $10^\circ$ . Determine;  
(i) The height of the hill  
(ii) The distance between the beacon and the hill (6 marks)

**Question 2 (20 marks)**

- a) Three forces acting at a point are 30N at  $30^\circ$ , 100N at  $150^\circ$  and 150N at  $300^\circ$  from the horizontal axis in anticlockwise direction. Determine:  
(i) The resultant force  
(ii) The direction in which the resultant force acts. (10 marks)

- b) Three forces act at a point. They are given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{p} &= 4\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - 2\vec{k} & \vec{q} &= 2\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 3\vec{k} \\ \vec{r} &= 2\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left| \begin{matrix} \vec{p} - \vec{q} - \vec{r} \end{matrix} \right|$$

Find (i)

$$\vec{p} \text{ and } \vec{q}$$

- (ii) The angle between

(10 marks)

**Question 3 (20 marks)**

$$\vec{a} = 2\vec{i} - 4\vec{j} + \vec{k} \quad \vec{a} - 3\vec{i} + 2\vec{k}$$

- a)

$$\left| \vec{a} - \vec{b} \right|$$

Determine (i)

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b}$$

(ii)

(9 marks)

b) A piece of wood is sliced off a circular pole 5m long along its entire length. The maximum thickness of the piece is 0.07m. Find the volume of the offcut (5 marks)

c) An object is displaced from point A of coordinates (2,4,3) to point Q of co-ordinates (5,2,-1). The

$$F = 3\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}$$

force causing the displacement is given as

. Find work done by the force

(6 marks)

#### Question 4 (20 marks)

a) Express  $2 \cos \theta - 4 \sin \theta$  in the form  $R \cos(\theta + \alpha)$  and hence solve the equation;

$$3 \sin \theta + 4 \cos \theta = 5 \sin \theta + 1 \quad 0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$$

for

(10 marks)

b) A power pylon 30m high stands on a sloping ground. The angle of the ground is  $15^\circ$ . The angle of elevation to the top of the pylon point A is  $25^\circ$  and point A. (10 marks)

#### Question 5 (20 marks)

$$\cos^2 \left( \frac{90 - Q}{2} \right) = \frac{1 + \sin \theta}{1 - \sin \theta}$$

a) Show that

(8 marks)

b) A surveyor is at station P  $N30^\circ W$  from the foot of an electric pole. The angle of elevation to the top of the pole is  $18^\circ$ . The surveyor moves to station Q  $N40^\circ E$  from the foot of the pole and find the angle of elevation to the top of the pole to be  $22^\circ$ . If the distance between the foot of the pole and station P is 100m find;

(i) The height of the pole

(ii) Distance between the pole and station Q

(iii) Distance between station P and station Q

(12 marks)