



# THE MOMBASA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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**DIPLOMA IN BUILDING & CIVIL ENGINEERING  
DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING  
DIPLOMA IN ARCHITECTURE**

AMA 2108: CALCULUS I

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

SERIES: OCTOBER 2011

TIME: 2 HOURS

## **Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer booklet*
- *Pocket/Scientific Calculator*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. 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) Working from first principles, find the derivative of  $y = \frac{1}{x-8}$  at  $x=2$  and  $x=4$  (6 marks)

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$

- b) Find given

$$y = x^2 \sin x + 2x \cos x - 2 \sin x$$

(i)

$$y = 1_n(x+3)^2$$

(ii)

$$y = \frac{1}{4} \sinh 2x - \frac{1}{2} x$$

(iii)

(12 marks)

- c) A cylindrical container has a volume of  $64\text{cm}^3$ . Find the dimensions so that the amount (surface area) of the container is a minimum where:  
The container is an open cup (9 marks)

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$

- d) Find given  $x = \theta$ ,  $y = 1 - \cos \theta$ . (3 marks)

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

### Question 2

$$c = \sqrt{t}, y = t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$$

- a) A curve is expressed parametrically as  $c = \sqrt{t}, y = t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$ . Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point where  $t = 4$ . (10 marks)

$$y^2 = 11x$$

- b) Find the curvature of a parabola  $y^2 = 11x$  at the point (3, 6).

### Question 3

$$y = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x$$

- Determine the turning points for the curve  $y = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x$ . Hence sketch the graph of the curve. (20 marks)

### Question 4

$$s = \frac{1}{8}t^3 + \frac{1}{2t^2}$$

- a) A car starts from rest and moves a distance, S meters in t seconds where

Find:

- (i) The initial acceleration
- (ii) The acceleration after two seconds. (6 marks)

$$\frac{dy^2}{dx^2}$$

b) Find for the following

$$y = e^x \sin 3x$$

- (i) (14 marks)

$$y = \arcsin(1+x)$$

- (ii)

### Question 5

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$

- a) Find given  $y = \tan^{-1} e^x$  (5 marks)

$$y = x^3 - 4x^2 + 10$$

- b) Find the equation for the normal to at (2, 2) (7 marks)

- c) Water is running out of a conical funnel at a rate of  $1\text{cm}^3/\text{sec}$ . The radius of the top of the funnel is 4cm and height of the funnel is 10cm. Determine the rate at which the radius of the water surface is decreasing when it is 3cm from the top of funnel. (8 marks)