



# THE MOMBASA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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**APS 2102: PHYSICS II**

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION  
**SERIES:** AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011  
**TIME:** 2HOURS

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- Answer booklet

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions

Answer Question **ONE** (Compulsory) and attempt any other **TWO** questions

This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

### Question One (30 marks)

- a) State Kirchoff's law. (2 marks)
- b) (i) State the law of electrostatics (2 marks)  
(ii) State the factors that determine electrostatic force (3 marks)
- c) Distinguish between resistance and resistivity of an electrical conductor giving units of each. (4 marks)
- d) Distinguish between ohmic and non-ohmic conductors giving examples in each case. (4 marks)
- e) A steel wire has a cross-sectional area  $25\text{cm}^2$  and the resistivity of steel is  $1.0 \times 10^{-7} \Omega \cdot \text{m}$ . Calculate the resistance of the wire per metre neglecting the effect of joints. (4 marks)
- f) Calculate the internal resistance  $r$  of a cell and electromotive force (E) that passes a current of 1.2A through a 1.0ohm resistor and a current of 0.4A through a 4ohm resistor. (5 marks)
- g) (i) Define capacitance and give its SI units (2 marks)  
(ii) Calculate the combined capacitance of two capacitors in parallel, each of capacitance  $4 \mu\text{F}$  in series with a single  $0.5 \mu\text{F}$  capacitor. (4 marks)

### Question Two (20 marks)

- a) Describe with aid of diagrams how an electroscope can be charged positively by induction. (6 marks)
- b) Explain what happens when an uncharged body is brought close to the cap of a charged electroscope (4 marks)
- c) (i) Explain why convergence of the leaf on the gold leaf electroscope is not a conclusive test for the nature of charge on a body (3 marks)  
(ii) State the uses of an electroscope (2 marks)
- d) A moving coil meter of resistance  $5 \Omega$  measures a maximum current of 50Ma. How can it be adopted to measure a maximum current of 5A? (5 marks)

### Question Three (20 marks)

- a) State Ohm's law. (1 mark)
- b) Derive an expression for the resistance of two resistors connected in series  
(5marks)
- c) Define electromotive force and give its units of measurement (2 marks)
- d) A meter has a resistance of  $20\ \Omega$  and gives full-scale deflection when a current of 50mA passes through it. Calculate the value of the resistance, stating in each case how it is connected so that the meter may measure:
- (i) Current up to 2A (5 marks)
- (ii) Potential difference up to 100V (4 marks)

**Question Four (20 marks)**

- a) Calculate the change in potential difference between the plates of  $470\ \mu\text{F}$  Capacitor when it loses  $9.4 \times 10^{-6}$  coulombs of charge. (5 marks)
- b) Two capacitors of  $0.2\ \mu\text{F}$  are connected in series to a supply of 100V. Calculate the potential difference across each capacitor (5 marks)
- c) (i) State Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction (2 marks)  
(ii) State Lenz's law of electromagnetic induction
- d) Discuss electromagnetic induction (3 marks)
- e) What does the strength of induced emf depend upon? (3 marks)

**Question Five (20 marks)**

- a) (i) distinguish between a conductor and a semi-conductor (2 marks)  
(ii) Give TWO examples of semi-conductor materials (2 marks)
- b) Distinguish between intrinsic semiconductors and extrinsic semiconductors. (4 marks)
- c) (i) Explain 'doping' as used in electronics (3 marks)  
(ii) Give the full name of LED and its symbol (2 marks)
- d) Describe with aid of a circuit diagram how you would determine the resistance of a conductor using the Wheatstone Bridge. (7 marks)