



TECHNICAL UNIVERISTY OF MOMBASA

# Faculty of Engineering & Technology

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

SMA 2174: COMPUTER PROGRAMMING

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 function of “int main ( )” “in a C++ program. (2 marks)
- b) Explain comments as used in C++ (3 marks)
- c) Explain the following C++ Jump statements: (6 marks)
- (i) break
  - (ii) goto
  - (iii) continue
- d) (i) Define a multi-dimensional array.  
(ii) Write a statement to declare a bidimensional array (3 marks)
- e) Using an example, differentiate between arguments passed by value and arguments passed by reference. (4 marks)

- f) Difference between a compiler and a linker. (4 marks)
- g) Using an example, explain the IF-else IF conditional statement in C++ (5 marks)
- h) Using a valid example, declare a structure with 3 objects or elements in C++. (4 marks)

### Question Two

- a) (i) Define a function  
(ii) Explain the format of a C++ Function. (5 marks)
- b) Explain THREE features of C++ Programming language that makes it powerful. (5 marks)
- c) Explain the while loop; write a program to count down using a while loop. (10 marks)

### Question Three

- a) Explain, with the use of examples, the TWO common input and output statements in C++. (5 marks)
- b) Explain pointers as used in C++ (5 marks)
- c) Write a C++ program to output the following multiplication table of a number when it is keyed in from the keyboard: (10 marks)

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5 x 1    = 5
5 x 2    = 10
5 x 3    = 15
5 x 10   = 50

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### Question Four

- a) Draw a flow chart diagram to show the steps to solving a simple grading application with the following option above 70 is grade A  
  
Above 70 is grade A  
60 – 79 is grade B  
50 – 59 is grade C  
40 – 49 is grade D (10 marks)
- b) A sales person for a mobile handset selling company earns a basic salary of 20,000 a commission of 2% for all total sales for the month and a bonus of 300 for every handset sold during the month. Write a C++ program to calculate the gross salary for a worker at the end of the month. When the number of handsets sold is keyed in. (10 marks)

### Question Five

- a) Define the following:  
(i) Structures  
(ii) Array  
(iii) Function (6 marks)
- b) Explain the necessity of an engineering student to learn computer programming. (4 marks)

c) Write a C++ program to calculate the average of a set of N-numbers.

**(10 marks)**