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CONSTRUCTION TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE (CT I)

CERTIFICATE IN BUILDING & CIVIL ENGINEERING (CBC)

EBC 1116: CHAIN SURVEYING I

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

SERIES: FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012

TIME: 3 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates:

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*
- *Scientific calculator*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions

Answer any **THREE** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are clearly shown

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Question 1

- a) State any **FIVE** points to be considered in the selection of stations in chain surveying (5 marks)
- b) Define the **THREE** types of errors in chain surveying (7 ½ marks)
- c) A line AB was measured with a tape believed to be 100.00m and found to be 1300.025m long. However, on re-examination the tape was found to measure 100.002m long. Given the following:
- The day temperature was 34°C
 - The standard temperature = 20°C
 - Difference in height between the points = 2.855m
 - The coefficient of linear expansion of the tape as 0.00001m per °C.

Calculate the correct length of line (8 ½ marks)

Question 2

- a) Define the following categories of surveying:
- (i) Engineering
 - (ii) Cadastral (3 marks)
- b) With the aid of sketches, describe the following chain surveying instruments:
- (i) The steel band
 - (ii) Abney level (12 marks)
- c) Describe the step chaining procedure in chain surveying (5 marks)

Question 3

- a) List the **THREE** categories of obstacles in chain surveying (1 ½ marks)
- b) With the aid of a sketch describe the following chain surveying procedures:
- (i) Measuring a line across a wide river without setting out right angles (7 ½ marks)
 - (ii) Measuring a line across a pond ground by setting out right angles (4 marks)
 - (iii) Measuring a line over a small hill by the repeated alignment technique (7 marks)

Question 4

- a) Differentiate between Geodetic and plane surveying (3 marks)
- b) Define the following terms as used in chain surveying:
- (i) Check line
 - (ii) Chainage
 - (iii) Oblique offset
 - (iv) Survey line (5 marks)

- c) Sketch and label any **FIVE** conventional symbols for representing features in chain surveying
- d) With the aid of sketches, explain the following procedures:
- (i) Setting out a right angle by the 3:4:4 method
 - (ii) Measuring a right angle with an optical square (8 marks)

Question 5

With the aid of sketches, explain the following chain surveying procedures

- a) Measuring a line across a wide river by setting out right angles (7 marks)
- b) Measuring an angle of slope with an abney level (5 marks)
- c) Measuring a line across a tall building (8 marks)