



THE MOMBASA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING & CIVIL ENGINEERING

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN BUILDING & CIVIL ENGINEERING

EBC 3201: PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: AUGUST 2012

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates:

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Answer **THREE** questions
Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown
This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

Question One (20 marks)

- a) State **FIVE** basic requirements of drinking water. **(5 marks)**
- b) Explain why it is necessary to build water project in “phases” **(6 marks)**
- c) With the aid of sketches, show **TWO** methods of diverting the first rain water running from a roof. **(9 marks)**

Question Two (20 marks)

- a) Outline **FOUR** factors considered in selecting sources of water for a water supply project. **(8 marks)**
- b) Compare the following sources of water with reference to quality:
 - i) Rainwater from roof catchment
 - ii) Streams and rivers
 - iii) Water from boreholes. **(9 marks)**
- c) State **THREE** factors that influence the consumption of water. **(3 marks)**

Question Three (20 marks)

- a) Define the following terms as used in water treatment.
 - i) Flash mixing
 - ii) Flocculation
 - iii) Coagulation
 - iv) Clarification **(8 marks)**
- b) With the aid of a well labeled diagram, illustrate an upward flow settling tank (hopper type) that may be used after coagulation. **(8 marks)**
- c) Outline **TWO** functions of a service reservoir in a water distribution system. **(4 marks)**

Question Four (20 marks)

- a) State **FOUR** objectives of aeration in water treatment **(4 marks)**
- b) Outline **FOUR** reasons for storing raw water before treatment. **(8 marks)**
- c) Sketch and label the following types of aerators:
 - i) Multiple tray aerators
 - ii) Multiple-platform aerator. **(8 marks)**

Question Five (20 marks)

- a) Briefly describe any **FOUR** processes that occur during filtration of water. **(8 marks)**
- b) Sketch a service reservoir (tank) showing the following features:
 - i) Vent pipe

- ii) Inlet pipe
- iii) Outlet pipe
- iv) Overflow pipe
- v) Washout

(8 marks)

c) State **FOUR** factors that influence disinfection of water.

(4 marks)