



# THE MOMBASA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL POWER ENGINEERING

**EEP 3304 : POWER SYSTEMS III**

SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**SERIES:** AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011

**TIME:** 2 HOURS

## **Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer booklet*
- *Non-programmable calculator*

Answer Question **ONE** (COMPULSORY) in **section I** and any other **TWO** questions from **Section II**

This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

## **SECTION I – 30 marks**

### **Question 1**

- a) (i) State conditions necessary for operating generators in parallel (4 marks)  
(ii) Explain the effect on generator output KW on varying  
(i) Prime mover speed  
(ii) Power factor  
(iii) Excitation (6 marks)
- b) Two 3phase 6.6kv star connected alternators supply a load of 3.0 MW at 0.8lag in a 1:2 ratio. The synchronous impedance per phase of machine X =  $(0.8 + j30)$  ohms and that of Y =  $(0.6 + j 14)$  ohms. The excitation of machine X is adjusted so that it delivers 200A at a lagging p.g.

Determine for each machine

- (i) Current  
(ii) P.f (12 marks)
- c) Briefly explain the following compensation methods of long overhead lines  
(i) Series  
(ii) Shunt  
(iii) Synchro  
(iv) Transformer tap (8 marks)

## **SECTION II (Answer any TWO questions – 40 marks)**

### **Question 2**

- a) List any **THREE** factors that affect sag (3 marks)
- b) A conductor hangs in the form of a catenary  $Y = C \cosh x/c$  where  $c = 1525m$ . The span is 305m and conductor weighs 1.49kg/m. Calculate:  
(i) Length of conductor  
(ii) Sag  
(iii) Maximum and minimum values of tension using the catenary method (17 marks)

### **Question 3**

- a) Draw the equivalent circuit and the phasor diagrams for a nominal 'T' method of line representation (5 marks)
- b) A three phase 50HZ overheadline is 100km long. The phase values of resistance inductance and capacitance per km are 0.15ohm; 1.2mH;  $0.008 \mu F$ . The line supplies a load of 70MW; 0.8 lag at 132KV. Using the nominal  $\pi$  method, calculate:  
(i) Line efficiency  
(ii) Total line loss (15 marks)

Question 4

Question 5