



## GARISSA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR ONE  
SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAM**

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES  
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**COURSE CODE: MAT 111**

**COURSE TITLE: GEOMETRY AND ELEMENTARY APPLIED MATHEMATICS**

**EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS**

**DATE: 26/09/17**

**TIME: 09 .00-12.00 PM**

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### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has SIX (6) questions
- Question ONE (1) is COMPULSORY
- Choose any other THREE (3) questions from the remaining FIVE (5) questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

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### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Define the following terms as used in Geometry:
- a circle
  - eccentricity,  $e$  of an ellipse
  - the conjugate axis of a hyperbola
  - the dot product of two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$
  - the vector projection  $\mathbf{u}$  onto  $\mathbf{v}$ . (5marks)
- (b) A car moving with constant acceleration covers the distance between two points 200m in 10seconds. Its speed as it passes the second point is 80km/h. find its speed at the first point and the acceleration of the car. (3marks)
- (c) With the help of a sketch diagram, compute the distance from a point  $S(1,1,3)$  to the plane given by the equation  $x - 2y + 6z = 6$ . (6marks)
- (d) Find the angle between the planes  $6x + 6y - 3z = 5$  and  $x - 2y + 2z - 4 = 0$ . (4marks)
- (e) Describe the motion of a particle whose position  $P(x, y)$  at a time  $t$  is given by  
 $x = acost, y = bsint, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$  (4marks)
- (f) Express in polar co-ordinates the position  $(-5,2)$  (3marks)

### QUESTION TWO

- (a) Prove that the standard form of an equation of an ellipse, with centre  $(h, k)$  and major and minor axes of lengths  $2a$  and  $2b$  respectively, where  $a > b$  is given by  
$$\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1.$$
 (10marks)
- (b) Analyze the graph of the equation  $4x^2 - 3y^2 + 8x + 16 = 0$ . (5marks)

### QUESTION THREE

- (a) Prove that the angle between two vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  is given by

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{(u_1v_1 + u_2v_2 + u_3v_3)}{|\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}|}$$
 (5marks)

- (b) Find the area of the triangle  $PQR$  with vertices  $P(1,2,0)$ ,  $Q(3,0,-3)$  and  $R(5,2,6)$  (5marks)
- (c) (i) When are three non-zero vectors said to be coplanar? Verify that the vectors  
 $\mathbf{a} = (2,3,-1)$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (1,-1,3)$  and  $\mathbf{c} = (1,9,-11)$  are coplanar. (3marks)
- (ii) Find the volume of the parallelepiped determined by  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = -2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{k}$  and  
 $\mathbf{w} = 7\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$ . (2marks)



#### QUESTION FOUR

(a) A force  $\mathbf{F} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$  is applied to a spacecraft with velocity  $\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$ . Express  $\mathbf{F}$  as a sum of a vector parallel to  $\mathbf{v}$  and a vector orthogonal to  $\mathbf{v}$ . **(4marks)**

(b) Find the symmetric equations for the line in which the planes  $3x - 6y - 2z = 15$  and  $2x + y - 2z = 5$  intersect **(5marks).**

(c) i. Given a line  $L$  in space and a point  $P$  not on  $L$ , let  $\mathbf{m}$  be any parallel vector to  $L$  and let  $Q$  be any point on  $L$ , prove that the shortest distance between  $P$  and  $L$  is given by

$$d = \frac{|\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{QP}|}{|\mathbf{m}|} \quad \text{(2marks)}$$

ii. Using results in c (i) above, find the distance between the point  $P(4, 2, -2)$  and the line  $L$  with parametric equations  $x = 3 - 2t, y = 6t, z = -1 + 9t$ . **(4marks)**

#### QUESTION FIVE

(a) Show that the area of a plane figure bounded by the polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  and the radius vectors at  $\theta = \theta_1$  and  $\theta = \theta_2$  is given by  $A = \int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{1}{2} r^2 d\theta$ . **[4 marks]**

(b) Find the total area enclosed by the curve  $r = 2\cos 3\theta$ . **[4 marks]**

(c) Find the surface area generated when the arc of the curve  $r = 5(1 + \cos\theta)$  between  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = 2\pi$ , rotates completely about the initial line. **[7 marks]**

#### QUESTION SIX

(a) Find a complete graph of  $r = \frac{6}{4 - 3\cos\theta}$ . Specify a directrix and a range for  $\theta$  that produces a complete graph. Find the standard form for the equation of the conic. **[7 marks]**

(b) A block of mass  $m_1$  lying on an inclined plane is pulled up by a mass  $m_2$ , the two masses being connected by a light inextensible cord passing over a smooth pulley. Given that the coefficient of static friction between  $m_1$  and the plane is 0.15, and that  $m_1 = m_2 = 2.0\text{kg}$ , determine the acceleration of the masses for a plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. **[8 marks]**



