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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

*This paper consists of **two** Sections; **A** and **B**.*

*Section **A** is **compulsory**.*

*Answer only **five** questions from Section **B**.*

*Any additional question(s) answered will **not** be marked.*

*All necessary working **must** be shown clearly.*

*Begin each answer on a fresh page.*

*Graph paper is provided.*

*Silent, non-programmable scientific calculators and mathematical tables with a list of formulae may be used.*

*In numerical work, take acceleration due to gravity  $g$ , to be  $9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .*



## SECTION A (40 MARKS)

*Answer all the questions in this section.*

1. Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are such that  $P(A) = 0.4$ ,  $P(B) = 0.7$  and  $P(A \cap B) = 0.35$ . Find  $P(A'/B')$ . (05 marks)

2. The resultant of two forces  $P$  and  $Q$  is a force of 15 N acting at an angle of  $50^\circ$  to force  $Q$ . Given that the magnitude of force  $Q$  is 12 N, determine the magnitude and direction of the force  $P$ . (05 marks)

3. The table below shows the velocity  $V$  at any instant  $t$  seconds of a particle moving in a straight line.

$t$ (s)	0	1	2	3	4
$V$ (ms <sup>-1</sup> )	0	2	7	8	10

Calculate;

- (a) the velocity of the particle after 1.5 seconds. (03 marks)  
 (b) the time when the velocity is 13 ms<sup>-1</sup>. (02 marks)
4. The table below shows the unit prices (Shs) and quantities of food items in the years 2005 and 2010.

FOOD ITEM	QUANTITY	PRICE (SHS)	
		2005	2010
Sugar	25 kg	2500	3500
Meat	10 kg	5000	7000
Beans	50 kg	1500	2000
Fish	5 pieces	5000	8000
Maize flour	50 kg	800	1200

- (a) Calculate the weighted price index of 2010 using 2005 as the base year. (04 marks)  
 (b) Comment on your result. (01 mark)
5. A force  $F$  (N) is acting on a particle of mass 4 kg whose position vector at any time  $t$  is  $\mathbf{r} = (t^3 \mathbf{i} + \sin t \mathbf{j})$  m. Find  $F$  when  $t = \frac{\pi}{3}$  (s). (05 marks)



6. A metallic container is in form of a cuboid. Its dimensions are 2.7 m, 4.80 m and 3.281 m correct to the given number of decimal places. Determine the possible minimum and maximum volumes of the container correct to **three** decimal places. (05 marks)
7. A discrete random variable  $X$ , has a probability function given by

$$P(X=x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{10}x; & 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Given that  $E(X) = 3$ , find the value of  $n$ . (05 marks)

8. A boy can swim in still water at a speed of  $2.5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . The boy wishes to cross a straight river which is 50 m wide and flowing at a speed of  $3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . He sets off at an angle of  $60^\circ$  to the bank of the river. Determine;
- (a) the time it takes him to cross the river. (03 marks)
- (b) the boy's resultant velocity. (02 marks)

### SECTION B (60 MARKS)

Answer any **five** questions from this section.  
All questions carry equal marks.

9. The table below shows the distribution of time (minutes) spent by students revising for a test.

Time, $T$ (minutes)	Frequency
$0 \leq T < 10$	20
$10 \leq T < 15$	18
$15 \leq T < 30$	60
$30 \leq T < 45$	45
$45 \leq T < 55$	50
$55 \leq T < 60$	30
$60 \leq T < 80$	60
$80 \leq T < 90$	10

- (a) Calculate the mean revision time. (05 marks)
- (b) (i) Draw a histogram for the data.  
(ii) Use your histogram to estimate the modal revision time. (07 marks)



10. (a) A ball was thrown with a velocity of  $15 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  vertically upwards from the ground. A girl on a balcony of a building 9 metres high, leaned and caught the ball on its way down.

- (i) Calculate the time taken before the ball is caught by the girl. (04 marks)
- (ii) Find the speed with which the ball was travelling when it was caught. (03 marks)

- (b) A particle travels with an initial velocity of  $(11\mathbf{i} - 8\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$  from a point with a position vector of  $(-2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}) \text{ m}$ . The particle moves with an acceleration of  $\frac{1}{5}(2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}) \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

Determine;

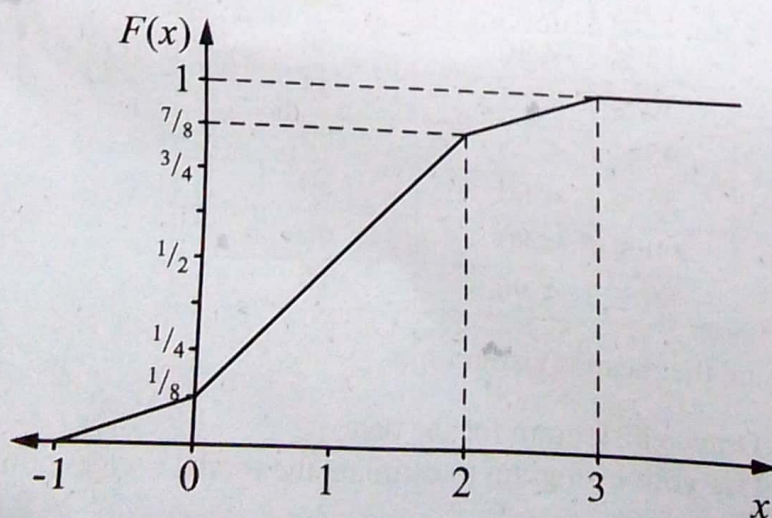
- (i) the position vector of the particle after 5 seconds. (03 marks)
- (ii) the distance covered in the 5 seconds. (02 marks)

11. (a) Using the trapezium rule with **six** ordinates, estimate  $\int_0^1 xe^{(x^2+1)} dx$  giving your answer correct to **three** decimal places. (07 marks)

- (b) Given that  $\int_0^1 xe^{(x^2+1)} dx = 2.335$ , find the percentage error for the estimate in (a). (03 marks)

- (c) Suggest how the accuracy in (a) can be improved. (02 marks)

12. The cumulative distribution function  $F(x)$  of a continuous random variable  $X$  is represented graphically as shown below.





Find:

- (a) (i)  $F(x)$ . (05 marks)  
(ii)  $P(1 < X < 2.5)$ . (02 marks)
- (b) (i) the probability density function (pdf)  $f(x)$ . (02 marks)  
(ii)  $E(X)$ . (03 marks)

13. A light inelastic string of length 80 cm is fixed at one end  $R$  and carries a particle of mass 0.1 kg at the other end  $S$ . The particle moves in a horizontal circle with angular speed  $5 \text{ rad s}^{-1}$ . Determine;

- (a) the tension in the string. (08 marks)  
(b) the radius of the horizontal circle. (04 marks)

14. (a) Use the graphical method to estimate the root of the equation  $2x^3 - 4x + 3 = 0$  in the interval  $-2 \leq x \leq -1$ . (06 marks)

- (b) Using the Newton Raphson method, find the root of the equation  $2x^3 - 4x + 3 = 0$  taking the approximate root obtained in (a) as the initial value of  $x_0$ . Give your answer correct to **three** decimal places. (06 marks)

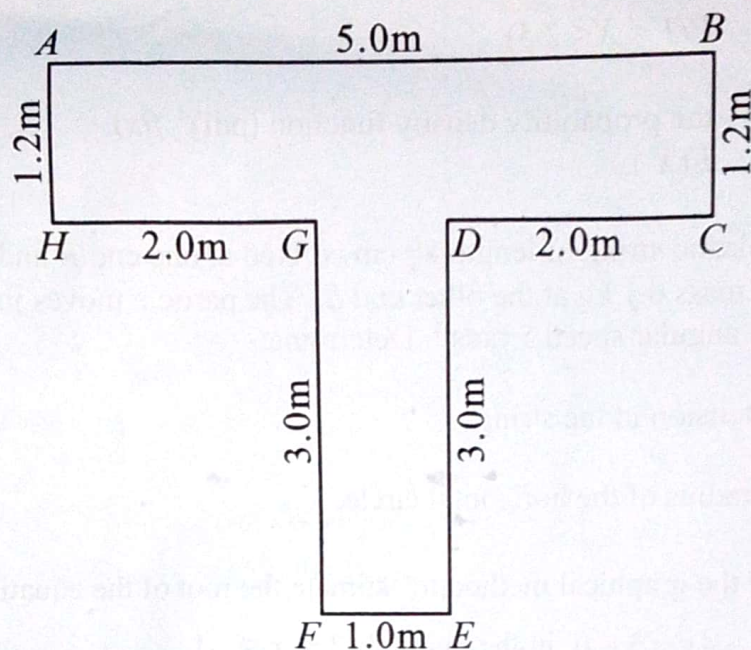
15. An examination consists of 120 multiple choice questions. Each question has four options for which there is only one correct option.

- (a) If a candidate who sat for the examination is chosen at random, find the probability that the candidate obtained;  
(i) between 20 and 40 (inclusive) correct options.  
(ii) exactly 41 correct options. (07 marks)

- (b) Determine the pass mark for 80 % of the candidates to pass the examination. (05 marks)



16. The diagram below shows a uniform lamina  $ABCDEFGH$ .



- (a) Determine the distances of the centre of gravity of the lamina from the sides  $AB$  and  $AH$ . (09 marks)
- (b) If the lamina is suspended from the vertex  $A$  and rests in equilibrium, calculate the angle which the side  $AB$  makes with the vertical. (03 marks)