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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

*Answer **all** the **eight** questions in section **A** and any **five** 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 sheet of paper.*

*Squared 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** questions in this section.

1. The table below shows the masses of bolts bought by a carpenter .

Mass (grams)	98	99	100	101	102	103	104
Number of bolts	8	11	14	20	17	6	4

Calculate the;

- (a) median mass,  
(b) mean mass of the bolts. (05 marks)

2. A uniform rod  $AB$  of length 3 m and mass 8 kg is freely hinged to a vertical wall at  $A$ . A string  $BC$  of length 4 m attached to  $B$  and to a point  $C$  on the wall, keeps the rod in equilibrium. If  $C$  is 5 m vertically above  $A$ , find the;

- (a) tension in the string. (03 marks)  
(b) magnitude of the normal reaction at  $A$ . (02 marks)

3. Use the trapezium rule with seven ordinates to estimate

$$\int_0^3 [(1.2)^x - 1]^{\frac{1}{2}} dx \quad \text{correct to 2 decimal places.} \quad (05 \text{ marks})$$

4. A discrete random variable  $X$  has the following probability distribution:

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$P(X=x)$	0.11	0.17	0.2	0.13	$p$	0.09

Find the;

- (a) value of  $p$ . (02 marks)  
(b) expected value of  $X$ . (03 marks)

5. A stone is thrown vertically upwards with velocity  $16 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  from a point  $H$  metres above the ground level. The stone hits the ground 4 seconds later.

Calculate the;

- (a) value of  $H$ . (03 marks)  
(b) velocity of the stone as it hits the ground. (02 marks)

6. The table below shows the commuter bus fares from stage  $A$  to stages  $B, C, D$  and  $E$ .

Stage	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$
Distance (km)	0	12	16	19	23
Fare (Shs)	0	1300	1700	2200	2500

- (a) Jane boarded from  $A$  and stopped at a place 2 km after  $E$ . How much did she pay? (03 marks)
- (b) Okello paid Shs 2000. How far from  $A$  did the bus leave him? (02 marks)
7. The amount of meat sold by a butcher is normally distributed with mean 43 kg and standard deviation 4 kg. Determine the probability that the amount of meat sold is between 40 kg and 50 kg. (05 marks)
8. A particle is moving with Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM). When the particle is 15 m from the equilibrium, its speed is  $6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . When the particle is 13 m from the equilibrium, its speed is  $9 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Find the amplitude of the motion. (05 marks)

### SECTION B: (60 MARKS)

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

9. Car  $A$  is 80 m North West of point  $O$ . Car  $B$  is 50 m N  $30^\circ\text{E}$  of  $O$ . Car  $A$  is moving at  $20 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  on a straight road towards  $O$ . Car  $B$  is also moving at  $10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  on another straight road towards  $O$ . Determine the;
- (a) initial distance between the two cars. (03 marks)
- (b) velocity of  $A$  relative to  $B$ . (05 marks)
- (c) shortest distance between the two cars as they approach  $O$ . (04 marks)

- ✓10. The table below shows the marks obtained in a Mathematics test by a group of students.

Marks	5 – <15	15 – <25	25 – <35	35 – <45	45 – <55	55 – <65	65 – <75	75 – <85
Number of students	5	7	19	17	7	4	2	3

- (a) Construct a cumulative frequency curve (Ogive) for the data. (05 marks)



- (b) Use your Ogive to find the;  
 (i) range between the 10<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> percentiles.  
 (ii) probability that a student selected at random scored below 50 marks. (07 marks)

✓ 11. (a) Show that the equation  $x - 3 \sin x = 0$  has a root between 2 and 3. (03 marks)

(b) Show that the Newton-Raphson iterative formula for estimating the root of the equation in (a) is given by

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{3(\sin x_n - x_n \cos x_n)}{1 - 3 \cos x_n}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2 \dots$$

Hence find the root of the equation correct to 2 decimal places.

(09 marks)

12. A force  $F = (2t \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3t \mathbf{k}) \text{ N}$  acts on a particle of mass 2 kg. The particle is initially at a point (0, 0, 0) and moving with a velocity  $(\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}) \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Determine the;

- (a) magnitude of the acceleration of the particle after 2 seconds. (04 marks)  
 (b) velocity of the particle after 2 seconds. (04 marks)  
 (c) displacement of the particle after 2 seconds. (04 marks)

✓ 13. Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are such that  $P(B) = \frac{1}{8}$ ,  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{10}$  and  $P(B/A) = \frac{1}{3}$ . Determine the;

- (a)  $P(A)$ . (03 marks)  
 (b)  $P(A \cup B)$ . (03 marks)  
 (c)  $P(A/\bar{B})$ . (06 marks)

✓ 14. (a) Given that  $y = e^x$  and  $x = 0.62$  correct to two decimal places, find the interval within which the exact value of  $y$  lies. (05 marks)

(b) Show that the maximum possible relative error in  $y \sin^2 x$  is

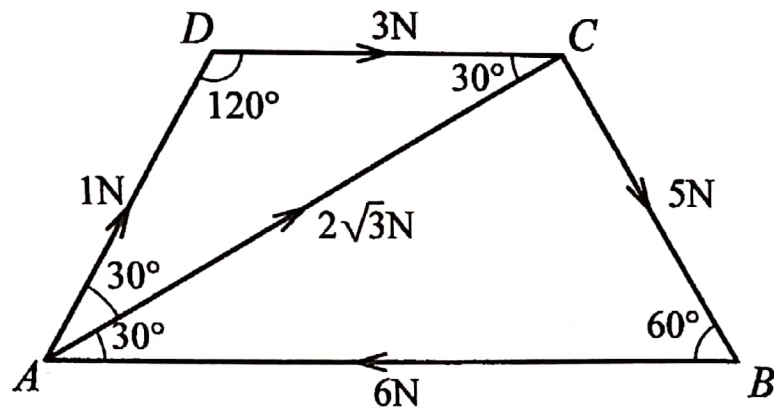
$$\left| \frac{\Delta y}{y} \right| + 2 \cot x |\Delta x|, \text{ where } \Delta x \text{ and } \Delta y \text{ are errors in } x \text{ and } y$$

respectively.

Hence find the percentage error in calculating  $y \sin^2 x$  if  $y = 5.2 \pm 0.05$  and  $x = \frac{\pi}{6} \pm \frac{\pi}{360}$ .

(07 marks)

15. The diagram below shows a trapezium  $ABCD$ .  $AD = DC = CB = 1$  metre and  $AB = 2$  metres. Forces of magnitude  $1\text{N}$ ,  $3\text{N}$ ,  $5\text{N}$ ,  $6\text{N}$  and  $2\sqrt{3}\text{N}$  act in the directions  $AD$ ,  $DC$ ,  $CB$ ,  $BA$  and  $AC$  respectively.



- (a) Calculate the magnitude of the resultant force and the angle it makes with side  $AB$ . (09 marks)
- (b) Given that the line of action of the resultant force meets  $AB$  at  $X$ , find the distance  $AX$ . (03 marks)

- ✓16. A biased die with faces labelled 1, 2, 2, 3, 5 and 6 is tossed 45 times. Calculate the probability that 2 will appear;

- (a) more than 18 times. (07 marks)
- (b) exactly 11 times. (05 marks)