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SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

JUNE/JULY EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: MTH308

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL MODELLING (3 units)

TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY 4 QUESTIONS

1. (a) Classify the following into fundamental or derived quantities
velocity, acceleration, force, work-done, power,
speed, time, temperature, amount of substance, mass
7½ marks
(b) State four rules of dimension which validate any equation that state the general
or theoretical relationship between two or more variable **10 marks**
2. (a) Formulate the dynamic stability of market equilibrium. **10 marks**
(b) Find T_0 if $\theta_0 = 20^\circ$, given that $l = 20 \text{ cm}$ and $g = 980 \text{ cm/sec}^2$ **7½ marks**
3. (a) Explain the mathematical modelling **7½ marks**
(b) Explain the steps involved in mathematical modelling **10 marks**
4. (a) Explain the essential steps you will follow to model a problem **10 marks**
(b) A rain drop beginning at rest, falls from a cloud 705.6m above the ground. How
long does it take to reach the ground? **7½ marks**
5. (a) Explain the two basic mathematical modelling **7 marks**
(b) Mention 3 types of modelling and explain each **10 ½ marks**
6. (a) Which types of modelling will you use for the launching of a rocket / satellite
for meteorological
purpose? **7½ marks**
(b) How would you make (i) Velocity

(ii) Acceleration

(iii) Momentum **10 marks**