

NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA 14-16 AHMADU BELLO WAY, VICTORIA ISLAND LAGOS MARCH/APRIL 2016 EXAMINATION

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

COURSE CODE: CIT412

COURSE TITLE: MODELLING AND SIMULATION

Time: 2 HOURS INSTRUCTION: *Answer any five questions.*

1.

- a) Write brief notes on the following:
 - i. physical model and
 - ii. mathematical model
- b) Briefly explain what simulation is listing its benefits.

2.

- a) Briefly explain the steps involved in modelling.
- b) Describe what a random number is and explain how it is generated and its use in computer simulation.

3.

- a) Briefly explain what the Monte Carlo algorithm is listing its four steps.
- b) Use the Monte Carlo method to compute the value of π .

4.

a) Using a sketch explain what a <u>normal random distribution</u> is.

b)

- i. Briefly explain what a standard normal distribution is.
- ii. Write down the formula for obtaining a standard z-Score variable z from a normal random variable X.

5.

- a) Distinguish between the following application areas of computer simulation:
 - i. Education
 - ii. Training
- b) Distinguish between following types of models:
 - i. Conceptual
 - ii. Visual

6.

- a) Briefly explain the salient features of queuing theory.
- **b)** Write down Little's Queuing formula and explain what theorem it represents.