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**FACULTY OF SCIENCES**

**JULY 2017 EXAMINATION**

**Course Code: CIT 851**

**Course Unit: 3**

**Course Title: Advanced Systems Analysis and Design**

**Instruction: Answer Question One and Any Four Other Questions**

**Time allowed: 2<sup>1/2</sup>**

- 1a. Explain why businesses need system analysts  
5 marks
- b. With the aid of a diagram, describe the phases of the system development life cycle 7 marks
- c. List and explain the properties of database fields.  
6 marks
- d. What is a schema and why are changes to it expensive?  
4 marks
  
- 2a. Explain Data modeling  
2 marks
- b. What principles should be adopted for making a successful system?  
4 marks
- c. i. What is a sequence diagram?  
3 marks  
ii. Give an example of a sequence diagram  
3 marks

3a. What is a closed system and how does it differ from open systems  
2 marks

b. Write a short note on the following

i. Entities  
1½ marks

ii. Attribute  
marks 1½

iii. Relationships  
1½ marks

c. i. Write a short note on expert systems  
2 marks

ii. Give a diagrammatic representation of the components of an expert system  
2½ marks

4a. What is a data dictionary and why is it important?  
4 marks

b. i. Explain the role of Management Information Systems in an organization  
2 marks

ii. Describe the applications of Management Information Systems.  
3 marks

c. Write a short note on abstraction  
3 marks

5a. Describe any two types of coupling  
4 marks

b. Mention the disadvantages of using questionnaire for systems planning  
2 marks

c. What is the objective of any testing mechanism?  
3 marks

d. Write a short note on cohesion.  
3 marks

6a. Discuss the issues in Software Maintenance  
4 marks

b. What are the objectives of Audit?  
3 marks

c. Discuss the following terms as related to systems

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| i. Purpose | ii. Boundary | iii. Environment |
| iv. Inputs | v. Outputs   |                  |

5 marks