



## **GARISSA UNIVERSITY**

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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL & PHYSICAL SCIENCES**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**COURSE CODE: MAT 111**

**COURSE TITLE: GEOMETRY AND ELEMENTARY APPLIED MATHEMATICS**

**EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS**

**DATE: 10/04/18**

**TIME: 09.00-12.00 PM**

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### **INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

- The examination has **SIX (6)** questions
- Question **ONE (1)** is **COMPULSORY**
- Choose any other **THREE (3)** questions from the remaining **FIVE (5)** questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
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### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

(a) Find the focus and vertex of the parabola given by  $x + y = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}$ . [5 marks]

(b) Eliminate the parameter given that  $x = \sin\theta$  and  $y = \sin 2\theta$  [4 marks]

Find a plane through  $P_0(2, 1, -1)$  and perpendicular to the line of intersection of the planes  $2x + y - z = 3$  and  $x + 2y + z = 2$ . [6 marks]

(c) Prove that the distance  $d$  between a point  $P_1(x_1, y_2, z_3)$  and the plane with the equation  $Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$  is given by

$$d = \frac{|Ax_1 + By_2 + Cz_3|}{\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}} \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

(d) Prove that the diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other. [5 marks]

### QUESTION TWO

(a) Prove that the volume generated when the plane figure bounded by the polar curve  $r = f(\theta)$  and the radius vectors at  $\theta = \theta_1$  and  $\theta = \theta_2$  rotates about the initial line is given by  $V =$

$$\int_{\theta_1}^{\theta_2} \frac{2}{3} \pi r^3 \sin\theta d\theta. \quad [9 \text{ marks}]$$

(b) Two boxes of mass  $80\text{kg}$  and  $110\text{kg}$  are in contact and at rest on a horizontal surface. A  $650\text{N}$  push is exerted on the  $80\text{kg}$  box in the forward direction. If the coefficient of kinetic friction is  $0.20$ , calculate the acceleration of the system and the force that each box exerts on one other. (Take  $g = 9.81\text{N/kg}$ ) [6 marks]

### QUESTION THREE

(a) By completing the square, find the centre and the radius whose equation is given by  $x^2 + y^2 = 4x$ . Obtain also its polar representation. [5 marks]

(b) Prove that the standard form of an equation of an ellipse, with centre  $(h, k)$  and major and minor axes of lengths  $2a$  and  $2b$  respectively, where  $a > b$  is given by



$$\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1 \text{ With a horizontal major axis}$$

**[10 marks]****QUESTION FOUR**

- (a) Find the area enclosed by the curve  $r = 1 + \cos\theta$  and the radius vectors at  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

**[6 marks]**

- (b) Classify the following conics by use of the discriminant

- i.  $4xy - 9 = 0$ .
- ii.  $2x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2 - 2x = 0$ .
- iii.  $x^2 - 6xy + 9y^2 - 2y + 1 = 0$ .

**[3 marks]**

- (c) Identify the conic whose polar equation is given as  $r = \frac{9}{5-4\cos\theta}$ .

**[6 marks]****QUESTION FIVE**

- (a) Find the area of the surface generated when the arc of the curve  $r = ae^\theta$  between  $\theta = 0$  and  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  rotates about the initial line.

**[8 marks]**

- (b) Find the parametric equations for the line in which the planes  $3x - 6y - 2z = 15$  and  $2x + y - 2z = 5$  intersect.

**[7 marks]****QUESTION SIX**

- (a) Prove that the angle between two nonzero vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \langle u_1, u_2, u_3 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \langle v_1, v_2, v_3 \rangle$  is given by

$$\mathbf{i.} \quad \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{(u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3)}{|\mathbf{u}| |\mathbf{v}|}. \quad \text{(8marks)}$$

- (b) A uniform ladder 10m long weighing 295N rests against a smooth vertical wall with its base on a rough floor and 4m from a wall. If the coefficient of friction between the ladder and the floor is 0.166, how far along the ladder will a 70kg man climb before the ladder slips from under him?

(Take  $g = 9.81 \text{ N/kg}$ ). **(7 marks)**



