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FIRSTYEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

CBA 0102: BASIC BUSINESS MATHEMATICS

DATE: APRIL 2014

TIME: 1¹/₂ HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question **one** and any other **two** questions.

QUESTION ONE - (30 MARKS)

- (a) A straight line meets the x-axis at 2 and the y-axis at y = -4, determine its equation. (5 Marks)
- (b) If Sh45,000 is lent at 9% simple interest p.a, after how many years will it earn interest of Sh.12,150.(3 Marks)
- (c) Find the median for the values: 19, 13, 18, 12, 25, 11, 10, 17, 23. (3 Marks)
- (d) Solve the linear equation $\frac{4}{x-2} + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$ (4 Marks)
- (e) The sum of an arithmetic progression of 8 terms is 90 and the first term is 6. What is the last term? What is the common difference? (4 Marks)
- (f) Use factorization method to solve. $6x^2 + 13x + 6 = 0$ (5 Marks)
- (g) A man sold a plot of land at Sh.80,000 and invested the money in a building society which pays 12% compound interest. After two years, he withdrew Sh35,000 and left the rest for a further 3 years. Calculate the amount at the end of the 5 years. (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO – (15 MARKS)

(a) The following frequency table gives weekly wages of some labourers.

| Class | 450 - 540 | 550 - 640 | 650 - 740 | 750 - 840 | 850 - 940 | 940 - 1040 |
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| Frequency | 23 | 19 | 25 | 20 | 18 | 15 |
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| (i) Mean | (3 Marks) | | | | |
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| (ii) Median | (4 Marks) | | | | |
| (iii)Standard deviation | (4 Marks) | | | | |
| (b) The sum of the first 10 terms of an arithmetic series is 400. If the sum of the first 6 terms | | | | | |
| of the same series is 120, find the 15 th term. | (4 Marks) | | | | |

QUESTION THREE – (15 MARKS)

- (a) Solve the following equation graphically $x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$ for $-5 \le x \le 2$. (12 Marks)
- (b) Find the gradient of line passing through the points (3, 4) and (2, -2)(3 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR – (15 MARKS)

A man opens a savings account and deposits Sh2000 each year at 5% compound interest p.a. Find an expression for the amount in his account at the end of

| (a) First year | (2 Marks) |
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| (b) Second year and | (3 Marks) |
| (c) Third year | (4 Marks) |
| Hence, find the amount that he will have at the end of tenth year. | (6 Marks) |