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## **University Examinations 2013/2014**

# FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATE IN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

#### EEE 0102: ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION TECHNOLOGY I

DATE: APRIL 2014 TIME: 1 ½ HOURS

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

state one major advantage of the circuit.

## **QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)**

(a) State the functions of the assential parts of an electrical cable	(3 Marks)
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(b) List any three factors affecting the selection of an electrical cable.	(3 Marks)
(c) State any three employees obligations on safety working practices in a workshop.	
	(3 Marks)
(d) With reference to personal safety explain eh following modes of dressings:	
(i) Shoes	(2 Marks)
(ii) Clothing	(2 Marks)
(iii) Helmets and safety goggles	(2 Marks)
(e) Draw a wiring diagram of one-gang 5A switching system from a consumer control unit	
through a 20A junction box to two 60w parallel connected filament lamps. State any two	
I.E.E regulations to be observed.	(5 Marks)
(f) Define the following terms with reference to excess current protection:	
(i) Fuse rating	(1 Mark)
(ii) Fusing current	(1 Mark)
(iii) Fusing factor	(1 Mark)
(g) Three 60W, 240V filament lamps and two 240V 100W fload lights are connected to a	
single-phase a.c. power supply. Determine the total current through the lamps if they are	
connected in parallel across the power supply.	(4 Marks)
(h) Draw a wiring diagram of two 13A power points connected in a ring main circuit and	

(3 Marks)

#### **QUESTION TWO – (15 MARKS)**

- (a) List any five basic electrician's tools for general installation work. (5 Marks)
- (b) Whilst working in a workshop with a colleague he accidently step on a live conductor and lies on the floor breathlessly.
  - (i) State in sequence any three actions which you would take to safe him.

(3 Marks)

(ii) Compose an accident report of the above case including all the essential factors.

(7 Marks)

# **QUESTION THREE – (15 MARKS)**

- (a) State any four accessories associated with a surface wiring system. (4 Marks)
- (b) With the aid of a suitable diagram explain the construction and the principles of operation of a rewirable fuse and list one advantage and disadvantage of the fuse. (7 Marks)
- (c) Differentiate between a fuse and a circuit breaker as means of excess current protection devices and state any two advantages of each. (4 Marks)

#### **QUESTION FOUR – (15 MARKS)**

- (a) List any two advantages of earthing an electrical installation. (2 Marks)
- (b) With reference to earthing system define the following terms:
  - (i) Eartherd (1 Mark)
  - (ii) Earth electrode (1 Mark)
  - (iii)Earthing lead (1 Mark)
- (c) With the aid of a suitable wiring explain the operation of one-gang 5A, two ways switching system and state any two advantages and one disadvantage of the system.

(8 Marks)

(d) List any two applications of (c) above. (2 Marks)