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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

MAIN CAMPUS

2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (IT, ISKM, EDA, EDS)**

COURSE CODE: BIT 113

**COURSE TITLE: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
FUNDAMENTALS**

DATE: THURSDAY 31/01/2019 TIME: 3:00P.M-5:00P.M

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer questions ONE and any other TWO questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

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QUESTION ONE [COMPULSORY] [30 MARKS]

1. How can different industries benefit from using a computer? [4 Marks]
2. Explain three different devices that can be found in a network. [6 Marks]
3. Explain the uniqueness of a computer that has led to its adoption. [4 Marks]
4. Differentiate between the following: [4 Marks]
 - i. Primary storage and secondary storage
 - ii. Motherboard and keyboard
5. Explain the following: - [6 Marks]
 - i. My Computer
 - ii. Recycle Bin
 - iii. Internet explorer.
6. Explain the different components of the CPU. [4 Marks]
7. Define a modem. [2 Marks]

QUESTION TWO [20 MARKS]

1. List explain four different software applications you can use in relation to your career. [4 Marks]
2. Explain how the corporate world can benefit from internet. [4 Marks]
3. Why is a computer often referred as a system? [2 Marks]
4. Differentiate between the following: [6 Marks]
 - i. Data and information
 - ii. Copy-paste and cut-paste
 - iii. Input interface and output interface
5. Explain the different benefits that one can enjoy by having a computer at home. [4 Marks]

QUESTION THREE [20 MARKS]

1. Define the following:- [3 Marks]
 - i. Internet
 - ii. Computer network
 - iii. Topology
2. Explain four important characteristics of a computer that make it distinct from human beings. [4 Marks]
3. Explain the role of system software in a computer. [4 Marks]
4. Explain the different benefits of internet to a society. [5 Marks]
5. Describe at least four services which can be provided by internet. [4 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR [20 MARKS]

1. Convert the following numbers:

- a. 101012 to Decimal [3 marks]
- b. 29_{10} to Binary [3 marks]
- c. $19FDE_{16}$ to Decimal [3 marks]
- d. 25_8 to Binary [4 marks]
- e. 15_{16} to Decimal [3 marks]
- f. 10101_2 to Octal [4 marks]

QUESTION FIVE [20 MARKS]

- 1. Differentiate between multiprogramming and multiprocessing. [2 Marks]
- 2. Differentiate between RAM and ROM. [3 Marks]
- 3. How can you organize documents in your system? Describe the procedure. [3 Marks]
- 4. Differentiate between task bar and task pane [2 Marks]
- 5. List out four benefits the education sector can benefit from internet. [4 Marks]
- 6. Define the following: - [6 Marks]
 - i. Secondary storage
 - ii. System software
 - iii. Computer network

