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THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

**DIPLOMA IN QUANTITY SURVEYING**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

*Write your name and index number in the spaces provided above.*

*Sign and write the date of examination in the spaces provided above.*

*You should have the following for this examination:*

*Scientific calculator;*

*Drawing instruments.*

*This paper consists of EIGHT questions in THREE sections: A, B and C.*

*Answer FIVE questions choosing TWO questions from section A, TWO questions from section B and ONE question from section C.*

*Questions in section A and B carry 15 marks each while those in section C carry 40 marks each.*

*Maximum marks for each part of a question are as indicated.*

*Candidates should answer the questions in English.*

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Section	Question	Maximum Score	Candidate's Score
A		15	
		15	
B		15	
		15	
C		40	
TOTAL SCORE			

**This paper consists of 20 printed pages.**

**Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.**



**SECTION A: BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

*Answer any TWO questions from this section.*

1. (a) State **three** objectives of incorporating the Land Registration (L.R.) number on drawings submitted for approval by the Local Authority. (3 marks)
- (b) Outline **four** factors that influence the method of subsoil investigation for a construction site. (6 marks)
- (c) Sketch and label a vertical cross-section through a beam and slab raft foundation. (6 marks)
  
2. (a) Illustrate **two** methods of levelling a slopping building site giving **one** advantage of each. (6 marks)
- (b) (i) Outline **three** types of walls.
- (ii) Explain the purpose of bonding in a masonry wall.
- (iii) Outline **three** advantages of using machine dressed stones. (9 marks)
  
3. (a) Sketch and label the following types of shores:
  - (i) raking shores;
  - (ii) flying shores. (6 marks)
- (b) Describe each of the following with respect to airborne sound in a building:
  - (i) sound insulation;
  - (ii) sound absorption. (4 marks)
- (c) State **two** methods of classifying windows and list **three** examples in each case. (5 marks)



**SECTION B: CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION**

*Answer any TWO questions from this section.*

4. (a) Explain **two** reasons for underpinning a building. (4 marks)
- (b) Sketch and label a vertical section through a breakwater structure. (4 marks)
- (c) (i) Sketch and label a digging dredger.
- (ii) Describe the operations of a digging dredger. (7 marks)
5. (a) Describe each of the following in railway tracks:
- (i) crossovers;
- (ii) switch rails;
- (iii) frog. (6 marks)
- (b) Outline **four** situations necessitating the use of culverts. (6 marks)
- (c) Outline **three** considerations made in the construction of steel arch bridges. (3 marks)
6. (a) (i) State **five** principles considered in the design of dams.
- (ii) State **three** modes of failure in earth dams. (9 marks)
- (b) Describe each of the following stages in water treatment:
- (i) fine screening;
- (ii) coarse screening;
- (iii) coagulation;
- (iv) sedimentation. (6 marks)



## SECTION C: DRAWING

Answer any **ONE** question from this section.

7. (a) To a scale of 1:50, draw and label a half cross section through a 6.0 m single carriage way given the following information. (18 marks)

**Information**

Improved subgrade	-	250 mm
Crushed stone sub-base	-	350 mm
Graded crushed stone road base	-	125 mm
Asphalt premix surfacing	-	50 mm
Road kerb	-	125 x 250 mm
Camber	-	2.5 per cent

Footpath (both sides) 1.5 m wide with one coat surface dressing over 100 mm gravel and a crossfall of 3 per cent.

Semi-circular invert block drains 450 x 125 mm

75 mm compacted murrum under the drain and 50 mm thick concrete providing the lateral stability.

Assume any other relevant information not given.

- (b) To a scale of 1: 20, draw and label a section through internal tanking in mastic asphalt to a basement given the following information. (22 marks)

**DATA**

Floor to floor height - 3.80 m

R.C. floor slab 250 mm thick.

Internal protective wall of concrete block work - 150 mm

30 mm coat vertical mastic asphalt - 20 mm thick.

1½ brick basement wall.

R.C. loading slab 250 mm thick.

50 mm cement/sand (1:3) protective screed.

3 coat horizontal mastic asphalt 30 mm thick.

200 mm thick mass concrete (1:3:6) base.

Assume any other relevant information not given.



8. (a) A maisonette is to have two flights of stairs with half space landing constructed in reinforced concrete using the following information, and to a scale of 1:20, draw:
- (i) the plan of the stairs;
  - (ii) the section through the first flight of the stair showing the reinforcement and balustrades in position. (25 marks)

**Information**

Floor to floor height is 3000 mm.

Stair well is 2000 mm wide and bounded by 200 mm thick block wall.

Floor thickness is 150 mm

Reinforcements,  $\phi 12$  at 200 mm centre to centre.

Landing 1200 mm wide.

Steps: Rise = 190 mm

Goings = 230 mm

Assume any other relevant information not given.

- (b) To a scale of 1:20, draw a section through a reinforced concrete column at the centre of a basement given the following information. (15 marks)

**Information**

Basement bed - 150 mm thick

R.C. column - 300 x 300 mm

Loading slab - 200 mm thick

Size of base 1200 mm x 1200 mm

30 mm thick horizontal tanking.

R.C. reinforcement Y16 at 200 mm centre to centre each way.

Main column reinforcement: Y20.

50 mm thick cement/sand goon and cover.

Assume any other relevant information not given.