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**FOR THE DEGREE IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS
[SMA]**

COURSE CODE : CSC 315

COURSE TITLE : SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

DATE: 04/02/2021 TIME: 2.00 P.M – 4.00 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO

QUESTION ONE [COMPULSORY][30MARKS]

- a) What is software engineering? [2 marks]
- b) Define the following terms as used in software engineering [2 marks]
- (i) Software evolution [2 marks]
 - (ii) Coupling [2marks]
 - (iii) Cohesion [6 marks]
- c) A software product can be judged by what it offers and how well it can be used. Discuss [3 marks]
- d) What is software development paradigm? [4 marks]
- e) Discuss any two software evolution laws [5 marks]
- f) Discuss Specialized process model [4 marks]
- g) Outline four advantages of using agile process model

QUESTION TWO [20MARKS]

- a) Define the term software project [2 marks]
- b) Discuss the software development life cycle [9 marks]
- c) Briefly discuss the following [2 marks]
- (i) Function oriented design [2 marks]
 - (ii) Object oriented design [3 marks]
- d) Define the term Modularization and give any two advantages of using it [2 marks]
- e) What is a decision table?

QUESTION THREE [20MARKS]

- a) What is software prototyping? [1 mark]
- b) Give any three reasons for software prototyping [3 marks]
- c) Describe the four phases of prototyping [4 marks]
- d) What is software requirement specification? [3 marks]
- e) Briefly discuss the tasks involved in requirement engineering [7 marks]
- f) Outline any two advantages of using incremental process model [2 marks]

QUESTION FOUR [20MARKS]

- a) Discuss throw- away prototyping [4 marks]
- b) What is software testing? [2 marks]
- c) Explain black-box testing [3 marks]
- d) Describe the tests performed during system testing [6 marks]
- e) (i) Define the term programming methodology [1 marks]
(ii) Describe any two programming methodologies [4 marks]

QUESTION FIVE [20MARKS]

- a) What are the reasons for software verification? [3 marks]
- b) Discuss white box testing techniques [4 marks]
- c) Differentiate between alpha testing and beta testing [4 marks]
- d) What are CASE tools? [2 marks]
- e) Discuss the components of CASE tools [4 marks]
- f) Briefly explain any three types of CASE tools [3 marks]