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**KIBABII UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**  
**2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**  
**MAIN EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**  
**MATHEMATICS**

**COURSE CODE: MAT 428**

**COURSE TITLE: MATHEMATICAL MODELING**

**DATE: 7/10/2021**

**TIME: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

### Question 1 (30 marks)

- a. Define the following terms
  - i. Model (2 marks)
  - ii. Mathematical model (2 marks)
- b. State four stages in the mathematical modeling process (4 marks)
- c. A 12-volt battery is connected to a series circuit in which the inductance is  $\frac{1}{2}$  Henry and the resistance is 10 ohms. Determine the current  $i$  if the initial current is 0 (6 marks)
- d. Suppose the current Kenya population is 40 million and the birth rate is 0.02 and the death rate is 0.01
  - i. What will be the population in ten years if the population keeps growing at the same rate (3 marks)
  - iii. How many years will it take for the population to double its initial size? (3 marks)
  - iv. How many births will occur between  $t = 10$  and  $t = 11$ ? (2 marks)
- e. A body cools from  $90^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$  in 3 minutes at surrounding temperature of  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Determine how long it will take for the body to cool to  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$ . (6 marks)
- f. State the Kirchhoff's 2<sup>nd</sup> law (2 marks)

### Question 2(20 marks)

- a. An enzymatic reaction involves a substance  $S$  reacting with an enzyme  $E$  to form a complex  $SE$  which in turn is converted into product  $P$  as shown below  $S + E$  the enzyme is then free to participate in another reaction. Develop a model for the above reactions (8 marks)
- b. Develop a mathematical model for measles and formulate it, explain what each and every term represents (12 marks)

### Question 3 (20 marks)

Explain the predator prey model and include the Lotka Volterra predator prey equation (20 marks)

### Question 4 (20 marks)

- a. Find the solution of the differential equation
$$\frac{dp}{dt} = p\left(r - \frac{r}{k}p\right)$$
(7 marks)
- b. Suppose a student carrying a flu virus returns to an isolated college campus of 1000 students. If it is assumed that the rate at which the virus spreads is proportional not only to the number  $x$  of the infected students but also to the number of students not infected. Use the solution in (a) to determine the number of infected students after 6 days if it is further observed that the number of infected students after 4 days is 50. (6 marks)

- c. when a cake is removed from oven its temperature is measured at 300°F, 3 minutes later its temperature is 200°F how long will it take for the cake to cool to a room temperature 70°F (7 marks)

### Question 5 (20 marks)

- a. find the displacement of the spring after time  $t$  described by the system of differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{k}{m} & -\frac{r}{m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{m} \end{pmatrix} f(t)$$

.in the case where the mass on the string is 1, the damping constant  $r = 5$ , the spring constant  $k = 4$ , the forcing function  $f(t) = t$  and the initial extension of the spring is 0 with 0 initial velocity. (9 marks)

- b. An electrical circuit contains inductance  $L$  and resistance  $R$  connected to a constant voltage source  $E$ . The current  $i$  is given by the differential equation

$$E - L \frac{di}{dt} = Ri$$

Where  $L$  and  $R$  are constants. Find the current in terms of  $t$  given that when  $t = 0, i = 0$  (5 marks)

- c. study the stability of the following system (6 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} 0.001x(500 - 4x - y) &= 0 \\ 0.001y(400 - y - 2x) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$