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FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BED(ARTS)

COURSE CODE: KUC 125

COURSE TITLE: QUANTITATIVE SKILLS

DATE: 6/09/2022

TIME: 0900Hrs - 1100Hrs

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One and any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE

- i. Differentiate between taxable income and gross income (2marks)
- ii. List any **two** uses of matrices (2 marks)
- iii. Highlight any **four** monetary measures used to curb inflation (4marks)
- iv. List and explain any **four** types of taxes that are used to get revenue for government expenditure (8marks)
- v. Discuss any **four** principles of public expenditure (8 marks)
- vi. Determine the inverse T^{-1} of the matrix
$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{matrix}$$

Hence find the coordinates to the point at which the two lines

- vii. $x + 2y = 7$ and $x - y = 1$ intersect (4marks)
- Compute the geometric mean of 1,2,3,4,5 (2marks)

QUESTION TWO

a) Given that $A = \begin{matrix} 0 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{matrix}$ and $B = \begin{matrix} -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -4 \end{matrix}$

- I Find the value of x if (3 marks)
 - (i) $A - 2x = 2B$ (3 marks)
 - (ii) $3x - 2A = 3B$ (3 marks)
 - (iii) $2A - 3B = 2x$ (2 marks)
- II The transpose of A
- b) Use Cramer's rule to solve (9 marks)
$$\begin{matrix} 2x+y+z=4 \\ x-y-2z=0 \\ 5x-2y-4z=3 \end{matrix}$$

QUESTION THREE

The following data was obtained from the heights in centimeters of students.

168,142,171,153,155,173,164,148,159,161,172,149,171,168,155,173,164,149,161,142,148,
164,159,164,173,164,152,153,164,155,148,164.

- a) Prepare a grouped frequency distribution table for this data using class size 5 starting with the class 142-146 (3 marks)
- b) Use the data to draw a graph of cumulative frequency and use it to estimate the median of the distribution. (7 marks)
- c) Use the data to calculate
 - i) The mean (3 marks)
 - ii) The median (3 marks)
 - iii) The standard deviation (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) State and explain **four** categories of activities that your home county government spends its revenue on. (8 marks)
- b) The table below shows quantity and price of some cereals produced in 2020 and 2021.

Items	2020		2021	
	Price(ksh)@kg	Quantity(kgs)	Price(ksh)@kg	Quantity(kgs)
M	70	700	50	490
B	50	270	70	280
C	100	350	90	290
W	90	500	40	420
M	30	160	100	250

Using 2020 as the base year, calculate and interpret

- i. Laspeyre's index (3 marks)
- ii. Paache's index (3 marks)
- iii. Fisher's ideal index (3 marks)
- iv. Marshall-edge worth index (3 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Explain any **five** shortfalls in the tax system (10 marks)
- b) The following table shows income tax rates for a certain year.

Monthly income in kshs	% tax rate per shilling
1 – 9400	10
9401 – 18000	15
18001 – 26600	20
26601 – 35600	25
35601 and above	30

A monthly tax relief of shs.1172 was allowed. Onex's taxable income in the last band was kshs.3200 in a month.

- I. Calculate;
- i. His taxable income (2 marks)
 - ii. The amount of tax he paid in a month (5 marks)
- II. Onex's salary included a medical allowance of shs.6000 and a commuter allowance of shs.8000. He contributed 6% of his basic salary to a cooperative for shares. Calculate his monthly net salary. (3 marks)