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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024

SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

### SME 3200: ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS III /GEOMETRY

DATE: APRIL 2024

TIME: 2 HOURS

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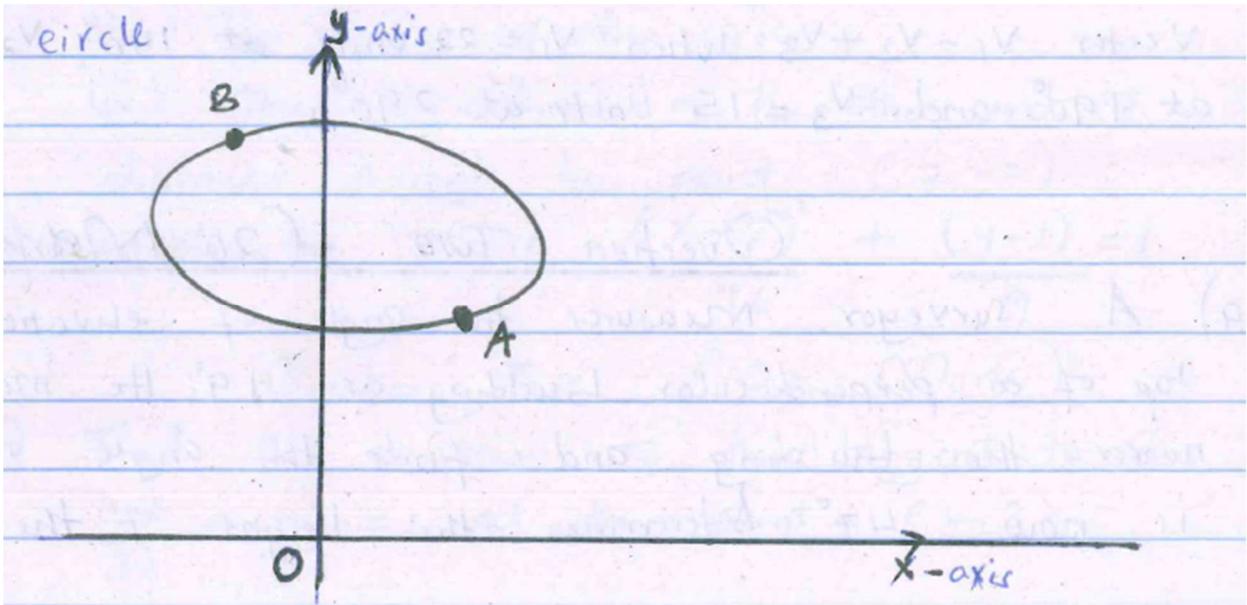
INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) The line  $L_1$  is perpendicular to the line  $L_2$  and the equation of the line  $L_2$  is given as  $4y + 5x = 6$ . The points A (4,2) and B (8,6) lies on the line  $L_2$ . If the line  $L_1$  cuts the line  $L_2$  at m, where m is the midpoint of AB:
- Find the gradient of line  $L_1$ . (2 Marks)
  - Find the equation of the line  $L_1$ . (4 Marks)
  - Find the angle  $\theta$  the line  $L_1$  makes with the x-axis. (3 Marks)
- b) The figure below shows the point A (4,6) and B (-2,14), which both lie on the circumference of a circle:





- Given that AB is a diameter of a circle, determine an equation for the circle. (3 Marks)
- c) Find the distance from point  $P(-2,-3)$  to the line  $8x + 15y - 24 = 0$ . (2 Marks)
- d) Find the tangent to the circle at the point  $P(7,12)$  if the equation has centre  $c(4,8)$ . (3 Marks)
- e) Find the equation of the parabola whose focus is  $F(2,0)$  and the directrix is  $x = -2$  (2 Marks)
- f) Determine the eccentricity, the foci and the length of the latus rectum of the hyperbola  $\frac{x^2}{25} - \frac{y^2}{9} = -1$ . (3 Marks)
- g) Find the polar equation of the ellipse  $x^2 + 9y^2 = 9$ . (2 Marks)
- h) An electricity pylon stands on horizontal ground. At a point 80m from the base of the pylon, the angle of elevation of the top of the pylon is  $23^\circ$ . Calculate the height of the pylon to the nearest metre. (3 Marks)
- i) Calculate the magnitude and the resultant of the vector  $v_1 - v_2 + v_3$  when  $v_1 = 22$  units at  $140^\circ$ ,  $v_2 = 40$  units at  $190^\circ$  and  $v_3 = 15$  units at  $290^\circ$ . (3 Marks)

## QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) A surveyor measures the angle of elevation of the top of perpendicular building as  $19^\circ$ . He moves 120m nearer the building and finds the angle of elevation is now  $47^\circ$ . Determine the height of the building. (7 Marks)

- b) A force of 5N is inclined at an angle of  $45^0$  to a second force of 8 N, both forces acting at a point. Calculate the magnitude of the resultant of these two forces and the direction of the resultant with respect to the 8 N force. (8 Marks)
- c) Rewrite the equation  $\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{2}{5}y + \frac{1}{6} = 0$  in the form  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 1$ , hence determine the x-intercept and the y-intercept. (5 Marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) The line  $Ax + 2y = B$  passes through the point (-3,5) and is perpendicular to the line  $2x - y = 4$ . Determine the values of A and B. (5 Marks)
- b) Find the equation of the tangent to a circle whose equation is  $x^2 - 8x + y^2 - 6y + 15 = 0$  at the point (7,2). (6 Marks)
- c) A triangle ABC has sides  $a = 9.0$  cm,  $b = 7.5$  cm and  $c = 6.5$ m. determine its three angles and its area. (9 Marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) The circle given by the equation  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 4y + k = 0$  passes through the point (2,2). Determine:
- The value of K. (2 Marks)
  - The co-ordinates of the centre of the circle. (3 Marks)
  - The radius of the circle. (3 Marks)
  - The co-ordinates of the other end of the diameter through the point (2,-2) (4 Marks)
- b) Graph the ellipse  $\frac{(x+2)^2}{16} + \frac{(y-1)^2}{9} = 1$ . (8 Marks)

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Find the equation of the tangent to the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{32} + \frac{y^2}{8} = 1$  at the point (4,3). (5 Marks)
- b) The equation of a parabola is given by  $x = 2y^2 - 4y + 6$ . Locate the vertex, the y-intercepts and the line of symmetry. (8 Marks)
- c) Graph the hyperbola  $\frac{(x-3)^2}{25} - \frac{(y+4)^2}{36} = 1$ . (7 Marks)

