



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014**

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN GEOSPATIAL  
INFORMATION SCIENCE WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(CITY CAMPUS - DAY)

**PGS 121: INTRODUCTION TO SURVEYING**

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2014

Time: 9.00 - 11.00 a.m.

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer Question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other TWO questions.



## **PGS 121: INTRODUCTION TO SURVEYING**

**Answer question ONE and any other TWO**

**Sketch maps and diagrams should be used wherever they serve the purpose**

1. a) Discuss the relevance of surveying **5marks**  
b) Explain any three rules which apply to field notes **6marks**  
c) Describe the process of chaining across an obstacle **6 marks**  
d) Explain the types of errors in any surveying exercise **6 marks**  
e) Calculate the distance of a road on the ground if the road is 10cm on a survey plan constructed at the scale of 1: 2000 **3marks**
2. The following readings were taken during a leveling exercise: 2.530, 1.347, 2.920, 1.270, 1.421, 2.676, 1.421, 2.281, 2.513, 1.559, 0.291, and 1.241. The level shifted after the fourth (4), eighth (8) and tenth 10<sup>th</sup> readings. The first reading was taken on a benchmark(BM) 48.285m  
  
Rule out a level book page and carry out the necessary checks **20 marks**
3. Describe four primary functions of a GPS **5 marks**  
Explain the segments of operation in GPS **9 marks**  
Describe three types of error in GPS **6 marks**
4. Examine the role of surveying in sustainable land use planning **20 marks**
5. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of using GPS and plane table survey **20 marks**
6. Explain precision and accuracy **6 marks**  
Describe a position fix and a way point in GPS **14 marks**