



# MASENO UNIVERSITY

## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2012/2013

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR  
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PUBLIC  
HEALTH WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(CITY CAMPUS)

### SMA 106: MATHEMATICS I

*Date: 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2013*

*Time: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.*

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.

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SMA106: Mathematics I

Time: 2 Hours

Answer **Question 1** and any other two questions

**Question 1 (30 Marks)**

- a) Expand the binomial expression  $(2 + x)^3$ . Hence estimate  $2.02^3$  correct to 2 decimal places (6 Marks)
- b) A data has a first quartile of 42 and a third quartile of 50. Compute the lower and upper limits. Should a data value of 65 be considered an outlier? (5 Marks)
- c) Factorize the quadratic expression  $2x^2 + x - 15$ . Hence solve the equation  $2x^2 + x - 15 = 0$  (6 Marks)
- d) A dry cleaning firm has 12 employees: 7 women and 5 men. Three of the women and five of the men are 40 and above years old. The remainder are over 20 years of age and under 40. If a person is chosen at random from this firm, what is the probability that the person is
- i. a woman?
  - ii. under 40 years of age?
  - iii. 20 years old? (5 Marks)
- e) A female bee hatches from a fertilized egg while a male bee hatches from an unfertilized egg. Thus a female bee has a male parent and a female parent while a male bee only has a female parent. Therefore the number of ancestors of a male bee follows the *Fibonacci sequence*
- $1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, \dots$
- Observe the pattern and write three more terms of the sequence. (3 Marks)
- f) Solve for  $x$  in  $\cos 2x = -0.5$  for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$  (5 Marks)

**Question 2 (20 marks)**

The sales record of a real estate company for the month of May shows the following house prices (rounded to the nearest \$1,000). Values are in thousands of dollars.

140 55 45 85 75 50 60 75 80 95

- a) Find the five-number summary for the house prices (5 Marks)

Five-number summary				

- b) Find the mean. Explain why the mean and median are different for this particular set of data. (4 Marks)
- c) Construct a labeled boxplot for the house prices. (Show all your work). (8 Marks)
- d) Describe the distribution of the house prices. (3 Marks)

**Question 3 (20 Marks)**

- a) Evaluate the function  $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$  for integer values of  $x$  from -1 to 5 and display the results in a table: (8 Marks)

x	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
y							

- b) Use the points obtained in (a) to graph the function  $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$  (6 Marks)
- c) Use the graph to solve the equation  $x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$  (4 Marks)
- d) Use the graph to find the minimum value  $y$  can take. (2 Marks)

**Question 4 (20 Marks)**

- a) A researcher has collected the following sample data: 3, 5, 12, 3, 2. Evaluate the mean and standard deviation of the sample data (7 Marks)
- b) A triangle ABC has dimensions  $a = 14\text{cm}$ ,  $c = 12.6\text{cm}$  and angle  $B = 72^\circ$ . Find angle A, angle C and side b in the triangle (13 Marks)

**Question 5 (20 Marks)**

- a) Distinguish between a permutation and a combination (4 Marks)
- i. A restaurant offers a choice of 3 starters, 4 main courses and 3 sweets. How many different meals are available? (3 Marks)
- ii. 6 apprentices A, B, C, D, E and F have to be paired into two's in an exercise. In how many ways may this be done? (3 Marks)
- b) Using the method of completing squares, solve the equation

$$x^2 - 4x - 12 = 0$$

(6 Marks)

- c) Prove the identity

$$\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} + \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} = \frac{1}{\cos\theta\sin\theta}$$

(4 Marks)