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**FIRST YEAR SEMETER TWO EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE MATHS/ CHEMISTRY/ PHYSICS/  
INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY/ ACTUARIAL SCIENCE**

**COSC 104: INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER PROGRAMMING  
METHODOLOGIES**

**STREAMS: B.SC MATHS/CHEM/PHYS/ INDUSTRIAL CHEM/ ACTUARIAL SCI  
(Y1S2) TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 16/4/2019**

**2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **Answer question ONE and any other TWO**
- **Do not write on the question paper**

**SECTION A: Answer all questions in this section**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- Distinguish between **Selection** and **Iteration** control structures. **[4 marks]**
- Using a control structure of your choice:
  - Write a program that prints all the **ODD** numbers less than 10 in reverse order. **[6 marks]**
  - Draw a flowchart for your program in i) above. **[4 marks]**
- Describe **TWO** ways by which string input can be read to a variable in C. **[4 marks]**
- Outline any 4 rules in naming identifiers. **[4 marks]**
- Write a program that accepts two numbers. The program then displays the Sum, Product, Quotient and Remainder (Modulus) separated by tabs. **[6 marks]**
- Giving examples define escape sequences in C. **[2 marks]**

**SECTION B: ATTEMPT ANY TWO QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)**

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- Highlight the aspects of a function in relation to the C programming language giving the syntax for each aspect in C. **[6 marks]**
- Differentiate between interpreters and compilers. **[4 marks]**

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- c) Write a program that stores the first 20 prime numbers into an array. [6 marks]
- d) Write the algorithm for the program in c) above. [4 marks]

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Define what a data type is and define any **TWO** primitive data types used in most programming languages. (Use a programming language of your choice). [4 marks]
- b) Explain Polymorphism, Abstraction and Inheritance as used in object oriented programming. [6 marks]
- c) Discuss the difference between the **Do-While** and **While** loop controls and write an example program that implements either. [6 marks]
- d) Draw a flowchart that explains the **if...else** selection construct. [4 marks]

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Outline the features of high-level programming languages. [4 marks]
- b) Differentiate between Source code and Object Code in compiled programs. [4 marks]
- c) Suppose a set of integer values are stored in an array:
  - i) Write a function to determine the largest value in the array. [4 marks]
  - ii) Write a pseudocode for your program in i) above. [4 marks]
- d) Outline the properties of an effective algorithm. [4 marks]

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Outline the merits of dividing large programs into functions. [4 marks]
  - b) Outline the generic steps in any software development process. [5 marks]
  - c) A computer repair shop charges KSh. 100 per hour for labour plus the cost of any parts used in the repair. The minimum charge for any job is however Ksh. 150.
    - i) Write a program that prompts for the number of hours worked and the cost of parts and displays the charge for the job. Use symbolic constants. [6 marks]
    - ii) Draw a flowchart for your program in i) above. [5 marks]
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