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**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS, MATHEMATICS, INDUSTRIAL
CHEMISTRY AND CHEMISTRY**

COSC 221: STRUCTURAL PROGRAMMING (IN C++)

STREAMS: BSC (PHYS, MATHS, INDUS CHEM & CHEM)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE:

INSTRUCTIONS:

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

QUESTION 1: [30 MARKS] COMPULSORY

- a) Write a code that prompts a user to enter four numbers, and then it returns the minimum number and the maximum number of the four numbers. [6 marks]
- b) Define the following as used in C++ programming language [4 marks]
 - i) Sentinel
 - ii) Reference variable
 - iii) Structure
 - iv) Memory pointer
- c) Differentiate between the following terms as used in programming [4 marks]
 - i. Call/pass by value and call/pass by reference
 - ii. Enumeration and union
- d) Write a code that prompts a user to enter three student exams marks, then it prints the total and the average mark. [5 marks]
- e) Explain what is garbage in C++ programming; hence outline how to remove/ reduce garbage [4 marks]

- f) Write a brief code to demonstrate type casting. Hence explain the need of type casting [4 marks]
- g) The following is a C++ program segment. Use it to answer the question that follows;

```
int main{}
{
  int a, b ,c, y;
  b =++a;
  c=b++;
  y=b+c;
  return 0;
}
```

Given that the value of a is equal to 6, evaluate the value of b, c and y. [3 marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

QUESTION 2: [20 MARKS]

- a) For a quadratic equation $ax^2+bx+c = 0$ (where a, b and c are coefficients), its roots is given by following the formula.

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

The term b^2-4ac is known as the determinant of a quadratic equation. The determinant tells the nature of the roots, as shown below.

- If determinant is greater than 0, the roots are real and different.
- If determinant is equal to 0, the roots are real and equal.
- If determinant is less than 0, the roots are complex and different.

If determinant > 0,	$\text{root1} = \frac{-b + \sqrt{(b^2 - 4ac)}}{2a}$ $\text{root2} = \frac{-b - \sqrt{(b^2 - 4ac)}}{2a}$
If determinant = 0,	$\text{root1} = \text{root2} = \frac{-b}{2a}$
If determinant < 0,	$\text{root1} = \frac{-b}{2a} + i \frac{\sqrt{-(b^2 - 4ac)}}{2a}$ $\text{root2} = \frac{-b}{2a} - i \frac{\sqrt{-(b^2 - 4ac)}}{2a}$

Write a C++ code that is going to prompt a user to enter coefficients a, b and c, then it calculates the roots of a quadratic equation, taking into consideration all the 3 determinants. [10marks]

b) Write the syntax for declaring a two-dimensional array [2 marks]

c) With reference to operators answer the following questions

i. Write a C++ program to demonstrate use of modulus operator, giving the solution it would provide [4 marks]

ii. Draw the flow diagram of the above code in (i) above [4 marks]

QUESTION 3: [20 MARKS]

a) Write a C++ program that will prompt a user to enter a number. The program then determines the square root and the square of the number through a built in function and displays the result on the screen [7 marks]

b) Write a computer program that creates TWO text files (ken1 and ken2) in location "C:\Users\User\Desktop". Let file ken1 contain "hello world" and ken2 contain "I am a student at Chuka University" [7 marks]

c) Explain THREE decision making techniques that can be used in C++ programming, explaining where each is more likely to be used. [6 marks]

QUESTION 4: [20 MARKS]

a) Explain FOUR relational operators used in C++. [4 marks]

b) Using functions, write a code to multiply three numbers. [4 marks]

c) Write a program that implements enumerated data type, and give the expected output [4 marks]

d) Write a C++ program using switch/case statement that will prompt a user to choose the operation choice +, -, /, *. Then it asks the user to input two integer values for the calculation, and performs the selected operation on the entered integers. Your program should output the operation choice entered, the two numbers entered and the result [8 marks]

QUESTION 5: [20 MARKS]

a) Differentiate between the following in C++ programming [6 marks]

i. While and do while loop

- ii. Recursion and repetition
- iii. User defined function and predefined function

b) Explain one advantage and one disadvantage of using in-line function in C++ programs [3 marks]

e) Using FOR loop write a C++ program to display the pattern below. [5 marks]

```
1  2  3  4  5
2  3  4  5  6
3  4  5  6  7
4  5  6  7  8
5  6  7  8  9
```

c) Assume a variable V has value 5, while another X has value 3. Assume you want to write statements to output the sum of V and X using the formats shown below. Write down the appropriate statement in each case. [6 marks]

- i. The sum of 5 and 3 is 8
 - ii. 8 is the sum of 5, 3
 - iii. $5 + 3 = 8$
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