



# MURANG'A UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

## SCHOOL OF COMPUTING INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

TVET EXAMINATION

2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION DIPLOMA IN COMPUTER  
SCIENCE (TVET)**

ICT/CU/CS/CR/04/6/A – FUNDAMENTAL OF PROGRAMMING

DURATION: 3 HOURS

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

1. Answer all questions in section A and two questions in section B
2. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.
3. You are not allowed to write on this examination question paper.

## ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- (a) Why is programming and how would you define it to someone new to the concept. (4 marks)
- (b) Why is programming considered a vital skill in today's digital age? (4 marks)
- (c) What is a computer and how does it differ from an interpreter in programming. (3 marks)
- (d) Explain java comments- what are they, why are they used? Give an example of a comment (3 marks)
- (e) Explain the concept of syntax in programme language. (2 marks)
- (f) Define (4 marks)
  - i. Class
  - ii. Object
  - iii. Method
  - iv. Variable
- (g) What is the difference between object and a class in java? (3 marks)
- (h) Explain the difference between '===' and 'equals' in java. (2 marks)
- (i) Difference between primitive and non-primitive data types. (2 marks)
- (j) Define keyword in java and state the purpose of 'static' keyword in java? (3 marks)
- (k) Declare variable named 'age' of type 'in' and assign the value '30' to it (2 marks)
- (l) What is the purpose of if statement in java. (2 marks)
- (m) What is the output of this code `int x=50,`  
`int y=70,`  
`system out printin (x % y);` (3 marks)
- (n) What is the purpose of the scanner class in Java? (2 marks)
- (o) Define Algorithm (1 mark)

## ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- (a) What is object oriental programming (OOP) (2 marks)
- (b) Explain the following fundamental principles of OOP (8 marks)
  - i. Encapsulation
  - ii. Inheritance
  - iii. Polymorphism
  - iv. Abstraction
- (c) Discuss data types in the context of java programming and describe four of them. (10 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- (a) Describe conditional statements in java programming and provide 3 examples. (5 marks)

- (b) What is the difference between “if statement and switch statement” in java. When would you use one over the other? (5 marks)
- (c) Discuss the key phases of program development and why it is important to follow structural approach. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- (a) Write a java code to create a simple calculator that can perform basic arithmetic operations on two members. (10 marks)
- (b) Java is a widely used object oriented programming language known for its portability, simplicity and robustness. Discuss five of its features. (10 marks)