



# **MURANG'A UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

## **SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

### **DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**IT-OS-ICT-CR-11-6: MOBILE APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

1. Answer question one and any other two questions.
2. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.
3. You are not allowed to write on this examination question paper.

## SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a. Android application include components that may be classified in to 4 categories. Name and briefly describe these categories. (4 marks)
- b. Write the following files for a simple tax calculator given the income
  - i. Main activity java. (2 marks)
  - ii. Main activity Xml. (2 marks)
  - iii. Manifest Xml (2 marks)
  - iv. Income tax java. (2 marks)
- c. Android operating systems for mobile devices has been increasing its market share worldwide. Describe one reason that explains this trend. (4 marks)
- d. Define and explain the relationship between default parameter and overloading. (4 marks)
- e. State and briefly describe the four parts of a GSM network. (4 marks)
- f. Discuss three limitations that are associated with mobile devices. (6 marks)

## SECTION B – ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a. State and briefly describe 5 methods used to describe the fragment life cycle in android application development. (6 marks)
- b. What is an exception handler? use an example to explain your answer. (4 marks)
- c. Briefly explain the purpose of “set content raw (R layout main” lines code public void on creates (bundle saved instance state)

```
{-----  
Set content view (R. Layout main)  
---}
```

In the following. (4 marks)
- d. Explain 5 states that an activity goes through during a life cycle. Draw a well labelled diagram that illustrates the lifecycle. (6 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a. With the help of a diagram describe the four layers or the android software architecture. (6 marks)
- b. What is information hiding and how is it implemented? (4 marks)
- c. Describe the following layout in the context user interface of a mobile application draw a diagram for each case to demonstration you understand. (4 marks)
  - i. Relative layout

ii. Frame layout

d. Briefly describe four functions of a manifest XML file in mobile programming. (6 marks)

#### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a. State and explain any two-selection control that are used to implement user interface of a mobile application write a sample code to demonstrate their implementations. (5 marks)
- b. Using the SMS API write the code for non-activity java for composing a new SMS. (5 marks)
- c. Using an android code example, how to launch an activity in android. (5 marks)
- d. Write android code to demonstrate how you pass the data to sub activities. (5 marks)

#### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a. Describe the 6 steps of the mobile application development process. (6 marks)
- b. Explain the meaning of the following lines of code in the context of mobile programming. (6 marks)

```
Public class lab2 extends activity
{
Public void onCreate (bundle savedInstanceState)
{
Super.onCreate (savedInstanceState);
TextView tv = new TextView (this)
{
View.setText ("freshers' night is on Friday 11th march 2022/n")
)
SetContentView (tv)
}
}
```

- c. Write android layout file (activity\_main.xml) that would display your name on the screen. (8 marks)