



## MURANG'A UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology)

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### SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#### BIT 2116: NETWORK DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT

COURSE: B.Sc. IT

TIME: 2HRS

DAY/TIME: Friday 8.30 a.m.

DATE: 11/12/15

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*Instructions: Answer Question 1 and Any Other Two.*

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#### **QUESTION ONE (30 Marks)**

- a) With aid of diagrams discuss the OSI reference models, detailing the protocols and network devices that are used in each layer (14 Marks)
- b) As a network design expert you have been tasked to solve the following scenario:  
Based on your network design requirements, you have determined that you should use a 26-bit subnet mask applied to your 192.168.0.0/24 network.
- i. Calculate each of the created subnets. (4 Marks)
- ii. Show the broadcast address and the range of usable addresses for each of the created subnets (8 Marks)
- c) With aid of a diagram describe the process of assigning IP Addresses through a DHCP server (4 Marks)

#### **QUESTION TWO (20 Marks)**

- a) Describe the FOUR(4) phases of structured cabling (8 marks)
- b) Identify the cable that you would choose to move backbone traffic and Give two reasons why? (2 marks)

- c) As a network design consultant you have been tasked by MRUC to design a network that represents how offices in their various buildings would be networked, detailing the type of cables, and networking devices to be used at various points. With aid of a diagram show how this would be represented. (7 marks)
- d) Describe the following specialized network devices (3 marks)
- i. VPN Concentrators
  - ii. Firewalls
  - iii. DNS Servers

**QUESTION THREE (20 Marks)**

- a) Ethernet has survived as the major LAN technology (it is currently used for approximately 85 percent of the world's LAN-connected PCs and workstations). State four reasons why its popular compared to other LAN technologies (4 marks)
- b) Describe At least four (4) policies that ensure sound network management. (8 marks)
- c) State six ideal operating conditions for a wiring closet (wiring closet specifications) (6 marks)
- d) Briefly explain the term baseline measurements in networks (2 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 Marks)**

- a) Briefly explain the term converged network giving at least one of its advantage (2 marks)
- b) With aid of a diagram differentiate between flat network design and hierarchical network design. State one advantage and disadvantage of each network design (6 marks)
- c) Give three differences between IPv4 and IPv6 (6 marks)
- d) MRUC Network administrator has been assigned a network address of 10.15.0.0/8. The institution needs at least seven (7) subnets. What subnet mask will you use (6 Marks)///