## THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA NATIONAL EXAMINATION COUNCIL DIPLOMA IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION EXAMINATION

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## **BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**

Time: 3 Hour. Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2005 a.m.

## **Instructions**

- 1. This paper consists of sections five (5) questions.
- 2. Answer all questions.
- 3. Each question carries twenty (20) marks.
- 4. Non-programmable calculators may be used.
- 5. Communication devices and any unauthorized materials are **not** allowed in the examination room
- 6. Write your Examination Number on every page of your answer booklet.



- 1. (a) Define the term "structural integrity" and explain its relevance in building construction.
  - (b) (i) Identify three factors that influence structural integrity during construction.
    - (ii) Explain two consequences of neglecting structural integrity in high-rise buildings.
  - (c) Describe three strategies used by engineers to ensure long-term structural performance of buildings.
- 2. (a) What is a construction work schedule?
  - (b) (i) State four types of construction schedules used in project planning.
    - (ii) Explain the importance of updating the schedule regularly during the project lifecycle.
  - (c) Give three effects of poor scheduling on construction project outcomes.
- 3. (a) Explain the term "contractual risk" in construction projects.
  - (b) (i) Mention three common sources of contractual risk.
    - (ii) State two methods of mitigating contractual risks before project commencement.
  - (c) Describe three consequences of failing to manage contractual risks properly.
- 4. (a) Define the term "material specification" and explain its significance in procurement and site work.
  - (b) (i) List three types of material specifications and describe their application.
    - (ii) Give two reasons why materials must comply strictly with approved specifications.
  - (c) Outline three challenges encountered when materials delivered on site do not match specifications.
- 5. (a) What is post-construction maintenance?
  - (b) (i) State four types of post-construction maintenance activities.
    - (ii) Explain the importance of maintenance manuals for facility users and managers.
  - (c) Identify three long-term consequences of ignoring scheduled maintenance in public buildings.