



**JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**SCHOOL INFORMATICS AND INNOVATIVE SYSTEMS**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF BUSINESS**  
**ADMINISTRATION**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER 2013/2014 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**CENTRE: KISUMU**

---

**COURSE CODE: SCS 3111**

**COURSE TITLE: COMPUTER ORGANIZATION APPLICATION**

**EXAM VENUE: AH**

**STREAM: Dip. Linux Engineering**

**DATE: 4/12/2013**

**EXAM SESSION: 9.00 – 11.00 AM**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

---

**Instructions:**

- 1. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**



**JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS & SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS: 2013/2014**  
**SCS 3111: COMPUTER ORGANIZATION AND APPLICATION**  
**KISUMU LEARNING CENTER**

**DATE: DECEMBER 2013**  
**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- i. This paper contains five (5) questions.
- ii. Question ONE is Compulsory and any other TWO questions
- iii. Answer the questions on the booklet provided
- iv. Mobile Phones are not allowed in exams room

**Question One (COMPULSORY- 30 Marks)**

- a. State and explain 5 basic operation performed by any computer system  
[5mks]
- b. using a diagram represent the processor and memory architecture of a computer  
[10mks]
- c. state and explain 5 characteristic of a PCs computer  
[5mks]
- d. explain five important factors you would consider when purchasing a computer  
[10 mks]

**Question two**

- a. Explain the following type of computer processor technologies  
[6mks]
  - i. CISC processor
  - ii. RISC processor
  - iii. EPIC processor

- b. Define the following terms in the context of disk storage  
[6mks]
- i. Access time
  - ii. Seek time
  - iii. Latency-
- c. list and explain the key properties used to characterize and evaluate storage unit of computer system  
[8mks]

### Question three

- a. Differentiate between the following terms as used in computer system and organization  
[4mks]
- i. Impact and non impact printer
  - ii. Analog computers and digital computer
- b. Explain the logical parts of a computer diagrammatically  
[10mks]
- c. Explain three application areas of computers in the following areas, health, transport and education  
[6mks]

### Question four

- a. Describe the generation of computers  
[10mks]
- b. Different between the following giving any similarities or difference between then  
[8mks]
- i. MICR and OCR
  - ii. Serial and parallel port
  - iii. BMP and JPG
  - iv. RAM and ROM.
- c. describe the full names of the following acronyms  
[2mks]
- i. DAT
  - ii. RAID

### Question Five

- a. Define the following number system  
[8mks]
- i. Binary
  - ii. Decimal
  - iii. Octal
  - iv. Hexadecimal
- b. Convert the following  
[8mks]

- i. 2710 to binary
  - ii. 10011012 to decimal
  - iii. 21610 to octal
  - iv. 4510 to binary
- c. Explain the following technologies used in computer system and organization  
[4mks]
- i. Expansion card
  - ii. MODEM