

**CHUKA UNIVERSITY**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**

**YEAR ONE EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN  
EDUCATION**

**COSC 701: COMPUTER USE AND APPLICATION IN EDUCATION**

**STREAM:**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**DAY:**

**DATE:**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions
2. Marks are awarded for clear and concise answers
3. **Note that only Question ONE (Section A) and the first TWO attempted questions in section B will be marked.**

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**SECTION A-COMPULSORY**

**Question ONE – [30 Marks]**

- (a) Describe **FIVE** features of Microsoft excel applications that are of interest to a teacher **[5 marks]**
- (b) Briefly describe what assistive technologies are and the role they play in education **[4 marks]**
- (c) While giving examples in each differentiate between a spreadsheet programme and a word processor **[4 marks]**
- (d) Describe **FOUR** features of Microsoft powerpoint that are very useful to a teacher in secondary school **[4 Marks]**
- (e) Briefly discuss **THREE** advantages that a school may benefit from after they develop their own web portal **[3 marks]**
- (f) The Media input devices are generally used in media for communicating with the mass audiences. Give **THREE** most popularly used media input devices **[3 Marks]**

(g) Describe with **THREE** examples how technology can be used to enhance opportunities for communication and collaboration in learning [3 Marks]

(h) Give atleast **THREE** word processing applications in the market today useful in Desktop computers [3 Marks]

**SECTION B-Answer any TWO questions from this section**

**Question TWO [15 Marks]**

One important application of internet in education sector is elearning.

(i) Briefly describe what elearning is [2 Marks]

(ii) Give **THREE** advantages of elearning over classroom interaction between a learner and a teacher [3 Marks]

(iii) Describe **THREE** features of web conferencing software that make them suitable for online teaching/learning [3 Marks]

(iv) Give **THREE** web conferencing software that a school can adopt for online teaching [3 Marks]

(v) Describe the concept of virtual classroom and how you can implement it [4 Marks]

**Question THREE [15 Marks]**

Use the following spreadsheet to answer the questions that follow.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	ITEM NO.	NO. OF ITEMS	ITEM PRICE	TAX	TOTAL PRICE BEFORE TAX	TOTAL PRICE AFTER TAX	RATE
1							
2	100	115	30				
3	101	256	12				
4		49	56				
5		23	150				
6		840	5				
7		200	56				
8		294	300				
9		4	90				
10							
11	Count of items		?				
12	Average of tax		?				
13	Min ITEM PRICE		?				
14	Max ITEM PRICE		?				

(a) How many columns are displayed in this spreadsheet [2 Marks]

(b) Give the name of the cell containing Item Prize of Item No. 100 [2 Marks]

(c) Give the formulae in form of function you would enter in cell C11, C12, C13 and C14 to compute: **Count of items, Average of tax, Min ITEM PRICE and Max ITEM PRICE** respectively [8 Marks]

(d)With examples, give **THREE** types of data in the spreadsheet **[3 Marks]**

**Question FOUR [15 Marks]**

(a)Explain how a student writing his/her academic report can use the following ms-word features **[10 Marks]**

- i) Thesaurus
- ii) Section breaks
- iii) Table of contents
- iv) Insert Citation
- v) Bibliography

(b)Describe **FIVE** security features employed Microsoft word to protect documents **[5 marks]**

**Question FIVE [15 Marks]**

(a)While working on an assignment, Peterson downloaded a picture from an artist's online album and put it on his report. However, he did not include a written acknowledgement in the references. Briefly explain any ethical issue in this scenario **[2 Marks]**

(b)Describe **THREE** important considerations that one needs to make while creating a class presentation using ms-powerpoint **[3 Marks]**

(c)What is the role of the following features on PowerPoint slides.

- (i)Insert **[2 Marks]**
- (ii)Design **[2 Marks]**
- (iii)Transition **[2 Marks]**
- (iv)Animation **[2 Marks]**
- (v)Slideshow **[2 Marks]**