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**DEPARTMENT OF SURVEYING AND GEOINFORMATICS**

**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS 2017/2087 SESSION**

**SVG 318 INTRODUCTION TO GEODESY**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer any **four** questions      **Time Allowed: 2½ Hours**

Q1 (a) What is Geodesy?

- (b) State the aims of Geodesy
- (c) State the methods used in providing Geodetic controls
- (d) State the two main properties of Geodesic

Q.2 Prove the following geodetic identities where a is semi-major axis and b is semi-minor axis, f is geometric flattening and e is first eccentricity of the ellipsoid.

- (a)  $e^2 = 2f - f^2$
- (b)  $\sqrt{(1 - e^2)} = (1 - f)$
- (c)  $(1 - e^2) = b^2/a^2$
- (d)  $(a^2 - b^2)/b^2 = e^2/(1 - e^2)$

Q.3 Write short notes with diagrams to explain the following terms:

- (a) Geoid
- (b) Normal Section
- (c) Geodesic
- (d) Geodetic Datum
- (e) Geodetic Latitude
- (f) Radii of Curvature

Q.4 (a) Use the Geodetic Space Rectangular coordinates below

$$X = (N + h)\cos\phi\cos\lambda$$

$$Y = (N + h)\cos\phi\sin\lambda$$

$$Z = \{N(1 - e^2) + h\}\sin\phi$$

Where N is the radius of Curvature in the Prime Vertical

$\phi$  is the Geodetic Latitude and  $\lambda$  is Geodetic Longitude and e is the eccentricity and h is the ellipsoidal height.

Derive the equation  $h = \frac{Z}{\sin\phi} - N(1 - e^2)$

Q.5 Use diagrams to explain the following concepts in Geodetic Surveying

- (a) Angular Separation between reciprocal Normal Sections
- (b) Maximum Distance Separation between reciprocal Normal Sections
- (c) If two points A and B are on the ellipsoid and are separated by a distance 100.028m, and lie on latitudes  $23^\circ 15' 58''$  and  $68^\circ 48' 24''$  respectively with the line AB having and azimuth of  $45^\circ 11' 56''$ , Calculate the angular separation between the reciprocal normal sections where  $a = 6378160\text{m}$  and  $1/f = 298.25$