## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, MINNA.

## Undergraduate Examination for First Semester 2015/2016 Session.

Course Title: Observation methods and Analysis (MET 313P)

Course Unit: 3

Instructions: Answer question 1 and any other Three (3) questions. Four (4) questions in all.

The use of relevant illustrations will be rewarded.

Time allowed: 2 hrs 30minutes

- 1. (a) Prepare a detailed surface station report and explain each term of the report.
  - (b) Use the station report in (a) to plot a surface station model.
- 2. (a) Discuss the importance of kinematic analysis to a weather forecaster
  - (b) Analyze the chart supplied and identify each of the following
  - (i) Vortices (ii) Waves (iii) Asymptotes (iv) troughs (v) saddles
- 3. (a) Discuss the three primary types of meteorological observations
  - (b) Examine five important meteorological properties that are observed at the surface.
- 4. Write short note on any three of the following
  - (i) Dryline
  - (ii) Intertropical Convergence Zone
  - (iii) High pressure system
  - (iv) Monsoon Trough
  - (v) Low pressure system
- 5. (a) Examine the characteristics of air masses and fronts.
  - (b) List 5 criteria used in locating fronts on a surface weather chart
- 6. (a) Define an isopleth.
  - Enumerate five guidelines used in isopleth analysis.