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B.A., B.Sc., BASS, B.Ed.

TITLE OF PAPER: ELEMENTARY SURVEYING & CARTOGRAPHY

COURSE NUMBER: GEP211

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS**
- 2. QUESTION 1 IS COMPULSORY**
- 3. ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH
EXAMPLES AND CLEARLY DRAWN DIAGRAMS
WHERE APPROPRIATE**

ALLOCATION OF MARKS: QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY) CARRIES

40 MARKS, WHILE THE REST CARRY

30 MARKS EACH

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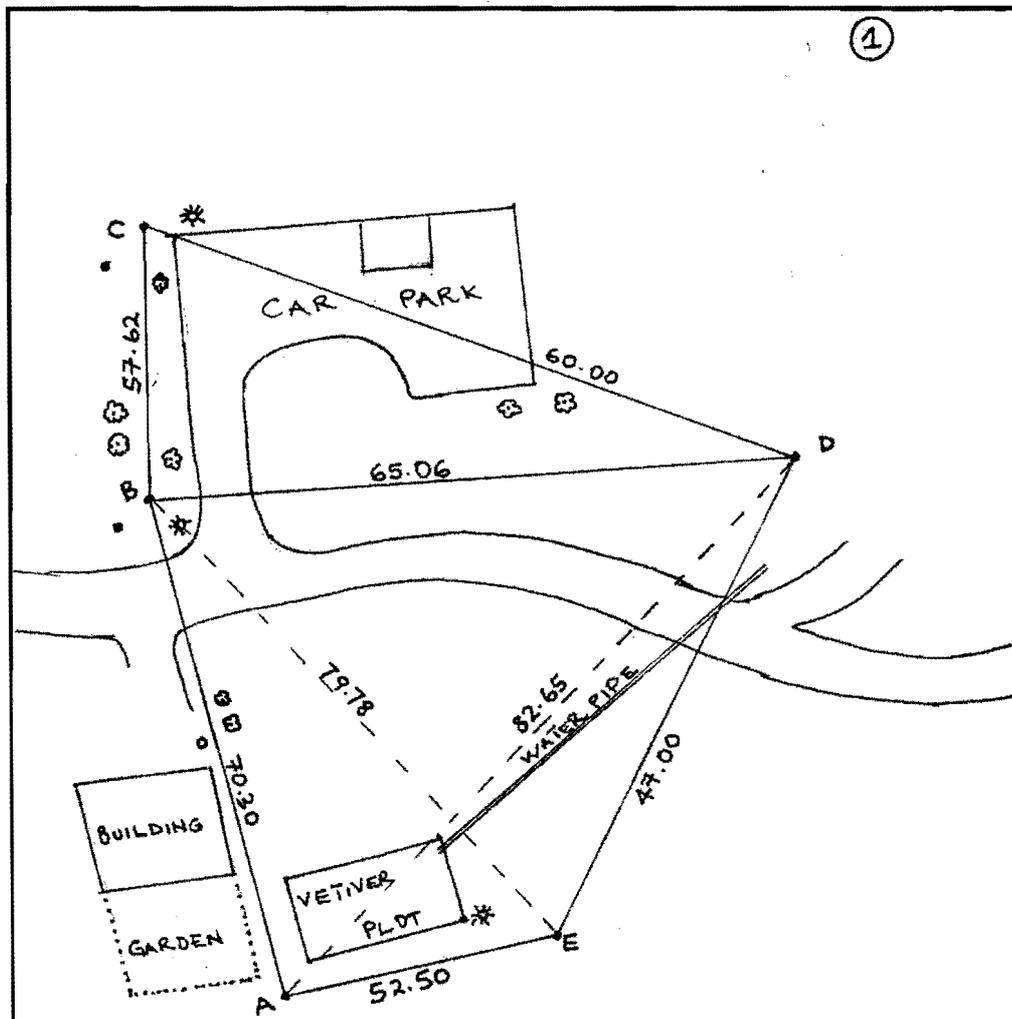
SECTION A: COMPULSORY

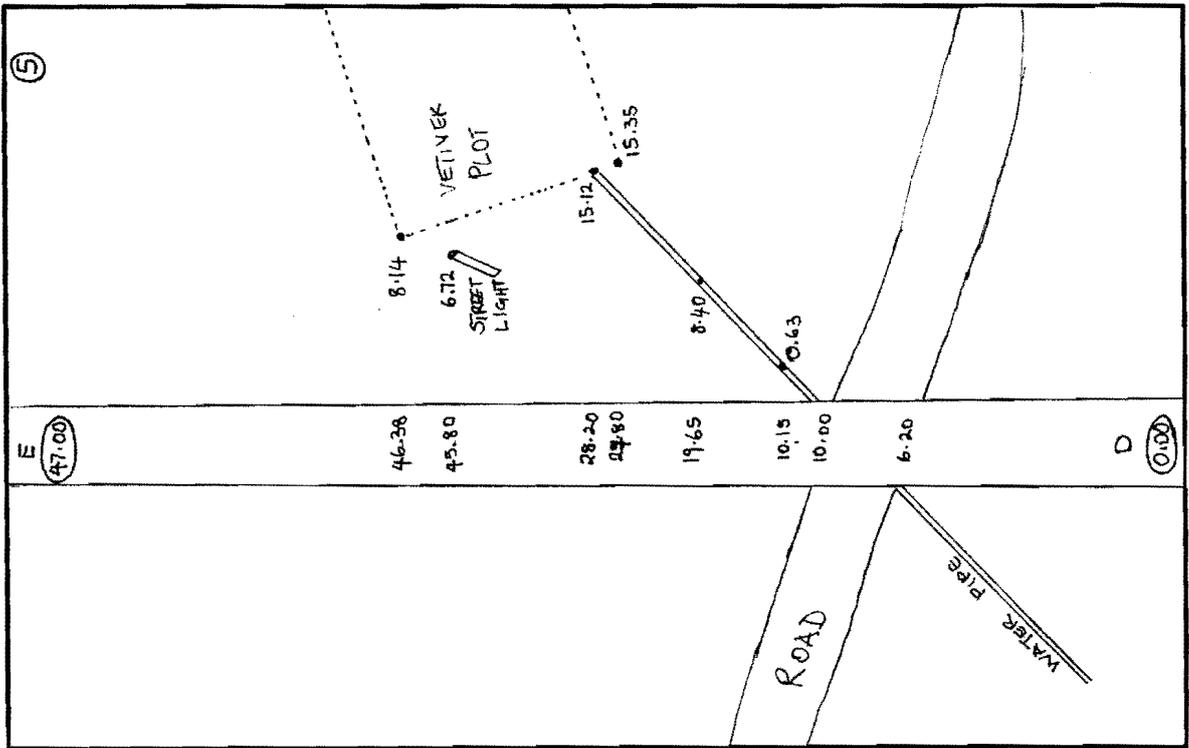
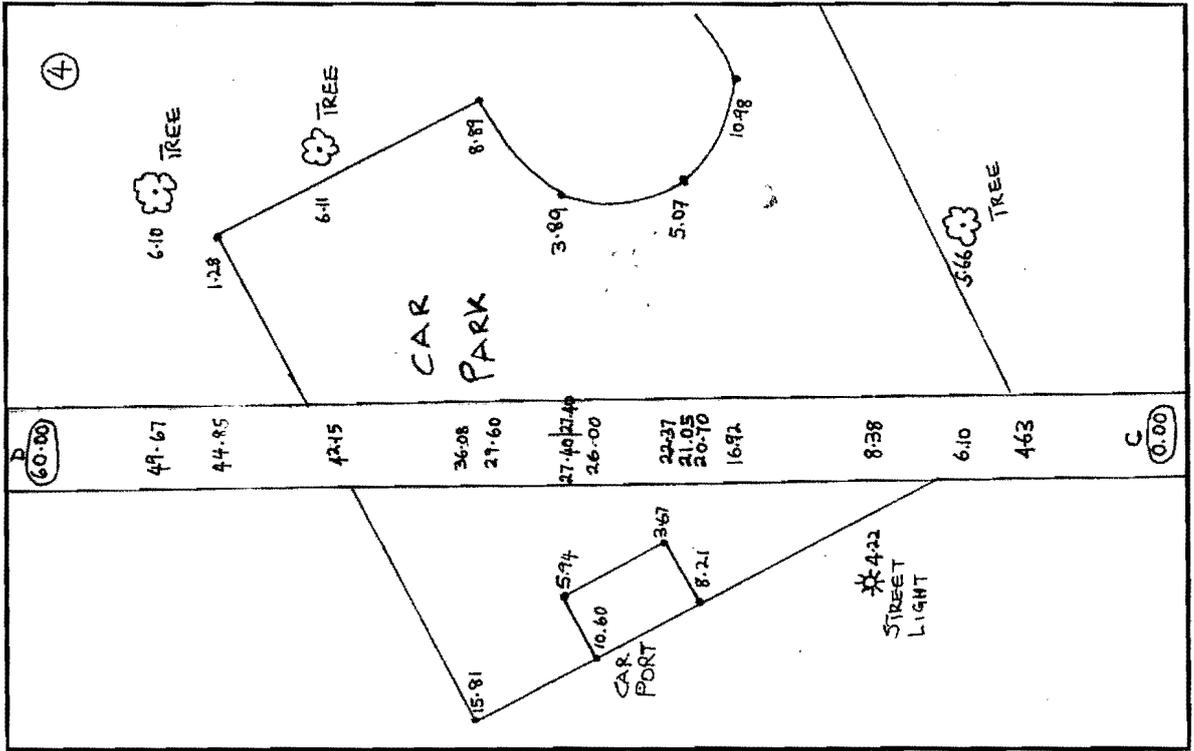
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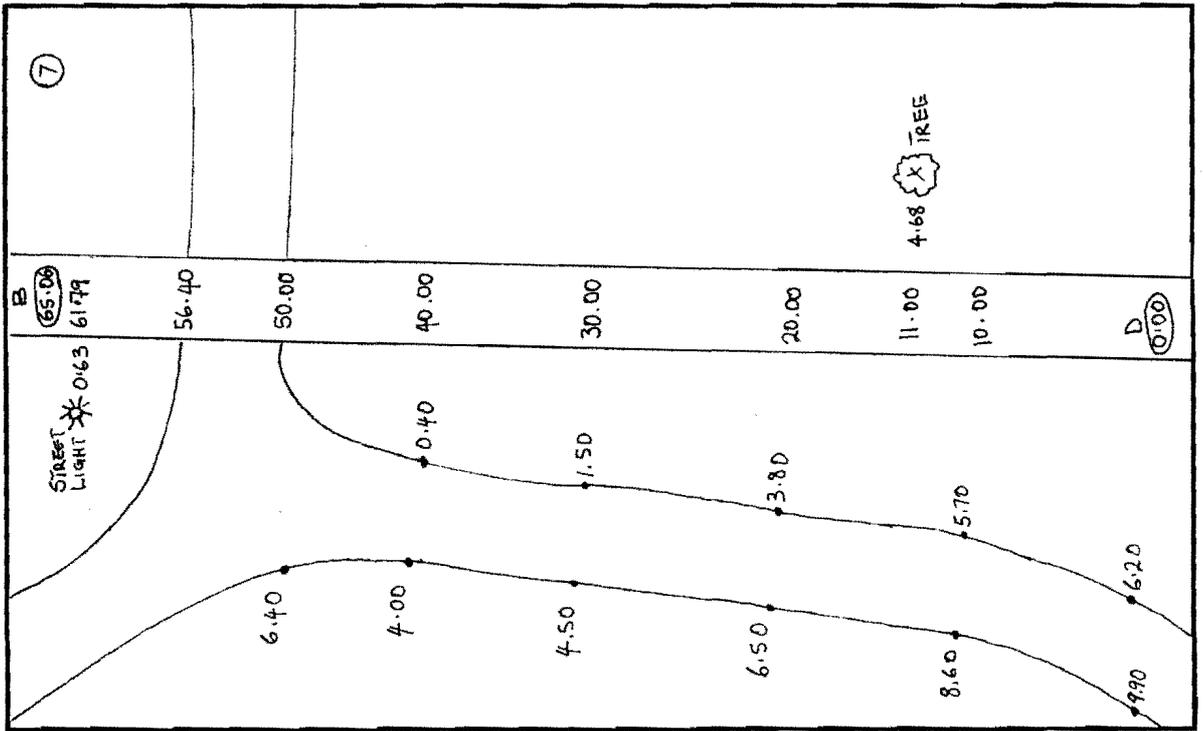
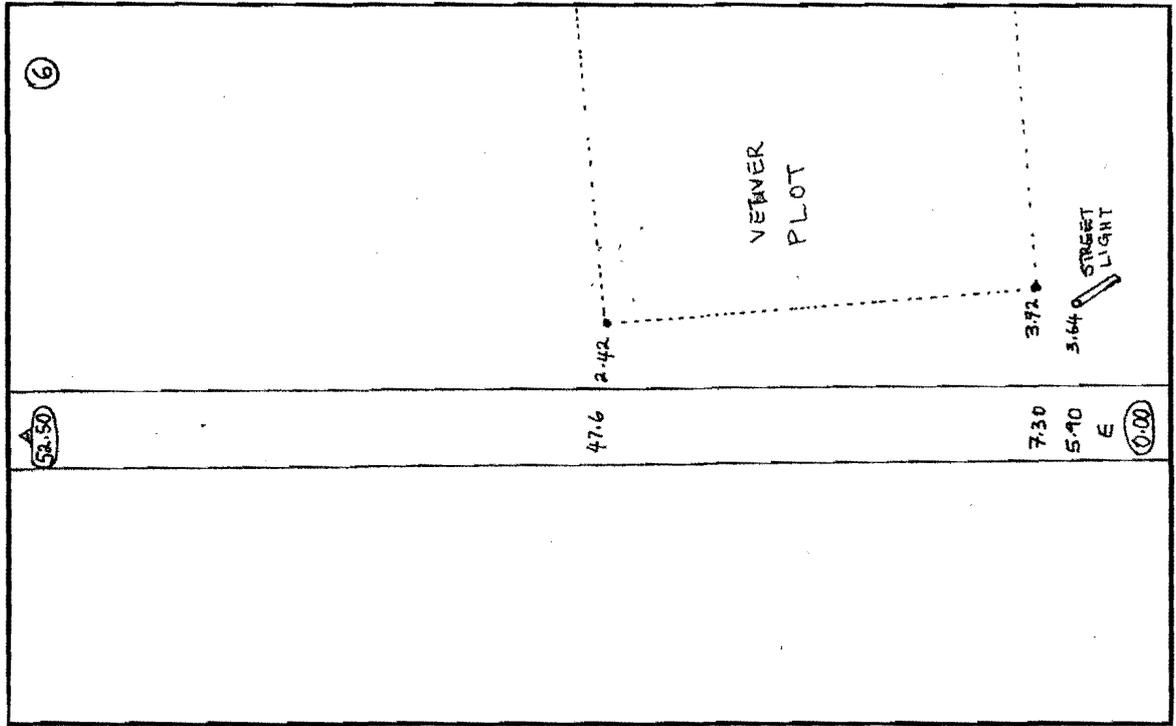
- a) A chain survey has been undertaken around the GEP Department Vetiver plot, UNISWA, Kwaluseni Campus. Plot the set of chain book sheets data below for the survey at a scale of 1:1000 on the provided plain A4 paper sheet.

Note: Measurements were taken in metres, and the magnetic bearing of AB is 180°

(30 marks)







- b) On a map of scale 1: 50 000, a water reservoir was found to be 85.39 cm^2 using a 1 cm^2 grid. Calculate the actual area of the dam in;
- i) Square metres (5 marks)
 - ii) Hectares (1 mark)
- c) A plot of land was surveyed using a tape measure 49.952 m long, and the area computed was 23475 m^2 . What was the true area of the plot in hectares? (4 marks)
- (40 Marks)**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2

- a) With the aid of illustrations, discuss the three classes of map projection systems. (15 marks)
- b) Using examples, explain the following classes of symbols;
- (i) Point-emphasising symbols (5 marks)
 - (ii) Line-emphasising symbols (5 marks)
 - (iii) Area-emphasising symbols (5 marks)
- (30 Marks)**

QUESTION 3

- a) Describe the survey process, highlighting the three (3) stages involved. (10 marks)
- b) Describe how the Electromagnetic Distance Measurement instrument is used to measure distance between two features. (10 marks)
- c) Describe the two principal divisions or classifications of surveying, highlighting how they differ from each other. (10 marks)
- (30 Marks)**

QUESTION 4

Using examples and illustrations, explain how any five visual variables can be used in making graphic elements appear more or less distinctive and prominent in map production.

(30 Marks)

QUESTION 5

- a) i) Describe how you would calibrate a bicycle wheel before using it to take measurements during a field survey. (15 marks)
- ii) Assuming that on calibrating the wheel, you found that it was 0.74 m. If you measured a distance between two bus stations, and found it to be 420 revolutions, what is the distance in *kilometres* between the two stations? (8 marks)
- b) i) What is pacing? (2 marks)
- ii) A surveyor marked 50m on the ground, and then paced it seven times, getting the following paces; 134, 135, 134, 134, 137, 136 and 137. Determine the pace factor of the surveyor. (5 marks)

(30 Marks)