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Access to Higher Education Unit

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Unit Title: Coordinate Geometry

Graded Unit Reference Number: GA33MTH13

Ungraded Unit Reference Number: UA33MTH13

Module: Mathematics; Maths for Computing

Level: Three (3)

Credit Value: Three (3)

Minimum Guided Learning Hours: 30

Units barred for selection against this unit:

• Coordinate Geometry and Vectors (GA33MTH24 / UA33MTH24)

| Learning Outcome (The Learner will): | | Assessment Criterion (The Learner can): | |
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| 1. | Solve problems involving points represented by their Cartesian coordinates in two dimensions | 1.1 | Find the distance between two points from their Cartesian coordinates |
| | | 1.2 | Determine the Cartesian coordinates of the mid-point on a straight line connecting two points |
| | | 1.3 | Find the gradient of a straight line connecting two points |
| 2. | Solve problems for straight lines represented using Cartesian coordinates | 2.1 | Convert Cartesian equations to polar form and vice versa |
| | | 2.2 | Represent straight lines using the forms y - $y_1 = m(x - x_1)$, $ax + by + c = 0$ and $y = mx + c$ |
| | | 2.3 | Find the distance from a point to a straight line, given the coordinates of the point and the equation of the line |
| | | 2.4 | Deduce from their equations whether two straight lines are parallel to each other and state the conditions for this |

| | | 2.5 | Deduce from their equations whether two straight lines are perpendicular to each other and state the conditions for this |
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| | | 2.6 | Sketch lines from their Cartesian equations |
| 3. | Understand the representation of circles using Cartesian coordinates | 3.1 | Derive the equation of a circle from the Cartesian coordinates of its centre and its radius |
| | | 3.2 | Given the equation of a circle, find its centre and radius by completing the square |
| | | 3.3 | Find the equation of a tangent at a given point on a circle |