

**GIS 221 INTRODUCTORY GIS  
FIRST SEMESTER TEST**

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Time: 50 min

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**1. BASIC CONCEPTS AND TERMINOLOGY**

- 1.1 Explain in a short paragraph how GIS can be applied in any field of study to assist you in decision making. (3)
- 1.2 Name the four basic functions that GIS software must be able to perform to process. (4)

**2. BUILDING A GIS MODEL**

- 2.1 Research Question: Where is the best location for a new museum?  
The best location for a new museum is where the following conditions apply:
- It must be within a distance of 400m from any other museum
  - It must be on a property that is for sale
  - The value of the property must not be more than R5 000 000
  - It must be within a distance 200m from a bus route.
- Make a list of spatial data and their associated attribute data needed for the project (8)

**3. DESIGNING THE GIS MODEL OF REALITY**

- 3.1 Explain what a map scale is. (1)
- 3.2 Name, discuss and illustrate the projection mostly used in South Africa. (6)
- 3.3 Name the different scales of measurement that can be used for the measurement of attribute data. (4)
- 3.4 Name the basic spatial feature type that will be used to represent the following real world entities on computer: (6)
1. Trees (Scale 1:50 000)
  2. Trees (Scale 1:500)
  3. Cities (Scale 1:5 000)
  4. Cities (Scale 1:5 000 000)
  5. Rivers (Scale 1: 500)
  6. Rivers (Scale 1:50 000)
- 3.5 Illustrate the difference between raster and vector data models. Name the advantages and disadvantages of each model (12)
- 3.6 Name the model that is mostly used in GIS to build an attribute data model. Explain how this model works by means of an example. (6)

**TOTAL 50**