MEBS6004 Built Environment

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Sample Examination Questions for Section A (Thermal Environment and Visual Environment) (to show the format only)

A1. (a) Define the five built-environmental elements and explain how they influence the health & well-being of people. Illustrate with diagrams if necessary.

(10 marks)

(b) A 50 W fluorescent lamp is replaced with a 10 W LED lamp. The lighting system operates 2500 hours per year and the average electricity price is \$1.5 per kWh. If the investment cost of the lamp replacement is \$800, calculate the annual energy savings and the simple payback of the replacement.

(5 marks)

A2. (a) Describe the equations for steady state heat flow across the major elements of the building envelope. Given the following information, calculate the heat flow rate across a brick wall.

Given:

Area of the brick wall = 10 m^2

Outside temperature = $10 \, ^{\circ}$ C

Inside temperature = $24 \, ^{\circ}\text{C}$

U-value of the brick wall = $1.5 \text{ W.m}^{-2}.\text{K}^{-1}$

(10 marks)

(b) Discuss the concept of circadian lighting and explain the three methods of implementing circadian lighting design.

(5 marks)