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**BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

SMA 2271: PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS (PDE)

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

SERIES: DECEMBER 2013

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Mathematical tables*
- *Scientific Calculator*

This paper consist of **FIVE** questions

Answer question **ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

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**Question One (Compulsory)**

a) Consider the differential equation

$$xu_x + yu_y = 0$$

obtain the characteristic equations and the characteristic curves. **(2 marks)**

b) Determine the arc length function for

$$\vec{r}(t) = \langle 2t, 3\sin(2t), 3\cos(3t) \rangle \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$$

on the interval

**(3 marks)**

c) Solve the following partial differential equation by separation of variables method:

$$3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} =; u(x,0) = 4e^{-x}$$

(5 marks)

$$\frac{dx}{x+y} = \frac{dy}{x+y} = \frac{dz}{-(x+y+2z)}$$

d) Find the integral curve of the equation (4 marks)

$$zydx - zx dy - y^2 dz = 0$$

e) Verify that the equation is integrable and hence find the solution to it. (5 marks)

$$z = xy$$

f) Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface at the point P (2, 3, 6) (5 marks)

g) Find the general solution of the following first order differential equation:

$$(x^2 + 1)y' + 6xy = x$$

(4 marks)

h) Give an implicit definition of a surface in  $R^3$  (2 marks)

### Question Two

$$z(x+y) = 4$$

a) Find the orthogonal trajectories on the conicoid of a conic in which it cut by the system

$$x - y + z = k$$

of planes where k is a parameter (9 marks)

b) Solve the differential equation:

$$x(y^2 - a^2)dx + y(x^2 - z^2) - z(y^2 - a^2)dz = 0$$

(6 marks)

$$x(y^2 + z)p - y(x^2 + z)q = (x^2 - y^2)z$$

c) Find the integral surface of the equation which contains the

$$x + y = 0$$

straight lines and  $z = 1$  (5 marks)

### Question Three

$$\vec{r}(\theta) = a(\cos \theta \vec{i} + \sin \theta \vec{j}); a \neq 0, -\infty < \theta < \infty$$

a) Prove that a curve C given by is a regular curve but not a smooth curve (6 marks)

b) Find the integral surfaces to the equations:

$$\frac{dx}{x+z} = \frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dz}{z+y^2}$$

(7 marks)

- c) Find  $u(x,t)$  satisfying  $u(x,0) = f(x)$  by the method of separation variables  $u(0,t) = u(1,t) = 0$  (7 marks)

**Question Four**

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$$

- a) Solve using Laplace transforms given the boundary conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} t < 0, & \quad u(x,t) = 0 & t > 0 & \quad u(0,t) = 4 \\ x \rightarrow \infty & \quad u(\infty,t) = 0 & t = 0 & \quad u(x,0) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(16 marks)

$$\phi(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xyz) = 0$$

- b) Form a semi linear Lagrange's equation from (4 marks)

**Question Five**

- a) Solve the following first order partial differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + u = e^{-x}$$

(6 marks)

$$aux - yuy + y^2u = y^2$$

- b) Find the general solution of (6 marks)

- c) Solve the following equation:

$$yz(y+z)dx + xz(x+z)dy + xy(x+y)dz = 0$$

(8 marks)