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SEMESTER III EXAMINATION

SERIES: APRIL/MAY 2010

TIME : 2 HOURS

Instructions to candidates:

You must have the following for this examination:

- Answer booklet
- Scientific Calculator / S.M. P table

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions

Answer question **ONE** from section **A** and any other **TWO** questions from section **B**.

Attached find the abridged Laplace Transform table.

Question One

- a) Solve completely for q_2 leaving your answer with arbitrary constants.

$$\frac{dq_1}{dt} + q_1 + q_2 = 4\cos 4t$$

$$\frac{dq_2}{dt} + q_2 = q_1 \quad (10\text{marks})$$

- b) Determine the laplace transfer of : $f(t) = e^{\lambda^2 t}$ from first principles. (5marks)

- c) Determine the laplace transform of :

$$\frac{e^{8t} - 1}{t} \quad (7\text{marks})$$

- d) Solve the following differential equation using D- operator method or method of undetermined coefficient.

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 400x = 10\cos 20t \text{ given that } t = 0, x = 0, \dot{x} = 100 . \quad (8\text{marks})$$

Question TWO

- a) Determine the inverse la place transform of :

i) $\frac{7s^2 - 6s - 64}{(s - 2)(s + 4)(s - 4)}$

ii) $\frac{26 - s^2}{s(s^2 + 4s + 13)}$ (12marks)

- b) Solve the following by la place transform method.

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} - 4x = \cos st \quad \text{given that } t = 0, x = 2, \frac{dx}{dt} = 3 \quad (8\text{marks})$$

Question THREE

- a) Use D-operator method to solve the following differential equations leaving the answer with answer with arbitrary constants

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 5 \sin x . \quad (7\text{marks})$$

b) Solve completely by D- operator method

$$(D^2 - 4D + 3)y = x^2 + e^{2x} \text{ given that } x = 0, y = -1, \dot{y} = 0 \quad (13\text{marks})$$

Question FOUR

a) State the Cauchy linear equation. (1mark)

b) Given that $x = e^z$, express the differential equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} + y = \text{Sin}(\ln x) \text{ in the form } a^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} + b \frac{dy}{dz} + cy = f(z) \text{ where } a, b, \text{ and } c \text{ are constants.} \quad (7\text{marks})$$

c) Solve the differential equation $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = \text{Sin}(\ln x)$

$$\text{given that when } x = 1, y = 10, \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{19}{2} \quad (12\text{marks})$$

Question FIVE

a) State the lagendre linear equation. (1mark)

b) Given that $ax + b = e^z$, show that

$$(ax + b) \frac{dy}{dx} = (ax + b) Dy = a \frac{dy}{dz} \text{ and}$$

$$(ax + b)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = (ax + b)^2 D^2 y = a^2 \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dz^2} - \frac{dy}{dz} \right) \quad (8\text{marks})$$

c) Using b above, solve the differential equation

$$(3x + 2)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3(3x + 2) \frac{dy}{dx} - 36y = 3x^2 + 4x + 1 \quad (13\text{marks})$$