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(HD A08)

MATHEMATICS

FINAL EXAMINATION

SERIES: APRIL/MAY 2010

TIME : 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates:

You should have the following for this examination

- Answer booklet
- Mathematical table /scientific calculate

Answer any **FIVE** of the following **EIGHT** questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Question ONE

- a) Given that $Z = (At^n + Bt^{-n})\sin(n\theta + \omega)$ where A , B , n , and ω are constants show that

$$\frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial t^2} + \frac{1}{t} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{t^2} \frac{\partial^2 Z}{\partial \theta^2} = 0 \quad (8\text{marks})$$

- b) Show that $f(x, y) = x^2 y^2 (1 - x - y)$ has a maximum at $x = y = \frac{2}{3}$. (12marks)

Question TWO

- a) Solve for a in the equation:

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & 4 & 2 \\ a^2 & 4 & 4 \\ a^3 & 4 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 3 \quad (8\text{marks})$$

- b) Given the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

i) Evaluate $P = A^2 + 3A$

- ii) Find P^{-1} and hence solve the simultaneous equation

$$15x + 23y + 9z = 3$$

$$9x + 15y + 7z = -5$$

$$14x + 18y + 8z = 0$$

(12marks)

Question THREE

- a) i. State the necessary and sufficient condition for an equation $Mdx + Ndy = 0$ to be exact

- ii. Show that the differential equation

$$(2x + 3\cos y)dx + (2y - 3x\sin y)dy = 0 \text{ is exact and hence solve}$$

the differential equation given that when $x = 0$, $y = \frac{\pi}{2}$ (7marks)

- b) Solve the differential equation completely $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = x^2 + e^{2x}$

given that $x = 0$, $y = -1$, $\dot{y} = 0$

(13marks)

Question FOUR

- a) In an experiment, the length of 100 white mice are measured to the nearest 0.1cm and the frequency tabulated as follows:

Length	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64
Freq.	1	4	15	20	25	26	7	1	1

Find:-

- i) The modal and the media class.
- ii) Upper quartiles and lower quartile hence interquartile range.
- iii) Mean
- iv) Median
- v) Mode
- vi) Standard deviation and skewness
- vii) Coefficient of variation (15marks)

b. A machine manufacturing screws is known to produce 5% defective to a random sample of 15 screws. What is the probability that there are:

- i) Exactly three defective
- ii) Not more than three defective. (5marks)

Question FIVE

a) Determine the modules and the argument of

$$Z = \frac{1}{12 + 5j} \quad (3marks)$$

b) Solve the equation $Z^3 = \frac{4-2j}{j}$ and express yours roots in the form $a + jb$. (10marks)

c) Given $Z = 2-j$ is a root to the polynomial

$$3Z^3 = 14Z^2 + 23Z + \lambda = 0$$

Determine:

- i) The value of λ
 - ii) The other two roots (4marks)
- d) Use De-Moirres theorem to prove that

$$\tan 3\theta = \frac{3 \tan \theta - \tan^3 \theta}{1 - 3 \tan^2 \theta} \quad (3marks)$$

Question SIX

Given that $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{c^2}{2} e^{-cx} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$ is a probability density function, determine:

- i) The value of c .
- ii) The expected value of x
- iii) The standard deviation σ
- iv) The probability that $0 \leq x \leq 3$ correct to 4 d.p. (20marks)

Question SEVEN

- a)
 - i. Derive Newton-Raphson iterative formulae.
 - ii. Use the Newton – Raphson Formulae to determine the cube-root of 123 correct to five decimal places. (9marks)
- b) Table 1 shows measurements taken by a surveyor where one value was wrongly recorded.

x	1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6
f(x)	5	5.64	6.36	7.16	8.4	9.	10.04

- i) Use finite difference to correct the wrongly recorded value
- ii) Determine the function $f(x)$ by use of Newton – Gregory interpolation formula (11marks)
- iii) Find $f(1.48)$

Question EIGHT

- a) Evaluate the following integral:

$$\int \frac{d\theta}{5 + 4\cos\theta} \quad (5\text{marks})$$

- b) State the Cauchy linear equation, hence solve the equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 5x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) \ln x \text{ using the substitution } x = e^z. \quad (15\text{marks})$$