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**SMA 2471 NUMERICAL ANALYSIS 1**  
**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**SERIES: MAY 2016**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

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**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

*-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID*

This paper consists of **five** questions. Attempt question **one** and any other two questions.

**Do not write on the question paper.**

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### QUESTION ONE

(a) Define an interpolating polynomial. (1 mk)

(b) Evaluate first and second derivatives of  $\sqrt{x}$  at  $x=1.10$  given that

$x$	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
$y$	-1.62	0.16	2.45	5.39	9.13

(3 mks)

(c) Show that,

$$\left(\frac{\Delta^2}{E}\right)e^x \cdot \frac{Ee^x}{\Delta^2 e^x} = e^x$$

(3 mks)

d) Solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ , in the range  $0 \leq x \leq 0.3$  by taking  $h = 0.1$  using the modified Euler's method.

(6 mks)

e) Approximate  $y(0.6)$  using Milne's Predictor-Corrector method with  $h = 0.1$  for the equation,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -2xy, \text{ given that;}$$

x	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
y	1.0000	0.9900	0.9608	0.9139	0.8522

(4 mks)

f) Using Newton's forward interpolating formula, find the missing values in the table of  $f(x)$  below:

x	45	50	55	60	65
f(x)	3		2		-2.4

(6 mks)

g) Find a unique quadratic polynomial of degree two or less such that  $f(0) = 1$ ,  $f(1) = 3$  and  $f(3) = 55$  using the Lagrange interpolation.

(6 mks)

**QUESTION TWO**

(a) Determine the step size  $h$  to be used in the tabulation of  $f(x) = \sin x$  in the interval  $(1,3)$  so that a linear interpolation is correct to 4 dp.

(7 mks)

(b) A particle moves along a straight line at a time  $t$  with it's distance  $S$  from a fixed point of the line given by;

$$\int \frac{dS}{dt} = t(8 - t^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \text{ Using the Simpson's } \frac{1}{3} \text{ rule, calculate the approximate distance travelled}$$

by the particle from time  $t=0.8$  to  $1.6$  using 8 strips correct to 4 decimal paces.

(6 mks)

(c) Using Taylor series method, solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - y$ ,  $y(0) = 2$ , at  $x = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3$ , and  $0.4$  correct to 4 decimal places.

(7 mks)

**QUESTION THREE**

a) Find by the Lagrange's method the function  $f(x)$  given the values

$x$	1	3	4
$f(x)$	6	12	24

Hence find  $f(2)$

(7 mks)

b) Evaluate  $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$  using the trapezoidal rule with  $h = 0.1$ .

(7 mks)

c) By Newton-Raphson method, find the positive root to the equation  $2x^2 + 7x - 6 = 0$  correct to 3 significant figures.

(6 mks)

### QUESTION FOUR

(a) Use Euler's method to solve

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{t - y}{2},$$

if  $y(0) = 1$  and  $h = 1$ , up to  $n = 2$ .

(5 mks)

(b) Apply the second order Runge-Kutta method to find  $y(0.2)$  if;

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y - x \quad \text{where } h = 0.1 \text{ correct to 4 significant figures.}$$

(7 mks)

(c) Using Gauss' backward interpolation, interpolate the sales of a certain commodity for the year 1976 given that;

Year	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990
Sales (in pounds)	17	20	27	32	36	38

(8 mks)

### QUESTION FIVE

a) Integrate  $\int_2^3 (x^2 - 2) dx$  by Simpson's one third rule, taking 5 ordinates correct to 4d.p.

(6 mks)

b) Use Romberg's method to evaluate  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$  correct to 4 d.p by taking  $h_1 = 0.25$  and  $h_2 = 0.125$  correct to 4 d.p.

(8 mks)

c) Obtain Picard's second approximate solution of the initial value problem,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{y^2 + 1}, y(0) = 0.$$

(6 mks)