



**TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA**

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FACULTY OF APPLIED AND HEALTH SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR**

**THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY IN APPLIED PHYSICS,  
RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PHYSICS & BACHELOR SCIENCE  
IN STATISTICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE, MECHANICAL, CIVIL, ELECTRICAL  
AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING**

**SMA2278/ SMA 2271 / AMA 4204: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION- SERIES: MAY 2016**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following to do this examination:

*-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID*

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

**Answer question One and any other two**

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**Question ONE (30 marks)**

- a) Using the differential operator evaluate  $(D^2 + 5)\{\sin x\}$ . (3 marks)
- b) Using a solution form the complimentary function of  $y'' - y = e^x$  hence solve by reduction of order to obtain the particular integral. (6 marks)
- c) Use Bernoulli's method to solve  $2x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = 4y^3$ . (5 marks)

d) Find the inverse laplace transform of  $F(S) = \frac{s+2}{s^2-4s+3}$  (4 marks)

e) Determine the general solution if  $(x+y)dx + (3x+3y-4)dy = 0$  (6 marks)

f) The initial temperature of a body is  $53^{\circ}C$  and after 5 minutes its temperature is  $45^{\circ}C$ , from Newton's law of cooling it is known that the rate of cooling of a body is proportional to the temperature difference between the body and its surrounding room temperature. Use this to predict the temperature of the body after a further 5 minutes given that the room temperature was constant at  $21^{\circ}C$ . (6 marks)

### **Question TWO (20 marks)**

a) Solve the linear fractional differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+y-3}{x-y-1}$ . (7 marks)

b) Obtain the complimentary function hence find the particular integral of  $(D^2+1)y = \tan x$  by variation of parameter method. (9 marks)

c) Solve the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$ . (4 marks)

### **Question THREE (20 marks)**

a) Identify all regular singular points in the differential equation

$(x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (x-2)\frac{dy}{dx} + 4x^2y = 0$ . (5 marks)

b) Solve the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$ . (4 marks)

c) Use D-operator method to find the general solution to  $(D^2 + 3D - 4)y = \sin 2x$ . (5 marks)

d) An object moves with simple harmonic motion on the x axis. Initially it is located at a distance 46 m away from the origin when  $t=0$  and has velocity  $v=15$  m/s and decelerating at  $100m/s^2$  directed towards the origin O. find the equation of the position at any time t. (6 marks)

**Question FOUR (20 marks)**

a) Solve the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 - 1}{x}$  (4 marks)

b) Solve the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 14\frac{dy}{dx} + 49y = 0$ . (3 marks)

c) Solve the linear differential equation  $(x^2 + 9)\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0$  if  $y(0)=1$ . (5 marks)

d) If  $y_1 = e^{2x}$  is a solution of  $y'' - 4y = 0$  find a 2<sup>nd</sup> independent solution of this differential equation. (8 marks)

**Question Five (20 marks)**

a) Verify whether it's an exact differential equation hence solve  $(y^3 + 2x)dx + (3xy + 1)dy = 0$ . (5 marks)

b) Use Laplace transform to solve  $\frac{dx}{dt} - 2x = 4$  given at  $t=0$  then  $x=1$ . (6 marks)

c) An electric circuit consists of an inductance of 0.1 henry a resistance of 20 ohms and a condenser of capacitance 25 microfarads. Find the charge  $q$  and the current  $i$  at any time  $t$ , given that the initial conditions are  $q = 0.05$  coulombs and  $i = \frac{dq}{dt} = 0$  when  $t = 0$  if

$$L\frac{d^2q}{dt^2} + R\frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} = E(t). \quad (9 \text{ marks})$$

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