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**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL, ELECTRICAL AND
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

(BSCE/BEME/BSEE)

SMA 2271/SMA 2278: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: APRIL 2014

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

Question One (Compulsory)

- a) Explain what is meant by the phrase “complete solution” of a differential equation. **(1 mark)**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 - 1}{x}$$

- b) Solve the differential equation **(4 marks)**
c) Solve the linear fractional equation: **(5 marks)**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x+y-3}{x-y-1}$$

(5 marks)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = 4e^{3t}$$

d) Using Laplace transform solve at $t = 0$ if $x = 1$ (5 marks)

$$(3x^2 + 4xy)dx + (2x^2 + 2y)dy = 0$$

e) Solve using the method of exact differential equation

(5 marks)

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y = 6e^{3x} + 7e^{-2x} - \log 2$$

f) Using the D-operator method find the complete solution if

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

g) Identify all regular singular points of

(5 marks)

Question Two

$$y'' + a^2y = 0$$

$$y = e^{mx}$$

a) (i) Solve the equation where a is a constant by letting (4 marks)

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$$

(ii) Show that the equation has two linearly independent solution of the form e^{ax} (3 marks)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)y = \frac{3}{x}y^3$$

b) Solve the Bernoulli's equation of the form (6 marks)

c) Use Laplace transform to solve the IVP

$$x'' - 3x' + 2x = 2e^{3t}$$

$$x_0 = x(0) = 5$$

$$x_1 = \frac{d(x0)}{dt} = 7$$

(7 marks)

Question Three

$$(D^2 + D - 2)y = 2x - 40 \cos 2x$$

a) Solve the equation by the method of undetermined coefficient. (10 marks)

b) Find the singular points of the differential equation and determine whether they are regular or ordinary points:

$$x^2(1-x)y'' + (1-x)y' + y = 0$$

(5 marks)

c) Solve the initial value problem:

$$(x^2 + 9) \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0; \quad y(0) = 1$$

(5 marks)

Question Four

- a) State THREE reasons why the differential equation below is non-linear. (3 marks)

$$x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} - y \right)^2 - 3y^2 = 0$$

- b) (i) Show that $ydx - xdy = 0$ is not exact. (2 marks)

- (ii) Show that $\frac{1}{x^2}$ is an integrating factor for the equation in b (i) above $ydx - xdy = 0$ (3 marks)

- (iii) Solve the equation using the integrating factor method. (4 marks)

- c) (i) Show that $\frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$ is a homogeneous function in x and y (2 marks)

- (ii) Using the substitution $y = vx$ transform the equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$ into an equation containing v and x only (3 marks)

- (iii) Hence solve the resulting equation using the method of separation of variables in (ii) above. (3 marks)

Question Five

- a) Solve $yy'' = (y')^2$ by reducing the order, by substitution $y' = p$ and $y'' = p \frac{dp}{dy}$ (4 marks)

- b) Given the differential equation:

$$(x^2 - 1) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0$$

- (i) Normalize the equation (1 marks)
 (ii) Show that $x = 0$ is an ordinary point for the equation (2 marks)

- c) An electric circuit has a constant electromotive force $E = 40\text{v}$, a resistor of 10Ω and an inductance 0.2 Henry, with initial current 0 at $t = 0$ and basic differential equation is:

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = E$$

Determine the steady current after a long time.

$$(D^2 - 5D + 6)y = e^x \cos 2x$$

d) Use the inverse D operator method to solve

(8 marks)