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EBE 3201: MATHEMATICS

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: AUGUST 2012

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates:

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*
- *Mathematical Table/Calculator*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions

Answer any **THREE** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

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Question One (20 Marks)

- a) Deflection of a beam is represented by the following differential equation.

$$Y'' + 100y = 10$$

Determine an expression for y, when;

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 1$$

i)

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 2$$

ii)

(12 marks)

- b) A particle oscillates with simple harmonic motion its displacement is expressed as

$$x = (5\text{cm}) \cos(2 + \frac{\pi}{6}t)$$

, where x is in cm and t in seconds.

At $t = 0$, find:-

i) Displacement of particle

ii) Its velocity, and

iii) Its acceleration

iv) Period and amplitude of motion.

(5 marks)

- c) Find the area under the parabola $y = x^2$ for x between 0 and 3.

(3 marks)

Question Two (20 marks)

- a) Determine the area of the region enclosed by $y = \sin x$ and $y = \cos x$ at $x = \pi/4$ and the y-axis.

(6 marks)

- b) A 4 kg object is attached to a spring and will stretch the spring 350mm by itself. There is no damping

$$F(t) = 10 \cos(wt)$$

in the system and a forcing function of the form $F(t) = 10 \cos(wt)$, is attached to the object and the system experience resonance. If the object is initially displaced 20cm downward from its equilibrium position and given a velocity of 10m/sec upward. Find the displacement at any time t.

(5 marks)

- c) Suppose you throw a hammer to a friend, who is 25 feet above you. Determine:

$$V_o = 32 \text{ ft/sec}$$

(i) If you throw the hammer at an initial velocity of V_o . Determine its distance.

(ii) Determine smallest possible value of V_o to enable hammer reach your friend. **(6 marks)**

$$\frac{1}{2} d^2 y / dx^2 + 2 dy / dx + y = 0$$

- d) Evaluate, **(3 marks)**

Question Three (20 marks)

$$d^2 y / dx^2 + 4y = 2$$

$$dy / dx = 7$$

- a) Solve the following initial value problem, given that, $x = 0, y = 0$.

(8 marks)

- b) You are having a free falling object whose acceleration due to gravity is -24ft/sec^2
 Determine:-
 i) Initial velocity
 ii) Initial distance of the object **(7 marks)**

$$2y''+6y'+y = 0$$

- c) Find the general solution of the differential equations **(5 marks)**

Question Four (20 marks)

$$y = x^2 \quad y = x$$

- a) Find the area between the curves, $y = x^2$ and $y = x$ **(5 marks)**
 b) An object 30m below ground level accelerates at a rate of 4m/sec^2 . Determine its height after 6 seconds. **(5 marks)**

$$y = x^3 \quad y = \sqrt{x}$$

- c) Find the centre of the mass for the region by $y = x^3$ and $y = \sqrt{x}$ **(10 marks)**

Question Five (20 marks)

$$2y''+7y'+3y = 7$$

- a) Determine the general solution for $2y''+7y'+3y = 7$ **(7 marks)**
 b) Determine the surface area of the solid obtained by rotating $y = \sqrt{9-x^2} - 2$ for $2 \leq x \leq 2$, about the x-axis. **(5 marks)**
 c) Given that a 4kg weight stretched a spring 8 inches from its natural length. The weight is pulled down an additional 6 inches and released with an initial upward velocity of 8ft/second. Determine a formula for the opposition of the weight as a function of time, t. **(8 marks)**