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AGEC 0103: MATHEMATICS FOR ECONOMIST II

STREAM: Y1 S2

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY: FRIDAY, 9:00 – 12:00 P.M.

DATE: 19/04/2024

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Question ONE Is Compulsory and Any Other TWO Questions.***

QUESTION ONE

(a). Using the rule of differentiation and integration, work out:

i. $Y = x^3 - 2x^4 + 16$ (3marks)

ii. $3/x^2 = y$ (3marks)

iii. $\int x^6 dx$ (3marks)

iv. $\int (3x^2 - x + 2) dx$ (3marks)

(b) With examples, discuss the three types of logarithms (9marks)

(c) (i) differentiate between endogenous and exogenous variables (4marks)

(ii) Obtain an inverse of the following matrix (5marks)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 22 & 13 \\ 7 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

QUESTION TWO

- i. Discuss in details the practical use of differentiation. (8marks)
- ii. Determine the coordinates and the nature of any turning points on the curve represented by the following function: (12marks)

$$Y=x^3-7.5x^2+18x+16$$

QUESTION THREE

- i. Differentiate between marginal revenue (MR) and marginal cost (MC) (4 marks)
- ii. If the total cost function is $TC = 5Q^2 + 7Q + 20$, find the marginal function and evaluate in at $Q = 6$ and $Q = 9$ (6 marks)
- iii. A food processing plant has a particular problem with delivery and processing of perishable goods. All deliveries must be processed in a single day and although there are a number of processing machines available, they are very expensive to run. A resercher has developed the function $Y = 12x - 2a - ax^2$ to describe the profit Y in '00'. Given the number of machines used x , and the number of deliveries(a) in a day;
 - a). Show that the system is uneconomical if 4 deliveries are made in one day ($a=40$) (4 marks)
 - b). If three deliveries are made in one day, find the number of processing machines that should be used in order to maximize profit. (4 marks)
 - c). What is the maximum profit in b above. (2 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a). with examples distinguish between function and equation. (4 marks)
- b). Discuss in details types of equation. (10 marks)
- c). solve the following equation;
 - i. $3x + y = 15$ (3 marks)
 $x + \frac{1}{3}y = 2$
 - ii. $4x - 3y = 18.5$ (3 marks)
 $4y = 7x - 35.5$