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THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (GEOPHYSICS AND
MINEROLOGY)**

**FIRST SEMESTER 2021/2022
(FEBRUARY-JUNE, 2022)**

PHRE215/BSMN 215: MATHEMATICAL METHODS

STREAM: Y2 S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: TUESDAY, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

DATE: 10/05/2022

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer Question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO Questions.***

QUESTION ONE

- a)** Use Maclaurin's series to develop a power series approximation up to the term in x^7 of the function:

$$f(x) = \ln \left(\frac{x+2}{2-x} \right)$$

(3 marks)

- b)** The gamma function is given by the integral

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} (t^{x-1} e^{-t}) dt, \quad x > 0.$$

Show that $\Gamma(x+3) = (x+2)(x+1)x\Gamma(x)$

(4 marks)

c) Use De Moivre's theorem to evaluate z^8 where $z = -2 + i\sqrt{7}$. (3 marks)

e) A d.c circuit comprises of three loops. Applying Kirchoff's laws to the closed loops gives the following equations for current flow:

$$3I_1 + 3I_2 - 4I_3 = 26$$

$$2I_1 - 5I_2 - 3I_3 = -54$$

$$-7I_1 + 2I_2 + 6I_3 = 26$$

Use Gaussian elimination method to solve for I_1, I_2 and I_3 . (5 marks)

f) If $\vec{p} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$ and $\vec{q} = 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$, determine:

(i) $\vec{q} \cdot \vec{p}$ (2 marks)

(ii) $\vec{q} \times \vec{p}$ (3 marks)

g) Find the Laplace transform of the function $f(t) = t$.

(3 marks)

h) Given the partial differential equation, $f(x) = 4 \sin(3x) \cos(2t)$ evaluate

$\frac{\partial^2 f(x)}{\partial x^2}$ and $\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial t}$. (4 marks)

i) Show that the function $f(x) = x - x^3$ in the interval $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ is an even function. (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO

a) Given the following function, find y''' .

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

b) Find y''' if $y = \log(ax + b)$ (5 marks)

c) Given $z_1 = 2 + 4i$ and $z_2 = 3 - i$, determine $|z_1 + z_2|^2$ where z_1, z_2 are complex numbers. (3 marks)

d) Find the eigen values that satisfy the following matrix equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} (1 - \lambda) & 4 \\ -1 & (2 - \lambda) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

(3 marks)

e) Use integration by parts to evaluate the integral:

$$\int_1^2 x^2 (\ln x) dx$$

(4 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Find Legendre polynomials P_1, P_2 and P_3 using Rodrigues formalism. (3 marks)
- b) Given that z is a complex number, determine z^6 if
$$z = \ln(2 + 5i)$$
(4 marks)
- c) The forces in three members of a framework are F_1, F_2 , and F_3 . They are related by the following simultaneous equations:
$$0.7F_1 + 0.8F_2 + 1.8F_3 = 5.6$$
$$0.2F_1 - 1.4F_2 + 1.6F_3 = 35.0$$
$$0.4F_1 - 2F_2 - 1.3F_3 = -5.6$$
Find the values of F_1, F_2 , and F_3 using determinants. (4 marks)
- d) Resolve the following into partial fractions then evaluate the integral

$$\int_2^3 \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 4}{x^2 + x - 2} dx$$

(5 marks)

- e) If $u(x, y) = \left(\frac{x}{y}\right) \ln y$, Show that $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x}$, and evaluate $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}$ when $x = -2$ and $y = 2$ (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Find the Fourier series representing the function, $f(x) = x + x^2$, for
$$-\pi < x < \pi.$$
(5 marks)
- b) Evaluate the triple integral $\iiint_1^2 4(x^3 - x^{-2}) dx$ (5 marks)
- c) The velocity v of point P on a body with angular velocity ω about a fixed axis is given by
$$\vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$$
Where r is point on vector P. Find \vec{v} given that at point P, $\vec{\omega} = 2\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}$ and $\vec{r} = \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$, where $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$ are unit vectors. (4 marks)
- d) Given $\vec{p} = 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k}$, $\vec{q} = 4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$ and $\vec{r} = 3\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$, determine:
(i) $-\vec{p} + 2|\vec{r}|$ (2 marks)
(ii) $(\vec{q} - 2\vec{p}) \cdot \vec{r}$ (2 marks)
(iii) $(\vec{r} + \vec{p}) \times \vec{q}$ (2 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

a) Find the constant term a_0 and a_1 of the Fourier series for the function

$f(x) = x$ in the interval $-\pi < x < \pi$. (3 marks)

b) Using the method of integration by parts evaluate the integral:

$$\int (x \cos x) dx$$

(3 marks)

c) Given $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 0 \\ -2 & 6 & -3 \\ 7 & -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -5 \\ 5 & -6 \\ -1 & -7 \end{pmatrix}$, find $A \times B$ (4 marks)

d) Find the eigen values λ that satisfy the following equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} (5 - \lambda) & 7 & -5 \\ 0 & 4 - \lambda & -1 \\ 2 & 8 & -3 - \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

(5 marks)

e) The tensions T_1, T_2 , and T_3 in a simple framework are given by the following equations:

$$5F_1 + 5F_2 + 5F_3 = 7.0$$

$$F_1 + 2F_2 + 4F_3 = 2.4$$

$$4F_1 + 2F_2 = 4.0$$

Use Gaussian elimination to find the values of T_1, T_2 , and T_3 . (5 marks)