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Final Examination – 2020/2021
Duration: Three (03) hours
MHF2519 - Mathematics 1–Paper I

Date: 7th December 2021

Time: 09.30 am – 12.30 pm

Instructions

- You are allowed to use non-programmable calculators.
 - Access to mobile phones during the test period is prohibited.
 - Answer five (05) questions including at least one question from part B.
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Part A – Algebra

Q1. (a). Find the domain and the range of the following functions.

(i). $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$

(ii). $h(t) = \sqrt{t^2 + 1}$

(b). (i). Find the domain and the range of the function, $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2$.

(ii). Sketch the graph of $f(x)$, and mark the domain and range on it.

(c). Given that $f(x) = 2x - 1$ and $g(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 1$. Find

(i). $f(g(x))$.

(ii). $g(f(x))$.

Q2. (a). Simplify the following expressions with positive indices.

(i). $\left(\frac{125}{64}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \times (\sqrt[5]{32})^3 \times 3^0$

(ii). $\sqrt[3]{343x^{3/2} \div x}$

(b). Solve the following index equation for x .

(i). $\frac{3^{1+x}}{27^{3+x}} = 9$

(ii). $6^x \times 216^{3x} = 36^2$

(iii). $3^{2x+1} - 28(3^x) + 9 = 0$

(c). Sketch the graph of $y = e^x$ and $y = e^{-x}$ in a same plane.

Q3. (a). Given that $\log_7 2 = \alpha$, $\log_7 3 = \beta$ and $\log_7 5 = \gamma$, express the following expressions in terms of α , β and γ .

(i). $\log_7 6$

(ii). $\log_7 75$

(iii). $\log_7 \frac{15}{2}$

(b). Solve the following logarithmic equations for x .

(i). $\log_2(x+2) + \log_2(3) = \log_2(27)$

(ii). $\log_2(x) + 6 \log_x(2) - 5 = 0$

(c). The change of base formula is given by

$$\log_b x = \frac{\log_a x}{\log_a b}$$

By using the above formula evaluate $\log_4 8$.

- Q4. (a). Express the function of $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 7$ in completed square form. Find its,
- the zeros (roots)
 - the line of symmetry
 - coordinate of the vertex and sketch the graph and mark all findings.
- (b). Find the condition of k for the quadratic equation $x^2 - kx + k = 0$, to have
- repeated real roots
 - two distinct real roots
 - no real roots
- Q5. (a). (i). α and β are roots of the equation $x^2 - px + q = 0$. Find the equation whose roots are α^3 and β^3 .
- (ii). If one root of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is three times of the other, then show that $3b^2 = 16ac$.
- (b). Using the Principle of mathematical Induction, prove that $n^3 + 6n^2 + 8n$ multiple of 3 for all positive integers n .
- Q6. (a). The remainders when $p(x) = ax^3 + bx + c$ is divided by $(x + 1)$, $(x - 1)$ and $(x - 2)$ are 4, 0 and 4 respectively. Find the values of a , b , c and determine all linear factors of $p(x)$.
- (b). Use the factor theorem to find the real roots of the following polynomial. $p(x) = x^4 + 4x^3 - x^2 - 16x - 12$

Part B – Coordinate Geometry

- Q7. The vertices of a triangle are $A(1,0)$, $B(2,3)$, $C(5,2)$.
- (a). Find the equation of the line AC.
 - (b). Find the equation of the line through B perpendicular to AC.
 - (c). Determine whether the triangle is right angled. (Hint: find the gradients of the sides AB and BC)
 - (d). Find the angle between AB and AC.
 - (e). Calculate the area of the triangle
- Q8
- (a). If one end of a diameter of a circle, $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 2y - 3 = 0$ is $(2, 3)$ find the coordinate of the other end.
 - (b). Find the equation of the circle passing through the points $(2, -1)$ and $(1, 1)$ and having its center on the line $y - 3x + 7 = 0$.

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