



The Open University of Sri Lanka
Advanced Certificates in Science – Level 2 Part 2
Final Examination – 2020/2021
Duration: Three (03) hours
MHF2521 - Mathematics 3–Paper I

Date: 7th December 2021

Time: 01.30 pm – 04.30 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.

Part A – Calculus

Q1. (a). Find the limits of the following functions.

(i).
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x^2 - 7}{(x + 2)(x^2 - 1)}$$

(ii).
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{x - \sqrt{3x + 4}}{4 - x}$$

(iii).
$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos \theta + \sin \theta)}{(1 - \cos \theta - \sin \theta)}$$

(iv).
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x^\circ}{x}$$
, where x° represents degree x .

(b). Differentiate the following functions using the first principles.

(i).
$$y = \frac{1}{1 - 2x}$$

(ii).
$$y = \sin x$$

Q2 (a). Differentiate the following functions and simplify your answer.

(i). $y = (1 - x)\sqrt{1 + x^2}$

(ii). $y = x^3(4 - x)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

(iii). $y = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{3x + 1}$

(iv). $y = \frac{(x^2 + 1)^8}{x^5}$

(b). The amount of air in a balloon at any time t is given by

$$V(t) = \frac{6(\sqrt[3]{t})}{4t + 1}.$$

At $t=8$, determine if the balloon is being filled with air or being drained of air.

Q3 (a). Differentiate the following trigonometric functions and simplify the answer.

(i). $y = \frac{\sin x - \cos x}{\sin x + \cos x}$

(ii). $y = \sec^2 \frac{x}{2} + \operatorname{cosec}^2 \frac{x}{2}$ (Give the answer in full angles of x)

(b). If $y = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{3 + 5 \cos x}{5 + 3 \cos x} \right)$ prove that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4}{5 + 3 \cos x}$.

Q4 (a). Differentiate the following functions with respect to x .

(i). $y = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$

(ii). $y = \frac{x^2}{2x}$

(iii). $y = \ln \left(\frac{\sqrt{x}}{x^2 + 4} \right)$

(b). If $y = a \cos(\log x) + b \sin(\log x)$, prove that

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0.$$

(c). The graph of the curve is $y = \frac{x+1}{x^2+x+1}$. Find all points on the curve where the tangent line is horizontal.

- Q5 (a). If $x = \frac{2t}{1+t^2}$ and $y = \frac{1-t^2}{1+t^2}$, where t is a parameter, find the values of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ in terms of t .
- (b). Find the equation of the tangent line to the function of $f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$ at the point $(4, \frac{7}{4})$.
- (c). If the position of an object moving along a straight line is given by $s(t) = 3t^5 - 5t^3 - 7 = 0$ find the object's velocity $v(t)$ and acceleration $a(t)$. Find all values of t when the acceleration is zero.
- Q6 (a). Find the turning points of the function of $y = x^3 - 6x^2$. Considering only the behavior of the first derivative, identify nature of each point. Find the point of inflection using the second derivative.
- (b). Evaluate the following integrals.
- (i). $\int \frac{7}{(2-3x)^8} dx$
- (ii). $\int [(e^x - x^e) + \ln(2x+1)] dx$
- (iii). $\int \frac{x^3 - 4x + 3}{x-2} dx$
- (iv). $\int \left[\frac{\tan x}{\sin x \cos x} + \frac{1}{16+x^2} \right] dx$

Part B – Coordinate Geometry

- Q7 (a). Given that the area of the triangle made by the straight lines $y = m_1x + c_1$, $y = m_2x + c_2$ and $x = 0$ is $\frac{(c_1 - c_2)^2}{2|m_1 - m_2|}$. Hence, evaluate the area of the triangle made by the straight lines $y = 2x + 3$, $y = -x + 3$ and $y = x + 1$.
- (b). Show that the straight line, $2x - 3y + 26 = 0$ is tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 104 = 0$. Find the equation of the diameter, passing through the tangent point.

- Q8 (a). If two circles are cut orthogonally find the condition of the equation to be satisfied.
- (b). Find the equation of the circle which passes through the point (1, 2) and cuts orthogonally each of the circles $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 8y - 7 = 0$.

END.