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Time: 1400 hrs. – 1700 hrs.

Instructions:

- Answer **five (05)** questions only.
- Number of pages in the paper is four (04).
- All the symbols are in standard notation unless they are defined.

Q1.

a. Find the factors of the following expressions.

i. $27x^3 + 1$. (15%)

ii. $x^4 - 16$. (15%)

b. After expanding, simplify the following expressions.

i. $(x^2 + y^2 + xy)(x^2 + y^2 - xy)$. (15%)

ii. $(a + b)(a + b + c)(a - b)$ (15%)

c. if $a \neq 0$; then solve the following quadratic equation

$$4ax^2 + 5abx + ab^2 = 0$$

Using

i. The formula. (10%)

ii. The completing square method. (10%)

d. Solve the following inequality and represent the solution on the number line.

$$\frac{3}{x-3} < 2$$

(20%)

Q2.

- a. Let f be function such that $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$ and $a - b + c = 0$. Show that -1 is a root of the equation $f(x) = 0$.
Furthermore, show that 1 is not a root of the above equation. (30%)
- b. Let $p(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + 3x - 1$ and $q(x) = x^2 + 3x + 6$.
- Using the remainder theorem, find the remainders when $p(x)$ is divided by $(x - 1)$ and $q(x)$ is divided by $(x - 2)$ respectively. (20%)
 - By using the method of long division, verify that $p(x) = (x - 1)q(x) + 5$. (20%)
 - Find the remainder when $p(x)$ is divided by $(x - 1)(x - 2)$. (30%)

Q3.

- a. Write down the binomial expansion of $(3 + 2x)^6$ in increasing powers of x . Let A_r be the term containing x^r in the above expansion for $r = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$. Show that,

$$\frac{A_{r+1}}{A_r} = \frac{2(6-r)}{3(r+1)}x \quad \text{for } x \neq 0.$$

(35%)

- b. Find the summations of the first n terms of the following series.
- $1 + 4 + 7 + 10 + 13 + \dots$ (10%)
 - $1 + 3 + 3^2 + 3^3 + \dots$ (10%)
- c. Let $\mathcal{U} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$, $A = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 8\}$, $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6\}$ and $C = \{1, 2, 4, 7\}$. Verify the following results.
- $A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$ (15%)
 - $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ (15%)
 - $(A \cap B)' = A' \cup B'$ (15%)

Q4.

- a. Evaluate the following limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\sqrt{x-2} - 1}{\sin(\pi(x-3))}$$

(25%)

- b. Using the first principles, find the first derivative of $y = \sin x$. (25%)
- c. Differentiate the following functions with respect to x .
- i. $y = e^{-2x} \sin 3x$ (25%)
- ii. $y = \log\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{1-x^2}}\right)$ (25%)

Q5.

- a. Using the partial fractions, find the following indefinite integral.

$$\int \frac{1}{(x-2)(x+1)} dx$$

(20%)

- b. Using a suitable substitution or any other method, find the following indefinite integrals.

i. $\int x e^{-x^2} dx$ (20%)

ii. $\int \operatorname{cosec} \theta d\theta$ (20%)

- c. Using the integration by parts, find the integral $\int x e^x dx$, and hence find the area of the region enclosed by the curve $y = x e^x$ and the lines $x = 1$, $x = 2$ and $y = 0$. (40%)

Q6.

- a. Show that $\left(\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2}\right)^2 = 1 + \sin x$ for $-\pi < x \leq \pi$. Hence show that the value of

$$\cos \frac{\pi}{8} + \sin \frac{\pi}{8} = \sqrt{\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2}}. \quad (40\%)$$

- b. Show that

$$\tan^2 \frac{B}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos B}{1 + \cos B} \quad \text{for } 0 < B < \pi$$

In the usual notation, using the Cosine rule for the triangle ABC , show that

$$(a+b+c)(a+c-b) \tan^2 \frac{B}{2} = (b+c-a)(a+b-c)$$

(60%)

Q7.

- a. Let $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $X = \begin{bmatrix} \mu \\ \mu + 1 \end{bmatrix}$. Find the values of λ and μ such that $BX = \lambda AX$. Hence deduce that the inverse of $B - \lambda A$ **does not exist**. (40%)

- b. If $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then
- Find the characteristic equation of C . (20%)
 - Hence, deduce the inverse matrix of C . (20%)
- c. Using the properties of determinants, prove that

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & a(1-a) & a^2 \\ b & b(1-b) & b^2 \\ c & c(1-c) & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

(20%)

Q8.

- a. In a parallelogram $ABCD$, $|\overline{AB}| = 2m$, $|\overline{AD}| = 1m$ and $\hat{BAD} = \frac{\pi}{3}$. Let M be the mid-point of CD . The forces of magnitudes 5, 5, 2, 4 and 3 in newtons act along AB, BC, DC, DA and BM respectively.
- Find the magnitude and the direction of the resultant force. (50%)
 - Find the distance of the point, where the line of action of the resultant meets AB from the point A . (50%)

Q9.

- a. A particle is projected from a point O on a horizontal plane with initial velocity $u = \sqrt{2ga}$ at an angle θ to the horizontal. The particle is just clears a vertical wall of height $\frac{a}{4}$ located at a horizontal distance a from O . Show that $\sec^2 \theta - 4 \tan \theta + 1 = 0$. (50%)
- b. A car of mass $1000kg$ travelling along a horizontal straight road accelerates uniformly from $15ms^{-1}$ to $25ms^{-1}$ in a distance of $320m$. If the resistance to the motion is $145N$, then find the driving force of the engine. (50%)

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