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B.Sc. /B.Ed., Continuing Education Degree Programme

Applied Mathematics – Level 05

ADU5302/ADE5302 – Mathematical Methods

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DURATION: ONE HOUR

Date: 06.10.2024.

Time: 09:00h – 10:00h

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

1. The Gamma function denoted by $\Gamma(p)$ corresponding to the parameter p is defined by the improper integral $\Gamma(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{p-1} dt$, ($p > 0$).

(i) Using the result $\Gamma(p+1) = p\Gamma(p)$, Compute each of the following:

(a) $\frac{\Gamma(3)\Gamma(2.5)}{\Gamma(5.5)}$ (b) $\Gamma\left(\sqrt{-13/2}\right)$

(ii) Prove that $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-x^4} dx = \frac{1}{4}\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$.

2. The Beta function denoted by $\beta(p, q)$ is defined by $\beta(p, q) = \int_0^1 x^{p-1} (1-x)^{q-1} dx$,

where $p > 0$ and $q > 0$ are parameters.

Evaluate each of the following:

(i) $\int_0^1 x^3 (1-\sqrt{x})^5 dx$. (ii) $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^6 x dx$.

3. Let $J_p(x)$ be the Bessel function of order p given by the expansion

$$J_p(x) = x^p \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{2^{2m+p} m! \Gamma(p+m+1)}$$

(i) Express $J_5(x)$ in terms of $J_0(x)$ and $J_1(x)$.

(ii) Show that $J_n(x)$ is an even function when n is even and an odd function when n is odd.

(iii) Evaluate $\int J_3(x) dx$.

(Hint: You may use the following recurrence relations, if necessary, without proof.)

$$(i) \frac{d}{dx} \{x^p J_p(x)\} = x^p J_{p-1}(x)$$

$$(ii) \frac{d}{dx} \{x^{-p} J_p(x)\} = -x^{-p} J_{p+1}(x)$$

$$(iii) \frac{d}{dx} \{J_p(x)\} = J_{p-1}(x) - \frac{p}{x} J_p(x) \text{ or } xJ'_p(x) = xJ_{p-1}(x) - pJ_p(x)$$

$$(iv) J'_p(x) = \frac{p}{x} J_p(x) - J_{p+1}(x)$$

$$(v) J'_p(x) = \frac{1}{2} \{J_{p-1}(x) - J_{p+1}(x)\}$$

$$(vi) J_{p-1}(x) + J_{p+1}(x) = \frac{2p}{x} J_p(x)$$