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B.Sc. /B.Ed. Degree Programme
Applied Mathematics – Level 05
APU3143/APE5143 – Mathematical Methods
No Book Test (NBT) – 2015/2016

DURATION: ONE HOUR

Date: 30.04.2016.

Time: 16:00h – 17:00h

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

1. The Gamma function denoted by $\Gamma(p)$ corresponding to the parameter p is defined by

the improper integral $\Gamma(p) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{p-1} dt$, ($p > 0$).

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

(i) $\frac{\Gamma 4 \Gamma 3}{\Gamma 4.5}$ (ii) $\Gamma(-4.3)$

(b) When n is a positive integer and $m > 1$, prove that $\int_0^1 x^m (\ln x)^n dx = \frac{(-1)^n}{(m+1)^{n+1}} \Gamma(n+1)$

(c) 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.

Prove that $\int_{-1}^1 (1-t^2)^n dt = \frac{2^{n+1} \cdot n!}{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \dots (2n+1)}$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

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

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

(a) Prove each of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

(b) Prove that $\frac{d}{dx} \{J_n^2(x)\} = \frac{x}{2n} [J_{n-1}^2(x) - J_{n+1}^2(x)]$

(c) Evaluate $\int x^3 J_0(x) dx$.