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SMA1204:ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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Time : 3 hours

Candidates should attempt all questions from Section A [40 MARKS] and ANY THREE questions in Section B [60 MARKS].

**SECTION A: Answer ALL questions in this section [40].**

**A1.** Explain the following phrases, giving examples where necessary:

- (a) an exact differential equation, [3]
- (b) an integrating factor, [3]
- (c) a homogenous solution. [3]

**A2.** Determine the order of each of the following ordinary differential equations

- (a)  $x^4 \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{d^5y}{dx^5} = y + x^7$  [1]
- (b)  $y''' + \cos y'' + x^2 y' = x^3$  [1]
- (c)  $(x')^2 x''' = x^4 x'' + t^5 x'$  [2]

**A3.**

Determine whether the given function  $y = \phi(x)$  is a solution of the given ordinary differential equation.

- (a)  $\phi(x) = \frac{1-x}{1+x}$ ,  $(x^2 + 1)y' + y^2 + 1 = 0$ ; [6]

(b)  $\phi(x) = \ln(-x)$ ,  $x < 0$ ,  $xy' = 1$ . [5]

A4. (a) Show that the equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{1-y^2}$  is separable and then find an equation for the integral curves. [5]

(b) Prove that the equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x+y)^2$  can be reduced to an equation with separable variables type by using the substitution  $v = x+y$ . Obtain the solution if  $y(0) = 0$ . [6]

A5. Determine whether the equation  $(3x^2 + 2y \sin 2x)dx + (2 \sin^2 x + 3y^2)dy = 0$  is exact. Solve the equation. [5]

**SECTION B: Answer THREE questions in this section [60].**

B6. (a) Define a first order linear differential equation. [2]

(b) Solve  $y' + \frac{1}{x}y = 2$ ,  $x \neq 0$ . [8]

(c) Find the Wronskian of the functions:

(i)  $y_1(t) = \sin(t)$  and  $y_2(t) = 2\sin(t)$ , [5]

(ii)  $y_1(t) = \sin(t)$  and  $y_2(t) = t\sin(t)$ . [5]

B7. (a) State the Lipschitz condition. [7]

(b) Show that the equation  $\frac{2xy+1}{y}dx + \frac{y-x}{y^2}dy = 0$ ,  $y \neq 0$  is exact. Hence find the solution. [8]

(c) Verify the existence and uniqueness theorem for the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-x}{y}$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ . [5]

B8. Solve the following equations using the Method of Undetermined Co-efficients

(a)  $2y'' + 2y' + 3y = x^2 + 2x - 1$ , [10]

(b)  $y'' + 3y' - 4y = \sin(2x)$ . [10]

B9. Solve the following equations using the Method of Variation of Parameters

(a)  $y'' + 4y = \sin^2(2x)$ , [8]

(b)  $x^5y'' + 6x^5y' + 9x^5y = x^{-5}e^{-3x}$ . [12]

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