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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

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COURSE CODE: AEM 101

TITLE OF PAPER: MATHEMATICS

TIME ALLOWED: 2:00 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: 1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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Question 1. (25 points)

1.1 Simplify $\frac{3}{x+1} + \frac{2x-1}{(x+1)(x+2)} + \frac{2}{x+2}$

(8 points)

1.2 Factorize $(a+b)^2 - 4c^2$

(8 points)

1.3 Calculate the selling price when:

a) Cost price is E500.00 and profit per cent is 40%.

b) Cost price is E40.00 and profit per cent is 300%.

(9 points)

Question 2 (25 points)

2.1 solve the simultaneous equations

$$2x+4y=6$$

$$x-4y=1$$

(8 points)

2.2 Part of a garden consists of a square lawn with a path 1.5 metres wide around its perimeter. If the lawn area is two-thirds of the total area find the length of a side of the lawn.

(8 points)

2.3. Solve the equation $\frac{2}{x+1} - \frac{1}{2x-1} = \frac{1}{x}$

(9 points)

Question 3 (25 points)

3.1 The curve $y = 2x^2 + \frac{k}{x}$ has a gradient of 5 when $x= 2$.

Calculate

a) the value of k

b) the minimum value of y. (8 points)

3.2. Find the solution set of system of simultaneous equation.

$$2x + 5y = 45$$

$$x y = 35$$

(8 points)

3.3 Solve the following logarithmic equations

a) $2\log_4 x = \log_4^{2x^2-4}$.

b) $\log_3^{x^2+2} = 1 + \log_3^{x+2}$

(9 points)

Question 4 (25 points)

4.1 Differentiate the following:

a) $y = 3x^4 - 2x + 99$

b) $y = \sqrt{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

(8 points)

4.2 Given that $y = 60x + 3x^2 - 4x^3$, calculate

a) the gradient of the tangent to the curve of y at the point where $x = 2$;

b) the value of x for which y has its maximum value;

c) the value of x for which y has its minimum value.

(9 points)

4.3. Evaluate $\int_0^1 x^3 + x - 6 dx$

(8 points)

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