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# University of Swaziland



## Supplementary Examination – July 2014

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### BSc in Environmental Health Sciences I

- Title of Paper** : Algebra for Health Sciences  
**Course Number** : EHM106  
**Time Allowed** : Two (2) hours

**Instructions:**

1. This paper consists of 2 sections.
2. Answer ALL questions in Section A.
3. Answer ANY 2 questions in Section B.
4. Show all your working.

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BY THE INVIGILATOR.

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**Section A**  
**Answer ALL Questions in this section**

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**A.1** a. Give a concise definition of each of the following terms.

i. A *polynomial* [2 marks]

ii. The *transpose* of a matrix [2 marks]

iii. The *modulus* of a complex number [2 marks]

iv. The *common logarithm* of a number [2 marks]

b. Sketch the graph of  $y = e^x$ . [2 marks]

**A.2** a. Find the formula of the  $n$ -th term for the AP

10, 22, 34, ... [4 marks]

b. Given the vectors  $\underline{A} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$  and  $\underline{B} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \frac{1}{2}\hat{k}$ , find

i.  $|\underline{A}|$  [4 marks]

ii.  $\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B}$  [4 marks]

c. Given the matrices  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ , find the value of

$3A - 2B^T$ . [5 marks]

d. Find the value of

i.  $\log_3 45, 210$  (correct to 3 s.f.) [2 marks]

ii.  $\log 10^{-2m}$  [2 marks]

iii.  $3i(3 + 4i) - 4i(4 - 3i)$  and express your answer in the form  $x + iy$  [5 marks]

e. Use synthetic division to find the quotient and remainder of

$\frac{x^4 + 16}{x + 2}$ . [5 marks]

f. Use the binomial theorem to expand the following expression and simplify term by term

$(2x + 3y)^5$  [9 marks].

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## Section B

Answer ANY 2 Questions in this section

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**B.1** a. Find the value of

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

[10 marks]

b. Given the vectors  $\underline{A} = 2\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$  and  $\underline{B} = 4\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ , find

i. the angle between the vectors  $\underline{A}$  and  $\underline{B}$  (correct to 1 d.p.) [7 marks]

ii.  $\underline{A} \times \underline{B}$  [8 marks]

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**B.2** a. Find the value of

i.  $\sum_{n=5}^{50} (5n + 10)$  [6 marks]

ii.  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 70 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$  [4 marks]

b. A seating section of a stadium has 45, 52 and 59 seats in the first, second and third rows, respectively. If the number of seats increase by 7 between successive rows, and the total number of rows is 19, find the total number of seats in the section. [3 marks]

c. Given that  $P(5, -12)$  lies on the terminal side of the angle  $\theta$ , find the *exact* values of

i.  $\cos \theta$  [3 marks]

ii.  $\sin \theta$  [3 marks]

d. Prove

$$\sec A - \cos A = \sin A \tan A. \quad [6 \text{ marks}]$$

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**B.3**

a. Find the quotient and remainder of the division

$$\frac{x^4 + x^3 - x + 3}{x^2 + 1} \quad [9 \text{ marks}]$$

b. Find the values of  $A$  and  $B$  such that both  $x - 4$  and  $x + 3$  are factors of  $P(x) = x^3 + Ax^2 + Bx + 4$ . [5 marks]

c. Expand

$$(1 - i\sqrt{3})^3$$

and express your answer in the form  $x + iy$ , using

i. the binomial theorem [7 marks]

ii. de Moivre's theorem [4 marks]

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**B.4**

a. Express as a single logarithm with coefficient of 1.

$$4 \ln(2\sqrt{x}) - \ln(4x^2). \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

b. Solve

$$\log_8 2 + \log_8(x - 5) = 2. \quad [4 \text{ marks}]$$

c. The book value of a machine is given by

$$B(t) = 25,000e^{-0.04t},$$

where  $t$  is its age in years. Find its

i. value after years [2 marks]

ii. half-life [5 marks]

d. Find the centre and radius of the circle defined by

$$x^2 + y^2 - 8x + 14y - 35 = 0.$$

Hence, make a sketch of the circle. [9 marks]

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