
University of Swaziland



Final Examination – December 2015

BSc in Environmental Sciences I

Title of Paper : Algebra for Health Sciences

Course Number : EHS101

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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Section A
Answer ALL Questions in this section

A.1 a. Find the *sum of the first 60 terms* of each number sequence

i. 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, ... [4 marks]

ii. 50, 55, 60.5, 66.55, 73.205, ... [4 marks]

b. Find the first 4 terms of the binomial expansion of

$$\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{15} \quad [6 \text{ marks}]$$

c. Evaluate and leave your answer in the form $a + ib$.

i. $2i^7(3 + 5i) - 3i(2 - 3i)$ [4 marks]

ii. $\frac{2 - 3i}{3 + 2i}$ [4 marks]

d. Find the equation of a circle centres at $(4, -5)$ with radius $\sqrt{7}$, leaving your answer in *general form*. [5 marks]

e. Find the value of (express non-exact answers correct to s.f.)

i. $\log 4700$ [1 mark]

ii. $\ln 4700$ [1 mark]

iii. $\log_2 4700$ [1 mark]

v. $\log 1000^n$ [2 marks]

vi. $\ln e^{2n+1}$ [2 marks]

vii. $\log_b \left(\frac{1}{b^n}\right)$ [2 marks]

f. Given the matrices $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$, find the value of

i. $A^T B$ [5 marks]

ii. $B^T B$ [5 marks]

g. Given that $\tan \theta = -\frac{5}{12}$ and $\cos \theta$ is negative, find the exact value of $\sin \theta$.

[4 marks]

Section B

Answer ANY 2 Questions in this section

B.1 a. Use Cramer's rule to solve

$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 2y + z &= 0 \\ 2x + y - z &= 13 \\ x - 4y &= -5. \end{aligned} \quad [16 \text{ marks}]$$

b. Given the vectors $\underline{A} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ and $\underline{B} = -3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$, find

- i. $|2\underline{A} - 3\underline{B}|$ [6 marks]
ii. $\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B}$ [3 marks]
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B.2 a. Find the value of

- i. $\sum_{n=0}^{50} (7n - 2)$ [5 marks]
ii. $\sum_{n=0}^{19} 2^n$ [5 marks]
ii. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 75 \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$ [5 marks]

b. Find the value(s) of x such the the sequence

$$(2x - 5), (x - 4), (10 - 3x)$$

is a geometric progression. [7 marks]

c. After winning the lottery, a contestant is told that their payments will be as shown in the table below.

Beginning of month	1	2	3	4	...
Pay (in Emalangeni)	10,000	9,000	8,100	7,290	...

If the payments go on "forever", following the same trend, find the total amount that will be received by the contestant. [3 marks]

B.3

a. In the binomial expansion of

$$\left(x^2 - \frac{2y^2}{x^3}\right)^{20}$$

find

- i. the 7th term [4 marks]
- ii. the term involving x^{15} [6 marks]

b. Consider the polynomial

$$P(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 - 8x + 4.$$

- i. Find the remainder when $P(x)$ is divided by
 - $x + 1$ [3 marks]
 - $x - 2$ [3 marks]
 - $x + 3$ [3 marks]
- ii. Hence, or otherwise, factorise $P(x)$ and determine its roots. [6 marks]

B.4

a. Solve for x (expressing non-exact answers correct to 3 s.f.)

- i. $7^{2x-3} = 9000$ [6 marks]
- ii. $\ln(3x - 2) = 0$ [6 marks]
- iii. $\log(3x) - \log(9 - 0.7x) = 1$ [6 marks]

b. On 01 January 2015, a sum of E9,600 is invested in an account where it grows according to the formula

$$v(t) = 9,600e^{0.069t},$$

where t is the number of years after 01 January 2015. Find the

- i. amount in the account on 31 December 2020 [2 marks]
 - ii. date at which the amount in the account will double. [5 marks]
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