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BSc I, EEng I, BEd I

Title of Paper : Algebra, Trig. and Analytic Geometry

Course Number : M111

Time Allowed : Three (3) hours

Instructions :

1. This paper consists of SEVEN questions.
2. Each question is worth 20%.
3. Answer ANY FIVE questions.
4. Show all your working.

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Question 1

(a) Consider the AP

$$97, 94, 91, 88, \dots$$

i. Find the formula for the

A. n th term [2 marks]

B. sum of the first n terms [3 marks]

ii. If the sum of the first n terms is 160, find n .

[5 marks]

(b) Expand $(1 - i\sqrt{3})^6$ and leave your answer in the form $a + ib$, using the

i. binomial theorem [5]

ii. de Moivre's theorem [5]

Question 2

(a) Describe the locus of points represented by the given equation.

$$y^2 + 4y + 20x - 6 = 0. \quad [6 \text{ marks}]$$

Make a sketch of the curve.

(b) Evaluate

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 2 & 0 & -3 \\ -2 & 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & -6 & -4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \quad [6]$$

(c) Prove

$$\cos(A + B) \cos(A - B) = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 B. \quad [6]$$

Question 3

(a) Find the middle term of the binomial expansion of

$$\left(\frac{3x}{y^2} - \frac{y}{2\sqrt{x}}\right)^{16} \quad [6]$$

(b) Find the value of

$$27 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n \quad [4]$$

(c) The remainder when

$$P(x) = 2x^4 + 5x^3 + Ax^2 - 5x + 3,$$

is divided by $x - 2$ is 45.

i. Find the value of A . [2]

ii. Factorise $P(x)$ and hence find all its roots. [8]

Question 4

(a) Solve for x :

i. $e^{\ln(2x^2-1)} = 7$ [4]

ii. $\log_2 x = 3 - \log_2(x + 2)$ [6]

(b) Use mathematical induction to prove

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5} + \frac{1}{5 \cdot 7} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{n}{2n+1},$$

where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n \geq 1$. [10]

Question 5

(a) Use synthetic division to divide

$$\frac{x^4 - 2x^3 + 4x - 9}{x + 2} \quad [5]$$

(b) Use Cramer's rule to solve

$$\begin{aligned}x + y - z &= 6, \\x - 2y + z &= -3, \\2x + y - 3z &= 14.\end{aligned}$$

[15]

Question 6

(a) Divide

$$\frac{x^5 + x^4 - 5x^2 - 8x + 7}{x^2 + 3} \quad [7]$$

(b) Find the the first 4 terms of the binomial expansion of

$$\left(\frac{1}{a} + ab\right)^{-2} \quad [7]$$

(c) Find all the fourth roots of -81 . [6]

Question 7

(a) Given that $z = 1 - 2i$ is a root of

$$P(z) = z^3 + z + 10,$$

find the two other roots. [5]

(b) Solve for x (in the range $0 \leq x < 2\pi$)

$$\cos 2x + \sin x = 0. \quad [8]$$

(c) Use mathematical induction to prove

$$\cos(\theta + n\pi) = (-1)^n \cos \theta,$$

where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. [7]
