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**FINAL EXAMINATIONS 2011/12**

**BSc. II**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : MATHEMATICS FOR SCIENTISTS

**COURSE NUMBER** : M215

**TIME ALLOWED** : THREE (3) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS** : 1. THIS PAPER CONSISTS OF  
SEVEN QUESTIONS.  
2. ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS** : NONE

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PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR.

QUESTION 1

- (a) Does the point  $R(2, -1)$  lie on the line through  $P(-1, 1)$  and  $Q(5, -3)$ ? [4]
- (b) Find the angle between  $\bar{u} = (1, -2, 4)$  and  $\bar{v} = (1, 2, 4)$ . [4]
- (c) Use vector product to find the area of the parallelogram spanned by the vectors  $\bar{a} = (2, 0, 0)$  and  $\bar{b} = (2, 2, 0)$ . [5]
- (d) Find the volume of parallelepiped spanned by the directed segments  $\overline{OA}$ ,  $\overline{OB}$  and  $\overline{OC}$ , if the coordinates of A, B and C are  $(8, 4, 0)$ ,  $(2, 6, 0)$ ,  $(0, 4, 6)$ , respectively. [7]

QUESTION 2

- (a) If  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ , find all numbers in the interval  $(1, 2)$  for which the mean value theorem is satisfied. [3]
- (b) Compute
- (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x}$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x \ln x}{(x+1)^2}$ ,
- (iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +0} x \exp\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ . [3,3,5]
- (c) Use the quadratic approximation to compute  $\sqrt{1+x}$  for small  $|x|$  and estimate the error. In particular compute  $\sqrt{0.164}$ . [6]

QUESTION 3

- (a) Find the fourth Taylor polynomial at  $x_0 = 1$ , for  $f(x) = x^4$ . [4]
- (b) Find the partial derivatives of  $f(x, y) = \sin(x^2 + y)$ , at  $x = 0, y = \pi$ . [3]
- (c) Use the chain rule to evaluate  $f'_u$  and  $f'_v$  if  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ ,  $x = u \cos v$ ,  $y = u \sin v$ . [6]
- (d) Verify equality of mixed derivatives theorem for

$$f(x, y) = \sin(2x + 3y).$$

- (e) If  $f(x, y) = x^2 e^{xy}$ , what is  $df$ ? [3]
- [4]

QUESTION 4

- a) For the function  $f = x^2 + xy + yz + 4z$  find
- (i) the gradient,
- (ii) the stationary points. [2,2]
- b) Find and classify all stationary points if  $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 + 3xy$ . [4]
- c) Use the method of Lagrange to find the extreme value of  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ , subject to constraint  $x + 2y = 3$ . [5]
- (d) A farmer who wants to create a rectangular grazing field bordering on a straight river has 600m of fencing material. If the side along the stream will not be fenced what length and width will provide the maximum grazing area? [7]

QUESTION 5

- a) Compute the volume under the graph of  $z = f(x, y) = xy + 1$  over the region  $0 < x < 2$ ,  $0 < y < 4$ . [4]
- b) Compute  $\int \int_D x^2 y dx dy$  if  $D$  is the interior of the triangle with vertices  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 1)$ ,  $(1, 1)$ . [5]
- c) Use the separation of variables to evaluate integral of  $f = y^2 e^{-x}$ , if  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $0 < y < 9$ . [4]
- d) Compute  $\int \int_D \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} dx dy$  in polar coordinates, if  $D$  is a region in the first quadrant bounded by the unit circle and the coordinate axes. [7]

QUESTION 6

a) Compute  $\int \int \int_D yz^2 e^{xyz} dx dy dz$ , where  $D$  is a cube  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $0 < y < 1$ ,  $0 < z < 1$ . [6]

b) Let  $D$  be the region defined by the inequalities  $x^2 + y^2 < 1$ ,  $0 < z < x^2 + y^2$ . Pass to cylindrical coordinates to find  $\int \int \int_D x^2 y^2 dx dy dz$ . [8]

c) Separate the variables to solve the following initial value problem,

$$y' = ky, \quad y = y_0 \text{ when } x = 0. \quad [6]$$

QUESTION 7

a) Consider *ODE*

$$M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0.$$

Let  $M$  and  $N$  be homogeneous functions (HF) of the same degree in  $x$  and  $y$ . Show that  $f = \frac{M}{N}$  is the HF of degree 0. [3]

b) Consider the following *ODE*

$$2(2x^2 + y^2)dx - xydy = 0$$

(i) Show that the coefficients are HF.

(ii) Solve the equation. [1,4]

c) Consider *ODE*

$$3x(xy - 2)dx + (x^3 + 2y)dy = 0.$$

[2,5]

(i) Test it for exactness, (ii) Solve *ODE*.

(d) Solve the following initial value problem,

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = 0,$$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = -4.$$

[5]