
University of Swaziland



Re-sit Examination – July 2018

BSc I, BEng I, BEd I, BASS I

Title of Paper : Algebra, Trigonometry & Analytic Geometry
Course Number : MAT111
Time Allowed : Three (3) hours

Instructions:

1. This paper consists of 2 sections.
2. Answer ALL questions in Section A.
3. Answer ANY 3 (out of 5) questions in Section B.
4. Show all your working.
5. Begin each question on a new page.

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Section A
Answer ALL Questions in this section

A.1 a. Find the value of

i. $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 425$ (correct to 2 d.p.) [2 marks]

ii. $\log_b b^4 + \ln e^{4m-3}$ [4 marks]

b. Evaluate

$$(2 + 3i)^2 - (2 - 3i)^2.$$

and leave your answer in the form $a + ib$. [5 marks]

c. Expand and simplify

$$(\cos A + \sin A)^2 + (\cos A - \sin A)^2. \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

d. Find the value of

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 32 \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^n. \quad [4 \text{ marks}]$$

e. Consider the equation of a parabola

$$y^2 + 12x = 0.$$

i. Find the coordinates of the vertex and focus [3 marks]

ii. Make a sketch of the parabola. [2 marks]

f. Evaluate the determinant

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

g. Find the quotient and remainder of

$$\frac{x^4 - 6x^3 + 8x + 13}{x^2 + 1}. \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

h. In the binomial expansion of

$$\left(x + \frac{2}{x}\right)^{24},$$

find the first 3 terms.

[5 marks]

Section B

Answer ANY 3 Questions in this section

- B.1** a. If the first 3 terms in the binomial expansion of $(1 + kx)^n$ are $1 - 6x + \frac{33}{2}x^2$, find the values of k and n . [4 marks]
- b. Consider the triangle with vertices $A(4, 9)$, $B(7, -6)$ and $C(-4, 1)$. Find
- i. the equation of side AB , expressing it in *general form* [4 marks]
 - ii. the *perpendicular* distance from vertex C to side AB [3 marks]
 - iii. the interior angle \hat{A} [3 marks]
 - iv. the perimeter of the triangle (correct to 2 d.p.) [3 marks]
 - v. the area of the triangle (correct to 2 d.p.) [3 marks]
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- B.2** a. Simplify

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{6}\pi + A\right) + \cos\left(\frac{1}{3}\pi + A\right). \quad [4 \text{ marks}]$$

- b. Find the *general solution* of the equation

$$2 \sin^2 \theta = 1 + \cos \theta,$$

expressing your answer in radians. [7 marks]

- c. Prove each of the following trigonometric identities:

i. $\cos^4 \theta + \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta = 0$ [3 marks]

ii. $\frac{\sin \theta + \sin 2\theta}{1 + \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta} = \tan \theta$ [6 marks]

B.3 a. Solve for x given

i. $\ln(90x + 5) - \ln x = \ln(10x) + \ln\left(\frac{10}{x}\right)$ [4 marks]

ii. $\log_2 x + \log_2(x - 2) = \log_b b^3$. [4 marks]

b. Express as a single logarithm with unit coefficient, and simplify

$$3 + 2 \log_2(2a^2) - 4 \log_2(2a). \quad [4 \text{ marks}]$$

c. On 01 January 2017, a sum of E10,000 is invested in an account that pays 6.7% p.a. compounded daily. Find

i. the total accrued on 30 June 2022 [3 marks]

ii. the *date* on which the total will be triple the initial sum. [5 marks]

B.4 a. Find the quotient and remainder of

$$\frac{y^4 + x^4}{y + x}. \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

b. Factorise the polynomial

$$P(x) = 6x^3 + 19x^2 + 2x - 3. \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

b. Use mathematical induction to prove the formula

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \rho^i = \frac{1 - \rho^{n+1}}{1 - \rho}, \quad \rho \neq 1, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

B.5 a. Given the vectors $\mathbf{A} = 2\hat{i} - 5\hat{k}$ and $\mathbf{B} = -8\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$, find

i. the angle made by the vectors \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} [5 marks]

ii. the cross product

$$\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}. \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

b. Find the *exact* value of

$$(-1 + 2i)^{14}. \quad [4 \text{ marks}]$$

c. Given that $2 - i$ is a root of the polynomial

$$P(z) = 3z^3 - 10z^2 + 7z + 10,$$

find the other roots.

[6 marks]

END OF EXAMINATION
