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SECOND SEMESTER DEGREE EXAMINATIONS

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COURSE CODE: MAT 202

COURSE TITLE: Elementary Differential Equations I

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any Four (4) questions. TIME ALLOWED: 2½ Hours

Question One

- a). Define and briefly discuss what a Differential Equation (DE) is, its classification, order and degree. You may wish to use a simple diagram to further your discussion.
- b). A stone weighing 4kg falls from rest toward the earth from a great height. As it falls, it is acted upon by a resistance which numerically equal to $\frac{1}{2}v$ (in kg) where v is the velocity in m/s .
 - i). Find the velocity and the distance at time t
 - ii). Find the velocity and distance falling at the end of 5 seconds
 ($g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$)

Question Two

- a). Discuss briefly what constitute as a solution to a given differential equation
- b). Find the Orthogonal trajectories of the family
 - i). $y = e^{\lambda x}$
 - ii). $y = Cx^3$

Question Three

- a). State the Basic Existence and Uniqueness Theorem
- b). What is an exact differential equation? List the procedures for testing for an exact DE.
- c). A radioactive substance decays at the rate proportional to the amount present at any time t . A certain substance loses $\frac{1}{3}$ of its mass in 11.7 days. Find the half life of the substance.

Question Four

Determine the type and solve, using appropriate method, the following differential equations:

- a). Solve

$$(x - 4)y^4 dx - x^3(y^2 - 3) dy = 0$$
- b). Solve

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

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 6x^3$$

Question Five

Determine the type and solve, using appropriate method, the following differential equations:

a).

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 8 \frac{d^1y}{dx^1} + 16y = 0$$

b). $(5x + 2y + 1)dx + (2x + y + 1)dy = 0$

c). $x^3 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - 3x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6x \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 0$

Question Six

a). Given that $x, x^2, & x^4$ are solutions of the DE

$$x^3 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - 4x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 8x \frac{d^1y}{dx^1} - 8y = 0$$

show that they are generally independent on the interval $0 \leq x \leq \infty$ and write the general solution.

b). Find the Laplace Transforms of $\cosh at$ and $\sinh at$ where a is any real constant. Given that

$$\cosh t = \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2}, \quad \sinh t = \frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{2}.$$

c). Solve the equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4y = 0$$

with the following initial value conditions

$$y(0) = 3, y'(0) = 2$$

using Laplace Transform method.