
University of Eswatini



Final Examination – 2020/21

Env. Health 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.
5. Begin each question on a new page.

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Section A
Answer ALL Questions in this section

A.1 a. Without using a calculator, showing ALL your steps, find the value of

$$3 \log 5 + \log 24 - \log 3. \quad [4 \text{ marks}]$$

b. Consider the straight line segment from $A(-2, 3)$ to $B(4, -5)$.

i. Find the length of the straight line AB [4 marks]

ii. Find the equation of AB in *general form* [6 marks]

c. Given the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

evaluate

i. $2A - 5B^T$

ii. BA^T

[6 marks]

d. Find the value of the sum

$$\sum_{n=0}^{150} 640 \left(\frac{9}{8}\right)^n.$$

[6 marks]

e. Use *synthetic division* to find the quotient and remainder of

$$\frac{2x - x^2 + x^4 + 7}{x + 2}. \quad [6 \text{ marks}]$$

g. Solve for x given

i. $x^2 - 4x + 13 = 0$ [4 marks]

ii. $5^{1-x} = \frac{1}{49}$ (correct to 2 d.p.) [4 marks]

h. Given the vectors

$$A = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix},$$

find

i. $|2A + B|$ [4 marks]

ii. $A \times B$. [6 marks]

Section B**Answer ANY 2 Questions in this section**

B.2 a. Use Cramer's rule to solve the simultaneous system

$$\begin{aligned}2x - y + z &= -4 \\ x + y - 2z &= 0 \\ 2x + z &= 3.\end{aligned}$$

[15 marks]

b. Find the angle between the vectors

$$A = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 [10 marks]

B.3 a. Consider the quadratic function

$$y = x^2 + 2x - 15.$$

- i. Find the coordinates of the roots [3 marks]
 - ii. Find the coordinates of the vertex [3 marks]
 - iii. Find the coordinates of the y -intercept [1 marks]
 - iv. Make a sketch of the graph of y [4 marks]
- b. A rectangular metal sheet whose length is twice its width is crafted into an open box by cutting out 4×4 centimetre squares from each corner, and folding up the flaps. If the volume of the box is 768 cm^3 , find the dimensions of the original metal sheet. [6 marks]
- c. For the triangle with vertices $A(-2, 4)$, $B(4, 11)$ and $C(0, -5)$, find
- i. the interior angle \hat{C} . [3 marks]
 - ii. the *exact* area of the triangle [5 marks]
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- B.4** a. The 7th term of an AP is 47. If the 11th term is 75, find the first term and the common difference of the AP. [3 marks]
- b. A parent sets up a savings account for their child by making monthly deposits, beginning end of January 2021. The first few deposits are as shown below.

Month	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	March 2021	April 2021
Deposit	E500	E475	E451.25	E428.69

If the deposits continue in the same trend, find

- the deposit in June 2022 [3 marks]
 - the month in which the deposit will be 131.76 [4 marks]
 - the *total* deposited by December 2023 [5 marks]
 - the *total* deposited if the deposits continue “forever” [3 marks]
- c. In the binomial expansion of

$$\left(x^2 - \frac{2}{x}\right)^{18},$$

find the first 4 terms.

[7 marks]

- B.5** a. Consider the polynomial

$$P(x) = 2x^3 + Ax^2 + Bx + 6,$$

where A and B are constants.

- Given that $(x - 3)$ is a factor of $P(x)$, while a remainder of 12 is left when $P(x)$ is divided by $(x + 1)$, find the values of A and B . [5 marks]
 - Hence factorise $P(x)$ and find all its roots. [5 marks]
- b. Prove that

$$1 - \frac{\sin^2 A}{1 + \cos A} = \cos A. \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

c. Solve for x :

- $\log_2(x - 3) + \log_2(x + 3) = 4$ [5 marks]
- $e^{6-x} = 2^x$ [5 marks]

END OF EXAMINATION