UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND



Final Examination 2005

Title of Paper : Ordinary Differential Equations

Program : BSc./B.Ed./B.A.S.S./B.Eng. II

Course Number : M 213

Time Allowed : Three (3) Hours

Instructions : 1. This paper consists of SEVEN questions on FOUR pages.

2. Answer any five (5) questions.

3. Non-programmable calculators may be used.

Special Requirements: None

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Question 1

(a) Find the general solution of

$$(2xy^4e^y + 2xy^3) dx + (x^2y^4e^y - x^2y^2 - 3x) dy = 0.$$

[8 marks]

(b)
$$Y'=AY$$
 where $A=\left(\begin{array}{cc}1&4\\1&1\end{array}\right)$ $Y=\left(\begin{array}{c}y_1\\y_2\end{array}\right)$
$$y_1(0)=2 \qquad y_2(0)=1$$

[12 marks]

Question 2

Show that the general solution of

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + p(x) = q(x)$$

has the form

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$$y = e^{-\int p(x)dx} \left[C + \int q(x)e^{\int p(x)dx} dx \right]$$

where C is a constant.

Using the above or otherwise integrate

$$x\frac{dy}{dx} - y + 3x^3y - x^2 = 0$$

[20 marks]

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(a) Use Laplace trasform to solve the following initial value problem

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$$

Question 3

$$y(0) = 1$$
 $y'(0) = 5$.

[12 marks]

(b) Solve

$$x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 5xy = \frac{\cos x}{x^3}.$$

[8 marks]

Question 4

(a) Find the series solution of the equation

$$2xy'' + (x+1)y' + y = 0$$

about x = 0.

[8 marks]

(b) Solve

$$2\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{dy}{dt} + x = 2 \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 2y = 2t$$

$$x(0) = y(0) = 0 x'(0) = y'(0) = 0$$

[12 marks]

Question 5

(a) Given that $y_1(x) = e^{2x} \cos x$ and $y_2(x) = e^{2x} \sin x$ are solutions of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$$

find that solution which satisfies the conditions $y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1$, $y\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 2$.

[5 marks]

(b) Find a general solution for

$$y^{"'} - y = xe^x.$$

[5 marks]

(c) Find particular solutions of the differential equations

(i)
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = x^2 + 4$$

[5 marks]

(ii)
$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - x$$

[5 marks]

Question 6

Find the general solutions

(a)
$$xy dy + (1 + y^2) dx = 0$$

[6 marks]

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

[7 marks]

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

[7 marks]

Question 7

(a) Find the series solution of the equation

$$2xy'' + (x+1)y' + 3y = 0$$

about x = 0.

[10 marks]

(b) Solve

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x - 4y - 2}{3x - 4y - 3}.$$

[10 marks]

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