
University of Swaziland



Supplementary Examination – July 2009

BSc I, EEng I, BEd I

Title of Paper : Algebra, Trig. and Analytic Geometry

Course Number : M111

Time Allowed : Three (3) hours

Instructions :

1. This paper consists of SEVEN questions.
2. Each question is worth 20%.
3. Answer ANY FIVE questions.
4. Show all your working.

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Question 1

(a) Work out

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

(b) Use the binomial theorem to approximate $\sqrt{10}$ correct to 4 decimal places. [7 marks]

(c) Evaluate and simplify

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \tan \alpha & \sec \alpha \\ 0 & \sec \alpha & \tan \alpha \\ -1 & \tan \alpha & \sec \alpha \end{vmatrix}. \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

Question 2

(a) Simplify

$$\sin(\theta + 30^\circ) + \cos(\theta - 60^\circ). \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

(b) Find the exact value of

$$\cos\left(22\frac{1}{2}^\circ\right). \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

(c) Find the cube roots of

$$-125i. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

Question 3

(a) Solve

i. $4^x = 5^{2-2x}. \quad [4 \text{ marks}]$

ii. $10^{\log(2x+7)} = 8. \quad [6 \text{ marks}]$

(b) Expand and simplify term by term

$$\left(1 - x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

Question 4

(a) Prove by mathematical induction

$$1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1} = 2^{n+1} - 1, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

(b) Find all values of x in the interval $0 \leq x < 2\pi$, satisfying

$$\sin 2x + \cos x + \cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x. \quad [6 \text{ marks}]$$

(c) Evaluate

$$\frac{(1 + i\sqrt{3})^4}{(-\sqrt{3} - i)^3} \quad [4 \text{ marks}]$$

and express your answer in the form $a + ib$.

Question 5

(a) Find the 7th term in the expansion of $\left(\frac{2}{x} - x\right)^{-2}$. [4 marks]

(b) Prove

$$\frac{\sin \theta + \sin 2\theta}{1 + \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta} = \tan \theta. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

(c) Find the equation of the circle that passes through $(3, 1)$ and $(6, 4)$ with centre on $x + 3y = 5$. [6 marks]

Question 6

- (a) Use the rational root theorem and synthetic division to find all real roots of

$$x^3 - 3x^2 + 4 = 0. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

- (b) Find all roots (real and complex) of

$$z^4 + 5z^2 - 36 = 0. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

Question 7

- (a) Find the inverse matrix of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 & -3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad [5 \text{ marks}]$$

[13 marks]

- (b) Evaluate

$$(1 - i)^{10},$$

and express in the form $a + ib$. [7 marks]
