
University of Swaziland



Supplementary Examination, July 2013

BSc I, EEng I, BEd I, BASS I

Title of Paper : Algebra, Trig. & Analytic Geom.

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) Find the *first 4 terms* of the binomial expansion of

$$(1 - 3x^2)^{-\frac{2}{3}}. \quad [6 \text{ marks}]$$

- (b) Find the *middle term* of the binomial expansion of

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{p}} - 2p^2\right)^{20}. \quad [4 \text{ marks}]$$

- (c) Divide

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

- (d) Evaluate

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

Question 2

- (a) Solve for x .

(i) $\log_3 x^2 = -4$ [2 marks]

(ii) $\log_\pi(4x - 19) = 0$ [2 marks]

(iii) $\log_2 x + \log_2(x - 1) = 1$ [5 marks]

- (b) Find the equation of the circle that passes through $(2, 3)$ and $(-1, 6)$ with centre on the line $2x + 5y + 1 = 0$. [7 marks]

Hence, find the radius and centre of the circle. [4 marks]

Question 3

(a) Consider the parametric equations

$$x = 1 - 9 \sin \theta, \quad y = 2 + 9 \cos \theta. \quad (1)$$

- i. By eliminating θ , express (1) as a single equation in terms of x and y only. [5 marks]
- ii. Fully *describe* the curve defined by (1) and *make a sketch*, showing all the *key features*. [5 marks]
- (b) Simplify and express your answers in the form $a + ib$

i. $(1 + 2i^{17})(1 + 2i^{23})(1 + 3i^{25})$ [5 marks]

ii. $\frac{25}{3 + 4i} + \frac{25}{(1 + 2i)^2}$ [5 marks]

Question 4

(a) Prove

i. $(1 - \sin^2 \theta)(1 + \tan^2 \theta) = 1$ [3 marks]

ii. $\cos 3\theta = 4 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta$ [7 marks]

(b) Solve

$$x + y - 2z = -1$$

$$x + \quad \quad z = 4$$

$$x - 2y \quad \quad = 7$$

using Cramer's rule.

[10 marks]

Question 5

- (a) Given that $z = 2 - 3i$ is a root of

$$z^3 + Az^2 + Bz + 13 = 0,$$

where A and B are real constants, find

- (i) the values of A and B [4 marks]
(ii) the 2 other roots [5 marks]

- (b) Use synthetic division to work out

$$\frac{x^5 + 2x^3 - 3x - 70}{x - 4}. \quad [4 \text{ marks}]$$

- (c) Use mathematical induction to prove that

$$P(n) = 1 + 3^{2n-1}$$

is always divisible by 4 (where $n \geq 1$ is an integer).

[7 marks]

Question 6

- (a) Solve for x

i. $2^{x-\frac{1}{2}} = 4 \cdot 3^x$ [3 marks]

ii. $4^x + 6 = 5 \cdot 2^x$ [5 marks]

- (b) Find the value of the sum

i. $40 + 45 + 50 + 55 + \dots + 5000$ [3 marks]

ii. $2 + 6 + 18 + 54 + \dots + 39,366$ [3 marks]

- (c) Find a solution set of

$$\sin^2 \theta - \cos \theta = 0$$

in the interval $-\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$.

[6 marks]

Question 7

- (a) Find the value(s) of x such that the numbers

$$2x - 5, x - 4, 10 - 3x$$

form a geometric progression.

[5 marks]

- (b) Use mathematical induction to prove the formula

$$1 + 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^{n-1} = 2^n - 1 \quad n \geq 1. \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

- (c) Simplify

$$x - 2 \ln e^{x-1} - 3 \ln e^{1-x} - 4 \log_4 \sqrt{2} + (\cos x + i \sin x)(\cos x - i \sin x).$$

[5 marks]
