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# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023 /2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER REGULAR EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION SCIENCE/ARTS

COURSE CODE: MAT 113  
COURSE TITLE: DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS

DATE: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

TIME: 2:00PM-5:00PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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**REGULAR – MAIN EXAM**

**MAT 113: DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS**

**STREAM: Bed (Sc/Arts/Bus)**

**DURATION: 3 Hours**

**INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

- i. Answer **ALL** questions from **section A** and any **THREE** from **section B**
- ii. Do not write on the question paper.

**SECTION A (31 MARKS): Answer all questions in this section.**

**QUESTION ONE (16 MARKS)**

- a) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for  $x^3 + 3x^2y + y^3 = 1$  (3 Marks)
- b) Define composition of maps. (2 Marks)
- c) Find the nature of the turning points on the curve  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2$  (4 Marks)
- d) Given that  $f'(x) = 6x^2 + 6x - 4$  and  $f(1) = 3$ . Find  $f(x)$  (4 Marks)
- e) Evaluate  $\frac{d}{dx}(\sinh x)$  (3 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)**

- f) Differentiate  $y = \sin^2 x$  (2 Marks)
- g) Find velocity and acceleration when  $t = 0$  given that  $s = 12t - 4t^2$  (4 Marks)
- h) Differentiate  $y = x^x$  (2 Marks)
- i) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  for  $y = \frac{1}{(x^2 + 3x + 5)^3}$  (4 Marks)
- j) Consider the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 1 & , x < 3 \\ 8 - x & , 3 \leq x \end{cases}$ . Proof that  $f$  is continuous at  $x=3$ . (3 Marks)

**SECTION B: (39 MARKS)**

**QUESTION THREE (13 MARKS)**

a) Differentiate

i)  $f(x) = (7 + x)^2$  (3 Marks)

ii)  $\sin^2 x \cos x$  with respect to  $x$ . (4 Marks)

b) Show that:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{x}$  is equal to zero. (4 Marks)

c) Evaluate  $\sin^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)$  (2 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (13 MARKS)**

a) Given that:  $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x+1}$ . Find all the values of  $c$  in the interval  $(1, 2)$  such that:

$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$  where  $a = 1$  and  $b = 2$  (5 Marks)

b) The distance  $s$  metres moved by a body in  $t$  seconds is given by

$s = 2t^3 - 12t^2 + 24t + 10$ ; Find the

i) velocity when  $t = 4$  (2 Marks)

ii) value of  $t$  when the body comes to rest (3 Marks)

iii) value of  $t$  when the acceleration is  $10m/s$  (3 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (13 MARKS)**

a) Differentiate the following with respect to  $x$

i)  $y = x\sqrt{x} + 3$  (2 Marks)

ii)  $x \sin y = y \sin x$  (2 Marks)

iii)  $y = \ln \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1}$  (2 Marks)

b) Find the tangent to the curve  $y = 2x^3 - 4x^2 + 2$  at  $(1, 1)$  (3 Marks)

- c) If  $x = a(t^2 - 1)$ ,  $y = 2a(t + 1)$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  in terms of  $t$  (4 Marks)

**QUESTION SIX: (13 MARKS)**

- a) Evaluate the limits

i)  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(10z)}{z}$  (3 Marks)

ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(12x)}{\sin(5x)}$  (3 Marks)

- b) Differentiate the following functions

i)  $y = \frac{2x+3}{\sin 4x}$  (4 Marks)

ii)  $y = \ln(1-2x)^3$  (3 Marks)

**QUESTION SEVEN (13 MARKS)**

- a) A plane is flying directly away from you at 500 mph at an altitude of 3 miles. How fast is the plane's distance from you increasing at the moment when the plane is flying over a point on the ground 4 miles from you (7 Marks)

b) If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 16x + 20}{(x-2)^2} & , x \neq 2 \\ k & , x = 2 \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ , find the value of  $k$

(6 Marks)