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**3RD YEAR 1ST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE) WITH  
IT  
(SCHOOL BASED-MAIN)**

**COURSE CODE: SMA 301**

**TITLE: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**

**DATE: 2/5/2013**

**TIME:**

**9.00-11.00AM**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. This paper contains FIVE (5) questions**
- 2. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other 2 Questions**
- 3. Write all answers in the booklet provided**

### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

a) Given  $y = A \sin x - B \cos x$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants, eliminate the arbitrary constants to form a differential equation hence state its order and degree (5 marks)

b) The rate of cooling of a body is proportional to the excess of its temperature above its surrounding  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . A body cools from  $85^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $65^{\circ}\text{C}$  in 4.0 minutes at a surrounding temperature of  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Determine how long to the nearest second the body will take to cool to  $55^{\circ}\text{C}$ . (4 marks)

c) Solve the differential equation below using an appropriate method

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 9y = 0 \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

d) Using an appropriate method solve the differential equation  $2yy'' = 1 + (y')^2$ . (5 marks)

e) Use the method of variation of parameters to solve  $2\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 7\frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = e^{3x}$ . (5 marks)

f) Solve the differential equation  $(y - x - 4)dy + (2 - y - x)dx = 0$  (6 marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 marks)

a) By finding the integrating factor, find the general solution of the differential equation  $\frac{(1-x^2)}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2x^2-1}{x^2} y = x$  (Hint: Use partial fractions) (10 marks)

b) A resistance ( $R$ ) of 100 ohms, an inductance ( $L$ ) of 0.5 henry are connected in series with a battery of 20 volts ( $V$ ). Find the current ( $i$ ) in the circuit as a function of time ( $t$ ) given that they are connected by the differential equation

$$Ri + L \frac{di}{dt} = V \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

c) Use variation of parameters to solve the differential equation

$$4\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + e^x = 0 \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

### QUESTION THREE (20 marks)

a) Consider a second order differential equation

$$a \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = F(x)$$

Let  $F(x) = 0$  and let  $y = U$  and  $y = V$ , where  $U$  and  $V$  are functions of  $x$  be two solutions to the differential equation, then show that  $y = (U + V)$  is also a solution. (6 marks)

b) Find the general solution of the differential equations

(i)  $(\sqrt{xy} - x)dy + ydx = 0$  (4 marks)

(ii)  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 0$  (4 marks)

(iii)  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 36y = 2 \cos 4x$  (4 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 marks)

Use any appropriate method to solve each of the differential equations below

a)  $\left[ (\cos x) \ln(2y - 8) + \frac{1}{x} \right] dx = \frac{\sin x}{4 - y} dy$  given that  $y = 4.5$  when  $x = 1$ . (6 marks)

b)  $yy'' + (y')^2 = 0$  (6 marks)

c)  $\frac{dx}{dy} + \frac{y}{1 - y^2} x = y\sqrt{x}$  (8 marks)

### QUESTION FIVE (20 marks)

a) Detectives discovered a murder victim at 6.30 am and the body temperature of the victim was then  $26^\circ\text{C}$ . After 30 minutes the police surgeon arrived and found the body temperature to be  $23^\circ\text{C}$ . If the air temperature was  $16^\circ\text{C}$  throughout and the normal body temperature is  $37^\circ\text{C}$ . At what time did the police surgeon estimate that the crime occurred. (10 marks)

b) Solve the differential equation  $xy'' = y' + (y')^3$  given  $x = 1$  when  $y = 1$  and  $x = 2$  when  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$  (10 marks)