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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE)  
REGULAR**

**COURSE CODE: SMA 301**

**COURSE TITLE: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS I**

**DATE: 21/8/13**

**TIME: 2.00 -4.00 PM**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. This paper contains five (5) questions.**
- 2. Answer question 1 (compulsory) and ANY other TWO questions.**
- 3. Write all answer in the booklet provided.**

## SMA 301 : ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION I

Attempt question 1 and any other two questions

### QUESTION 1 COMPULSORY( 30 marks)

a) Consider  $y = A \sin x - B \cos x$ , where A and B are arbitrary constants. By eliminating the arbitrary constants through differentiation form a differential equation. State its degree and order. (3 marks)

b) The rate of decay of a radioactive material is given by  $\frac{dN}{dt} = -\lambda N$  where  $\lambda$  is a decay constant and  $N$  the number of radioactive atoms disintegrating per second. Determine the half life in years of a nickel isotope assuming the decay constant is  $1.832 \times 10^{-10}$  atoms per second and a 365 day year.( Half life means the time taken for  $N$  to become one half of the original) (4 marks)

c) Reduce the differential equation  $(y - x - 2)dy = (y + x - 6)dx$  to homogeneous form hence solve. (6 marks)

d) Solve the differential equation  $xy'' = y' + (y')^3$  (6 marks)

e) Find the particular solution to the differential equation

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 2e^{-2x}$  given that  $x=0, y = 1$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -2$  (6 marks)

f) Use variation of parameters to solve  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = e^{-x}$  (5 marks)

### QUESTION 2(20 MARKS)

Use any appropriate method to solve the differential equations below

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

b)  $(\sqrt{xy} - x)dy + ydx = 0$  (8 marks)

c)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = x^2$  (6 marks)

QUESTION 3(20 MARKS)

Find the general solution of each of the following differential equation

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

b)  $(1 + x^2)dy = (\tan^{-1} x - y)dx$  (8 marks)

c)  $\left( x \tan \frac{y}{x} - y \sec^2 \frac{y}{x} \right) dx + x \sec^2 \frac{y}{x} dy = 0$  (6 marks)

QUESTION 4(20 MARKS)

a) Find the general solution of

(i)  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 0$  (4 marks)

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

(iii)  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 6 \frac{dy}{dx} + 10y = 0$  (4 marks)

b) Use the method of variation of parameters to find the solution of

$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 10$  (8 marks)

QUESTION 5(20 MARKS)

a) Solve the differential equation  $2yy'' = (y')^2 + 1$  (5 marks)

In an L-C-R circuit, the charge  $q$  on a plate of condenser is given by

$$L \frac{d^2q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} = E \sin \check{S}t \text{ where } i = \frac{dq}{dt}. \text{ The circuit is tuned to resonance so}$$

that  $\check{S}^2 = \frac{1}{LC}$ . If  $R^2 < \frac{4L}{C}$  and  $q = 0 = i$  when  $t = 0$ .

$$\text{Show that } q = \frac{E}{R\check{S}} \left\{ -\cos \check{S}t + e^{\frac{-Rt}{2L}} \left( \cos pt + \frac{R}{2LP} \sin pt \right) \right\}$$

$$\text{and } i = \frac{E}{R} \left( \sin \check{S}t - \frac{1}{P\sqrt{LC}} e^{\frac{-Rt}{2L}} \sin Pt \right)$$

$$\text{where } P^2 = \frac{1}{LC} - \frac{R^2}{4L^2} \quad (15 \text{ marks})$$