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COURSE CODE: SMA 817

COURSE TITLE: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS I

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: MSC SCIENCE Y1S1

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 3.00 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer any THREE questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

a) Solve the differential equations

i) $x(1-x^2)\frac{dy}{dx} + (2x^2 - 1)y = x^3\sqrt{y}$ (7 marks)

ii) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 9y - 4e^x = 0$ (6 marks)

b) Show that for a second order differential equation of the form

$a\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + b\frac{dy}{dx} + cy = f(x)$ for $f(x) \neq 0$ and taking $y = c_1u_1(x) + c_2u_2(x)$ to be a

solution of $a\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + b\frac{dy}{dx} + cy = 0$, then by replacing arbitrary constants c_1 and c_2 by $v_1(x)$ and $v_2(x)$ then we could solve the pair of simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned}v_1' u_1 + v_2' u_2 &= 0 \\v_1' u_1' + v_2' u_2' &= f(x)\end{aligned}$$
 (7 marks)

To obtain the solution to the particular integral $y = u_1v_1 + u_2v_2$

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Show that $u_1 = x$ is a solution to the differential equation

$(1-x^2)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$, hence use the reduction of order method to find the second linearly independent solution $u_2(x)$ (8 marks)

b) Find all the solutions of the initial value problem $\dot{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 3 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \bar{X}$

$$x(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (12 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Given the system of first order ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x - y + 4z$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 3x + 2y - z$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = 2x + y + z$$

- a) Express the system in the matrix form $\underline{\dot{X}} = A\underline{X}$ (2 marks)
- b) Show that $v_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ are eigenvectors of A hence find the third eigenvector (7 marks)
- c) Determine $\Phi(t)$, the fundamental matrix of the system (6 marks)
- d) Obtain \underline{X} the general solution of the system (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Given the system of nonlinear differential equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -2xy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -x + y + xy - y^2$$

- (a) Find all its critical points (8 marks)
- (b) Determine the stability nature of each of the critical points in part (a) (12 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Prove that if $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ are linearly independent on $L(x) = 0$ on an interval I then the wronskian $W[x_1(t), x_2(t)] \neq 0$ (6 marks)

- b) Find e^{At} if $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ (14 marks)