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**COURSE CODE: SMA405**

**COURSE TITLE: PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS I**

**EXAM VENUE:**

**STREAM: BSc Y4S1**

**DATE: 24/08/19**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**EXAM SESSION: 3.00 – 5.00PM**

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**Instructions:**

**Answer question 1 and any other two questions**

- 1. Show all the necessary working**
- 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(30 MARKS) -COMPULSORY**

(a) Explain the three main properties of classifying the partial differential equation

$$a \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + b \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + c \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + d \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + e \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + fu + g = 0 \quad (6\text{Mks})$$

(b) If the points  $p(a,b)$  of the curve  $g(x,y) = 4x^2y - y^2 - 8x^2 - 2x^4 + 1400$

satisfy system of the equations  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial x} = 0$  ,  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 0$

discuss the nature of such point  $p(a,b)$  (5Mks)

(c) Prove that the Pfaffian differential equation

$$(y^2 + yz)dx + (xz + z^2)dy + (y^2 - xy)dz = 0 \text{ is integrable} \quad (4\text{Mks})$$

(d) Categorize the given partial differential equations below;

(i)  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + xy = 0$  (ii)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 1002 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  (iii)  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + y^3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$

(iv)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + t \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  [6 marks]

(e) State degree , order of the partial differential equations below;

(i)  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \sqrt{\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2}} + 2y^4 = 0$  (ii)  $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}\right)^9 = 1002 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x}$  (iii)  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + y^3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$

and identify which of the equations are linear [9 marks]

**QUESTION TWO (20Mks)**

Show that the differential equation  $(x^2z - y^3)dx + 3xy^2dy + x^3dz = 0$  is

(i) homogenous (5 Mks)

(ii) integrable (10 Mks)

(iii) in Pfaffian form

and solve it. (5Mks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 Mks)

Given the curve  $F(x, y, z) = 8x^2 + 24y^2 + 16z^2 + 24x + 16z - 10$

- i) determine and classify all the critical points (10 Mks)
- ii) obtain the minimum and maximum values of  $F$  (10 Mks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 Mks)

Consider a perfectly flexible elastic string, stretched between two points at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$  with uniform tension  $\tau$ .

If the string is displaced slightly from its initial position while the ends remain fixed, and then released, the string will oscillate. The position  $u$  in the string at any instant will then be a function of its distance from one end  $x$ , of the string and also of time  $t$   $u = u(x, t)$ ,

- i) Show that the equation of the motion is given by the partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$$

- ii) Solve the equation  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}$  given

the boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0 \text{ for all time } t \geq 0$$

and the initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = \sin 2\pi x, \quad u_t(x, 0) = 0 \quad (20 \text{ marks})$$

### QUESTION FIVE (20Mks)

Given the initial boundary value pde heat equation

$$u_t = u_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < 1, t > 0$$

satisfying the conditions

$$u(0, t) = 1, \quad u(1, t) = 1 \quad 0 < x < 1, t > 0$$

$$u(x, 0) = 1 + \cos 2\pi x, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

Apply variable separation of the form  $u(x, t) = X(x)T(t)$ .

to solve the pde.

(20 mark)