



**JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL, PHYSICAL, MATHEMATICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCES**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF .....**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**MAIN REGULAR**

---

**COURSE CODE: WMB 9108**

**COURSE TITLE: CALCULUS I**

**EXAM VENUE:**

**STREAM:**

**DATE:**

**EXAM SESSION:**

**TIME: 2.00 HOURS**

---

**Instructions:**

- 1. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other 2 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 (30 marks)

- a) Explain why the limit below do not exist:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{|x|} \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

- b) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 6x - 4}$ . Hence, give geometrical interpretation of your answer. (4marks)

- c) Determine the point of discontinuity (if any) of the function  $f(x)$

$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 5x - 3}{x - 3}.$$

If the discontinuity is removable, define the function to make it continuous. (4 marks)

- d) Using the definition, find the derivative  $f'(x)$  of the function  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$  (4 marks)

- e) Find the critical numbers of  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$  and determine whether they yield relative maximum, relative minimum or inflection points (5 marks)

- f) Find the derivative of the function

$$y = \left( \frac{x-1}{3x^2-2} \right)^{-1} \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

- g) Given that  $f(x) = \sin x$ , prove that  $f'(x) = \cos x$  (5 marks)

## QUESTION TWO (20 marks)

- a) Show that

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + \frac{du}{dx}v \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

- b) Given that  $f(x) = \frac{x \ln x}{1 + \ln x}$ , find  $f'(x)$  (4 marks)

- c) Find the derivative of  $y = \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right) \left( x - \frac{1}{x} + 1 \right)$  (6 marks)

- d) Find the derivative of the function

$$f(x) = \frac{\sec x}{1 + \tan x} \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

## QUESTION THREE (20 marks)

- a) If  $\frac{x-y}{2x+2y} = 2x$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{(2,1)}$  by implicit differentiation. (6 marks)

- b) Find the second order derivative of the function:

$$g(t) = \frac{4}{(t+2)^2} \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

- c) If  $x = a \cos \theta$ ,  $y = b \sin \theta$ , show that

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{b}{a^2} \operatorname{cosec}^3 \theta \quad (9 \text{ marks})$$

## QUESTION FOUR (20 marks)

- i. The position of a particle which moves along a straight line is defined by the relation  $x = t^3 - 4.5t^2 - 12t + 36$ , where  $x$  is expressed in feet and  $t$  in seconds.

Determine:

- the time at which the velocity will be zero, (3 marks)
  - the position and distance traveled by the particle at that time, (4 marks)
  - the acceleration of the particle at that time, (3 marks)
  - the distance traveled by the particle from  $t = 3s$  to  $t = 5s$ . (4 marks)
- ii. The demand function for the Luminar desk lamp is given by

$$P = f(x) = -0.1x^2 - 0.4x + 35$$

where  $x$  is the quantity demanded (measured in thousands) and  $p$  is the unit price in dollars.

What is the rate of change of the unit price when the quantity demanded is 10,000 units ( $x=10$ )? What is the unit price at that level of demand? (6 marks)

## QUESTION FIVE (20 marks)

- i. Use Logarithmic differentiation to find the derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$

$$y = \frac{x(x-1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\sqrt{x+1}} \quad (7 \text{ marks})$$

- ii. Find the derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$ , given that

$$\ln xy = e^{x+y} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

- iii. Find the derivative of  $y$  with respect to  $x$ , where

$$y = \ln \sqrt[3]{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} \quad (7 \text{ marks})$$

The demand function for the Luminar desk lamp is given by

$$P = f(x) = -0.1x^2 - 0.4x + 35$$

where  $x$  is the quantity demanded (measured in thousands) and  $p$  is the unit price in dollars.

- Find  $f'(x)$ .
- What is the rate of change of the unit price when the quantity demanded is 10,000 units ( $x=10$ )? What is the unit price at that level of demand?