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YEAR FOUR SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATION  
SMA 405 : PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION I(Special Resit)

INSTRUCTION: Answer Question ONE and ANY other TWO questions.

**QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)**

a) State the order and degree of the partial differential equations below

i) 
$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} + \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3}\right)^4 = 0$$

ii) 
$$\left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial x}\right)^4 + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} = 0$$
 (4 marks)

b) Define the following

i) Total differential equation

ii) Non-Linear partial differential Equation

iii) Semi-linear partial differential Equation

iv) Quasi-linear partial differential equation (8 marks)

c) Solve the simultaneous Differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{xz(z^2 + xy)} = \frac{dy}{-yz(z^2 + xy)} = \frac{dz}{x^4} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

d) Find the orthogonal trajectory on the cone  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2 \tan^2 \alpha$  of its intersection with the family of planes parallel to  $z = 0$  (8 marks)

e) Solve the following differential equations by inspection

i) 
$$df(x, y) = \frac{xdy + ydx}{x^2}$$

ii) 
$$df(x, y) = \frac{xdy + ydx}{x^2 + y^2}$$
 (4 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 marks)**

a) By eliminating the arbitrary constants  $a$  and  $b$  from  $2z = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2}$  form a partial differential equation (4 marks)

b) Solve the homogeneous equation

$$(x^2 y - y^3 - y^2 z)dx + (xy^2 - x^2 z - x^3)dy + (xy^2 + x^2 y)dz = 0 \quad (10 \text{ marks})$$

c) By choosing appropriate multipliers solve

$$\frac{dx}{4y-3z} = \frac{dy}{4x-2z} = \frac{dz}{2y-3x} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

**QUESTION THREE (20 marks)**

a) Solve the Pfaffian differential equation

$$(yz + xyz)dx + (zx + xyz)dy + (xy + xyz)dz = 0 \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

b) Find  $f(y)$  such that the Pfaffian differential equation

$$\{(yz + z)/x\}dx - zdy + f(y)dz = 0 \text{ is integrable hence solve it.} \quad (10 \text{ marks})$$

c) Use Lagrange's method to solve  $xy p + y^2 q = zxy - 2x^2$  (5 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 marks)**

a) Show that the equation  $xp - yq = x$  and  $x^2 p + q = xy$  are compatible hence find their solution. (10 marks)

b) Solve  $(x^2 + y^2)p + 2xyq = z(x + y)$  (5 marks)

c) Form a partial differential equation by eliminating the arbitrary function  $f$  from the function  $x + y + z = f(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$  (5 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 marks)**

a) Solve the Cauchy's problem for  $zp + q = 1$  where the initial data curve is  $x_0 = \mu, y_0 = \mu, z_0 = \frac{\mu}{2}$  for  $0 \leq \mu \leq 1$  (8 marks)

b) Use Charpit's method to find the complete integral of  $p^2 - y^2 q = y^2 - x^2$  (12 marks)