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MTMHGEC01T/MTMGCOR01T-MATHEMATICS (GE1/DSC1)

### DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.  
All symbols are of usual significance.*

**Answer Question No. 1 and any five from the rest**

1. Answer any **five** questions from the following: 2×5 = 10
  - (a) A function  $f(x)$  is defined as follows: 2  

$$f(x) = |x - 2| + 1$$

Examine whether  $f'(2)$  exists.
  - (b) Examine whether  $f(x, y) = x^{-1/3}y^{4/3} \cos\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)$  is a homogeneous function of  $x$  and  $y$ . If so, find its degree. 2
  - (c) Find the value of  $\frac{d^n}{dx^n} \{\sin(ax + b)\}$  2
  - (d) Is Rolle's theorem applicable to the function  $|x|$  in the interval  $[-1, 1]$ ? Justify your answer. 2
  - (e) Find the radius of curvature at the origin for the curve  $x^3 + y^3 - 2x^2 + 6y = 0$ . 2
  - (f) Find the asymptotes parallel to co-ordinate axes of the curve  $(x^2 + y^2)x - ay^2 = 0$ . 2
  - (g) If  $e^{a \sin^{-1} x} = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots$ , then find the value of  $a_2$ . 2
  - (h) Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cos x)^{\cot x}$  2
2. (a) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  exists finitely for two functions  $f$  and  $g$ , then prove 3  
 that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \{f(x) + g(x)\} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$

- (b) Using  $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$  definition (Cauchy's definition) show that the function  $f$  defined by, 3

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x \text{ is rational} \\ -x^2, & x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$$

is continuous at 0.

- (c) Find the co-ordinates of the points on the curve  $y = x^2 - 8x + 5$  at which the tangents pass through the origin. 2

3. (a) If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & \text{when } x \leq 1 \\ 3-ax^2, & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$  3

then find the value of  $a$  for which  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 1$ .

- (b) Find the Taylor series expansion of  $f(x) = \sin x$ . 5

4. (a) If  $u(x, y) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x^3 + y^3}{x - y}\right)$ ,  $x \neq y$ , apply Euler's theorem to find the value of 5

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \text{ and hence show that } x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = (1 - 4 \sin^2 u) \sin 2u$$

$$\left( \text{Assume } \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y \partial x} \right)$$

- (b) If  $y = \frac{x}{x+1}$ , find  $y_n$  (where  $y_n$  is the  $n$ -th differential coefficient of  $y$  w.r.t  $x$ ) 3  
and hence find  $y_7(0)$ .

5. (a) If  $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} xy \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$  4

Show that  $f_{xy}(0, 0) \neq f_{yx}(0, 0)$ .

- (b) Find the asymptotes of the cubic  $y^3 + x^2y + 2xy^2 - y + 1 = 0$  4

6. (a) State and prove Cauchy's Mean Value Theorem. 5

(b) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x + a \sin x}{x^3}$  is finite, find  $a$  and the value of the limit. 3

7. (a) Find the radius of curvature at any point  $(r, \theta)$  for the curve  $r = a(1 - \cos \theta)$ . 5  
Hence show if  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  be the radii of curvature at the extremities of any chord of this cardioid which pass through the pole; then prove that  $\rho_1^2 + \rho_2^2 = \frac{16a^2}{9}$

- (b) Show that the normal to the curve  $3y = 6x - 5x^3$  drawn at the point  $\left(1, \frac{1}{3}\right)$  passes through the origin. 3
8. (a) If  $H = f(y - z, z - x, x - y)$ , then prove that  $\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial H}{\partial z} = 0$  3
- (b) Verify Rolle's theorem for the function  $f(x) = x^2 + \cos x$  on the interval  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$ . 2
- (c) If  $V = x \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + y \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ , find the value of  $x \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial V}{\partial y}$  at (1, 1) 3
9. (a) Show that at any point of the curve  $by^2 = (x + a)^3$ , the subnormal varies as the square of the subtangent. 4
- (b) Prove that of all the rectangular parallelopiped of the same volume, the cube has the least surface area. 4

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