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*(Knowledge for Development)*

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**MAIN EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AND**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**COURSE CODE:** MAT 121

**COURSE TITLE:** CALCULUS I

**DATE:** 16/01/18

**TIME:** 9 AM -11 AM

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Define a limit of a function and hence evaluate;  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{(x^3-1)(x-1)}}{x-1}$  (5 mks)
- b) Find the derivative of the function  $y = x^2 + 2x - 4$  using the first principle. (3 mks)
- c) If  $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + x)$ , find  $f''(2)$  (4 mks)
- d) Using any suitable method, find the derivative of the function  $y = \cos^2 x - 1$  (3 mks)
- e) Determine the gradient of the curve  $2x^2 + xy + y^3 = 0$  at the point  $(1, 2)$ . (4 mks)
- f) The distance of an object at any given time is given by  $S = 5t^2 - t^3$ . Calculate the time when acceleration is  $-14ms^{-1}$ . (4 mks)
- g) (i) State Rolle's theorem and hence find the value of  $x_0$  prescribed in the theorem for  $f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 4$  on the interval  $1 \leq x_0 \leq 4$  (5 mks)
- (ii) Let  $f(x) = x^2 - x$ . Does Rolle's Theorem guarantee the existence of some C in  $(1, 2)$  with  $f'(C) = 0$ . Give a reason for your answer. (2 mks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Define the term continuity of a function (2 mks)
- b) Determine if the functions given below are continuous at the indicated points
- (i)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-1}{x-1} & x \neq 1 \\ 2 & x = 1 \end{cases}$  at  $x = 1$  (3 mks)
- (ii)  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x+4 & x < 2 \\ 3 & x = 2 \\ x^2+2 & x > 2 \end{cases}$  at  $x = 2$  (5 mks)
- c) Using the definition of limits, show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3}{2}} (1 - 4x) = 7$  (4 mks)
- d) Evaluate the limits
- (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^4 + x^3 - x - 1}{x - 1}$  (3 mks)
- (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{|x-1|}$  (3 mks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Evaluate the derivatives of the following functions
- (i)  $y = (x^3 + x)^9$  (2 mks)
- (ii)  $y = \frac{x-1}{x^2+x}$  (2 mks)
- (iii)  $y = \ln \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+2x}}$  (3 mks)
- b) Given that  $y = e^{2x} \sin x$  show that  $y'' - 4y' + 5y = 0$  (4 mks)
- c) Find derivative of the function  $y = \cos x$ , using the first principle (5mks)
- d) Determine the value of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  if  $y = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$ . Simplify your answer. (4 mks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Define the term a stationary point (2 mks)
- b) Given that  $y = 0.25x^4 + 0.5x^3 + 0.25x^2 + 4$ , from the equation
- Identify all the stationary points (6 mks)
  - Determine the nature of the stationary points (6 mks)
  - Sketch the curve (3 mks)
- c) Sketch the curve of another curve with the equation  $y = x^3 + 1$ . (3 mks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) The position of a stone projected vertically upwards at any time is given by  $S = 2t - t^3$ . Find;
- The time at which the object has zero velocity (3 mks)
  - The max height of the stone from the ground. (2 mks)
  - Acceleration of the stone at  $t = 3$  (2 mks)
  - The height above the ground from which the stone is projected. (2 mks)
- b) Find the equation of a line perpendicular to the curve  $y = x^3 - 8x + 4$  at the point  $(2, -4)$  in the form  $y = mx + c$  (5 mks)
- c) Find the base radius,  $r$  of a cylindrical hole with max volume which can be drilled into a cone of height 16 cm and radius 12 cm. (**Hint: use the diagram below**) (6 mks)

