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**KIBABII UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**  
**2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FIRST YEAR THIRD SEMESTER**  
**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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

**COURSE CODE: MAT 121**

**COURSE TITLE: CALCULUS I**

**DATE: 13/09/17**

**TIME: 2 PM -4 PM**

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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) Obtain the derivative of the function for  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x$  using the 1<sup>st</sup> principles. (4 mks)
- b) Find the equation of the line that is tangent to the curve  $2x^2 + xy - y^2 = 10$  at the point  $(-2,3)$  (4 mks)
- c) Determine the derivatives of the following
- (i)  $y = 2x^2 \ln 3x$  (3 mks)
- (ii)  $y = (\sqrt{t} - 4t)^3$  (4 mks)
- (iii)  $y = \frac{e^{-3x^2}}{1 - \cos 3x}$  (4 mks)
- d) Given the function  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2$
- (i) Find all the stationary points on the curve (6 mks)
- (ii) State the nature of the stationary points (3 mks)
- e) State the Rolle's theorem (2 mks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Evaluate the limits
- (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x}-1}$  (3 mks)
- (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2-4}{x-2}$  (3 mks)
- (iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan \beta x}{\sin \alpha x}$  (5 mks)
- b) Given that  $x = 3\cos\theta$  and  $y = 3\sin\theta$  where  $\theta$  is a constant find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$  (4 mks)
- c) Joseph has 100 M of fencing wire which he can put against an already existing fence to form a rectangular pen to enclose his cows. What is the maximum area can he enclose (5 mks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Determine the equation of the normal line to the graph of  $xy^2 + 7x + 4xy - 4 = 0$  at  $(1,-1)$  (4 mks)
- b) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  given that  $y = \cos x^3$  (4 mks)
- c) The distance  $S$  metres moved by a body in  $t$  seconds is given by  $S = 2t^3 - 13t^2 + 24t - 12$ . Find
- (i) The velocity when  $t = 3$  seconds (4 mks)

- (ii) The time when the body is instantaneously at rest (4 mks)  
 (iii) The time when acceleration is  $10 \text{ m/s}^2$  (4 mks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  given that  $y = \cot^3(2x^2 - 3x + 4)$  (4 mks)  
 b) Determine whether the limit of each of the following functions exist at indicated point  $f(x) = \frac{e^{2x}}{x^2 - 1}$  at  $x = 1$  (4 mks)  
 c) Determine whether the following function is continuous at  $x = 2$   

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & x < 2 \\ 5 & x = 2 \\ -x + 5 & x > 2 \end{cases}$$
 (5 mks)  
 d) Sketch the curve  $y = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 17$  (7 mks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Find  $y''$  given that  $y = \ln(2x^2 - x + 3)$  (5 mks)  
 b) If  $y = \frac{\sin x}{x^2}$  prove that  $x^2 y'' + 4xy' + (x^2 + 2)y = 0$  (5 mks)  
 c) A piece of wire 8M long is cut into 2 parts. If the parts are bent to form a square and a circle respectively. Find the radius of the circle if the sum of their areas is minimum (5 mks)  
 d) Show that the slope of the line tangent to the curve  $\sin xy = x^2 \cos y$  at  $(2, \frac{\pi}{2})$  is  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (5 mks)