



*(Knowledge for Development)*

**KIBABII UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**  
**2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**  
**MAIN EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF EDUCATION AND BACHELOR OF**  
**SCIENCE**

**COURSE CODE: MAA 111**

**COURSE TITLE: DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS/CALCULUS I**

**DATE: 15/02/2021**

**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 COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)**

- a) Given  $g(x) = x^2 + 2x$ ,  $f(x) = -x^2 + 4x$  and  $h(x) = x - 2$

find  $hogoh(x)$  (2mks)

- b) Evaluate the following limits

i.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{x^2 - 81}{\sqrt{x} - 3}$  (3mks)

ii.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x^2 - x - 10}{x^2 - 4}$  (3mks)

- c) Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan \alpha x}{\sin \beta x} \quad (3\text{mks})$$

- d) Prove that:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 4x - 5 = 7$  (3mks)

- e) Determine if the following function is continuous at  $x = 3$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 4 & x < 3 \\ 5 & x = 3 \\ x + 2 & x > 3 \end{cases} \quad (4 \text{ mks})$$

- f) Find the derivative of

$$y = \tan(2x)e^{\ln(2x^3 + 5x)} \quad (4\text{mks})$$

- g) Find the equation of the tangent and normal to the curve

$$y = 3x^2 - 2x - 5 \text{ at the point } (3, 11) \quad (5\text{mks})$$

- (i) Differentiate  $y = \frac{1 - \sin x}{\cos x}$  (3mks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Prove the following theorems

i.  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \alpha}{\alpha} = 1$  (5mks)

ii.  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos \theta - 1}{\theta} = 0$  (5mks)

- b) Evaluate the following limits

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{x \sin x} \quad (5\text{mks})$$

- c) A square iron sheet measures 20M on a side is to be used to make an open top box by cutting a small square iron sheet from each corner and bending up the sides. How large a square should be cut from each corner in order that the box shall have as large volume as possible? (5mks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Find from the 1<sup>st</sup> principles or using the delta method the derivative of  
 $y = 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x + 4$  (6mks)
- b) Find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of the equation  
 $6x^3 + y^3 - 2xy^2 + yx^2 + 2y = 1 + y^2$  at the point (0.5, -0.6) (5mks)
- c) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $y = x(x + 3)^4$  (4mks)
- d) Find the Cartesian equation for each of the following parametric form.  
 $x = 2t - 1; y = 1 - t^2$  (5mks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Find the equation of the line tangent to the graph of  $x(t) = t^2 + 1$  and  
 $y(t) = \sqrt{1 + t}$  at the point  $t = 3$  (10mks)
- b) If  $y = \frac{\sin x}{x^2}$  find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  hence prove that  
 $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^2 + 2)y = 0$  (10mks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) The distance  $S$  moved by a body in  $t$  seconds is given by  
 $S = 2t^3 - 13t^2 + 24t + 10$  find  
(i) The velocity when  $t = 4$  seconds (3 mks)  
(ii) The value of  $t$  when the body comes to rest (3 mks)  
(iii) Find acceleration at 4 seconds (3 mks)
- b) Find the coordinates of any stationary points on the curve  $y = x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x$   
and distinguish between these points. (6mks)
- c) An open rectangular box with volume  $2 M^3$  has a square base. Express  
the surface area of the box as a function of the length of a side of the base.  
Hence find the dimensions. (5mks)