



(Knowledge for Development)

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FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AND
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

COURSE CODE: MAA 111

COURSE TITLE: DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS

DATE: 24/09/2021

TIME: 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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1. Show that limit of the following function does not exist

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x} \quad (3\text{mks})$$

a) Evaluate the following limits

i. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}}{x^3 + 8}$ (4mks)

ii. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2x-3)(3x+5)(4x-6)}{3x^3+x-1}$
(3mks)

b) Evaluate

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

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

d) Determine if the following function is continuous at $x = 4$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 6 & x < 4 \\ 10 & x = 4 \\ x + 6 & x > 4 \end{cases} \quad (4 \text{ mks})$$

e) Find from the 1st principles or using the delta method the derivative of $y = \sqrt{x}$ (4mks)

f) Find the equation of the tangent and normal to the curve $y = \frac{4}{x}$ at the point (3,11) (5mks)

g) Find $\frac{d^4y}{dt^4}$ given that $y = 6t^3 + 8t^{\frac{1}{2}} + e^{2t}$ (3mks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Prove the following

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

ii. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} = 4$
(5mks)

b) Evaluate the following limits

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

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Find from the 1st principles or using the delta method the derivative of $y = 6x^3 - 9x^2 + 2x + 4$ (5mks)

b) Find the slope of the line tangent to the graph of the equation $x^3 + y^3 - 2xy^2 + yx + 2y = 1 + y^2$ at the point $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3})$ (5mks)

c) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = (2x + 1)^7(x^2 - x + 1)^4$ (5mks)

d) Find the Cartesian equation for each of the following parametric form.

$$x = \frac{1}{1+t}; y = t^2 + 4 \quad (5mks)$$

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Show that the slope of the line tangent to the graph of the equation

$$\sin x y = x^2 \cos y \text{ at } \left(2, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \text{ is } \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (10mks)$$

b) If $y = \frac{\sin x}{x^2}$ find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ hence prove that

$$x^4 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6x \frac{dy}{dx} + (x^3 + 2x)y = 0 \quad (10mks)$$

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) An object is moving vertically according to the equation $S = 250t - t^3$ where t the time in seconds is and S is the height of the object above the ground in feet.

(i) Find the velocity of the object when $t = 4$ seconds

(ii) What is the time when the object starts to move downwards?

(iii) How high does the object go

(6mks)

b) Given the equation of the curve $y = \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{4}{3}x^3 + \frac{x^2}{2} + 6x + 4$

Investigate the nature of the stationary points hence plot the curve.

(10mks)

c) A cuboid of volume $30 M^3$ has a square base $x M$. It is enclosed at the top and bottom.

Determine the dimensions of the cuboid that will give maximum S.A

(4mks)