



# **KIBABII UNIVERSITY**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER  
MAIN EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS**

**COURSE CODE: SPC 323**

**COURSE TITLE: MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS II**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

**DATE: 7/10/2021**

**TIME: 2:00-4:00 PM**

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## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Answer **QUESTION ONE** (Compulsory) and any other **TWO (2)** Questions.
- Question **ONE** carries **30 MARKS** and the remaining carry **20 MARKS** each.
- ALL Symbols have their usual meaning

**QUESTION ONE (30MARKS)**

- a) Use complex analysis to evaluate
- i)  $(1 + i)^8$  (5marks)
  - ii)  $\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{3}i}{1-\sqrt{3}i}\right)^{10}$  (5marks)
- b) i) Show that a complex function  $f(z)$  is analytic at  $z_0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  (3marks)  
ii) Show that  $f(z) = z^*$  is continuous at  $z_0$  but  $\frac{dz^*}{dz}$  does not exist (4marks)
- c) Show that if  $f(z) = u(x, y) + i(x, y)$  the complex line integral can be expressed as a real integral (4marks)
- d) Show that the Cauchy-Riemann conditions hold for  $f(z) = z^2$  at all points. (4marks)
- e) Define the gamma function  $\Gamma(p)$  (1mark)
- f) Determine if the following series converge  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\log_{\pi} 2)^n$  (4marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)**

- a) Write down the relationship between the Beta and gamma function and use it to evaluate  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^3}{(1+x)^5} dx$  (5marks)
- b) Write down the Rodrigue's formula and hence generate the first three Legendre polynomials (5marks)
- c) Evaluate the integral  $\int_C (Z^*)^2 dz$  where C is a straight line joining the points  $z = 0$  and  $z = 1 + 2i$  (5marks)
- a) Use the Laplace transform of the first derivative to show that  $\mathcal{L}\{e^{-at}\} = \frac{1}{s+a}$  (5marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)**

- a) Use the Laplace transform tables to work out  $\mathcal{L}\{3 \sin^2 x\}$  (6marks)
- b) Show that the complex sequence whose  $n^{th}$  term is  $Z_n = \frac{n^2-2n+3}{3n^2-4} + i \frac{2n-1}{2n+1}$  converges to  $\frac{1}{3} + i$  (4marks)
- c) Use the calculus of residues to show that  $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\cos 2\theta}{5+4 \cos \theta} d\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$  (10marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)**

- a) Use the calculus of residues to show that  $\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{a+b \cos \theta} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{a^2-b^2}}$  where  $a > b > 0$  (12marks)
- b) Evaluate the integral  $\int_C \frac{dz}{(z-z_0)^{n+1}}$  where C is a circle of radius r and center at  $z_0$  and n is an integer. (8marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)**

- a) Find the circle of converge of
- i)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nz^n$  (4marks)
  - ii)  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (z + 5i)^{2n} (n + 1)^2$  (7marks)
- b) Use the Laplace transform of the first derivative to work out  $\mathcal{L}\{k\}$  (4marks)
- c) Find the poles and the corresponding residue of  $f(z) = \frac{e^z}{z^2+a^2}$  (5marks)