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**2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**  
**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AND**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)**

**COURSE CODE: MAT 422/MAA 421**

**COURSE TITLE: PDE II**

**DATE: 18/11/2022**

**TIME: 11:00AM - 01:00 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) Define the following terms;

- i. Reducible linear differential operator.
- ii. Linear non-homogeneous partial differential equation. (4 marks)

(b) Solve  $\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} - 4 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} + 4 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x \partial y^2} = x$  (6 marks)

(c) Determine the complete solution of

$$\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} - 7 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x \partial y^2} - 6 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial y^3} = \sin(x + 2y) \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

(d) Using method of separation of variables, solve

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \text{ where } u(x, 0) = 6e^{-5x} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

(e) Using method of characteristics solve the semi-linear partial differential equation.

$$4 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} - 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 5u = 0 \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

(f) Given the following PDE;

$$y \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$$

- i. Determine the region in the  $xy$  - plane where it is elliptic.
- ii. Determine its characteristic curves. (4 marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

(a) Solve the following wave equation using the method of separation of variables

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = 25 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$$

with boundary conditions

$$y = 0, \text{ when } x = 0 \text{ and } x = 2$$

and initial conditions

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial t} = 0, \text{ and } y(x, 0) = 6 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) - 3 \sin(\pi x) \text{ when } t = 0, 0 < x < 2 \quad (14 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Assume  $n = 1$  and  $u(x, t) = v\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t}}\right)$ , show that  $u_t = u_{xx}$  if and only if

$$v''(z) + \frac{v'(z)}{z} = 0 \quad (z > 0) \text{ where the prime indicates differentiation with respect to } z \text{ and}$$

$$z = \frac{x}{\sqrt{t}} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

(a) Differentiate between Laplace's equation and Poisson's equation. (2 marks)

(b) Find the temperature function  $u(x, t)$  on an insulated metallic rod of length  $L$  which is governed by  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  under the conditions  $u(0, t) = 0, u(L, t) = 0$  and  $u(L, t) = \frac{100x}{L}$

(13 marks)

(c) Solve  $(D^2 + D')(D + 4D' - 6)z = 0$

(5 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

(a) Classify the given PDE below and determine its characteristic curves

$$y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = y^3 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + x^4 \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 3 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} - 2z = x^3 y^2$  (11 marks)

(c) Solve the wave equation by D'Alembert's method

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = C^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2} \text{ where } C \text{ is a constant} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

(a) Formulate the following 2-Dimensional Laplace's Equation in polar coordinates and solve it (give its general solution).

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad (14 \text{ marks})$$

(b) Solve  $\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} - 4 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} + 4 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x \partial y^2} = x$  (6 marks)