



(Knowledge for Development)

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**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**  
**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AND**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**COURSE CODE: MAA 423/MAT426**

**COURSE TITLE: FOURIER SERIES**

**DATE: 23/11/2022**

**TIME: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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**QUESTION 1 (30 MARKS)**

a) Find the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{x^{14} - 11 + \frac{1}{2}x^8}{x^6} \right\}$  (5 marks)

b) Determine whether the given functions are even, odd or neither

i)  $f(x) = \cot\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$  on  $-L \leq x \leq L$

ii)  $f(x) = x^2 - 1 + e^{2x}$  on  $-L \leq x \leq L$  (9 marks)

c) Compute the Maclaurin series as far as  $x^6$  term for the following functions

i)  $\frac{\sin(x)}{x}$

ii)  $\frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x^2}$  (8 marks)

d) The Fourier series of the function  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = x^2$  on the interval  $[-\pi, \pi]$  is known to be convergent.

What do you understand by

- i) period of  $f$
- ii) Fourier coefficients of expansion

Give a sketch graph of two periodic extensions of  $f$  (8 marks)

**QUESTION 2 (20 MARKS)**

a) Show that the equation  $u_t = 8u_{xx} + u_x$  is parabolic (7 marks)

b) Determine a transformation which makes the equation;  $u_t = \alpha^2 u_{xx}$  variable separable. (6 marks)

c) Solve the heat equation  $u_t = \alpha^2 u_{xx}$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $t > 0$  with the Dirichlet boundary conditions  $u(t, 0) = u(t, 1) = 10$ ,  $t > 0$  and initial conditions  $u(0, x) = g(x) = x$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  applying variable separation (7 marks)

**QUESTION 3 (20 MARKS)**

Find the Fourier series of the function defined in pieces (piecewise constant function) by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 8 & 0 < x < 2 \\ -8 & 0 < x < 4 \end{cases}$$

where  $f$  is periodic with period 4. What does the series converge to at

- i)  $x = 0.42$   
 ii)  $x = 3$  (20 marks)

**QUESTION.4 [20 marks]**

(a) Given the voltage  $v = f(t)$  volts, and  $i = F(t)$  amperes, such that

$$v = 12.0 + 5.2 \cos wt + 2.4 \cos 2wt + 0.9 \cos 3wt + \dots + 2.7 \sin wt + 1.8 \sin 2wt + 0.2 \sin 3wt + \dots$$

$$i = 8.50 + 4.1 \cos wt + 2.0 \cos 2wt + 0.6 \cos 3wt + \dots + 3.6 \sin wt + 1.2 \sin 2wt + 0.3 \sin 3wt + \dots$$

find the average value of power  $vi$  in watts, over one cycle. [9 marks]

(b) For the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 20x & -5 < x < 5 \\ f(x+10) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

(i) sketch graph of  $f(x)$  over the interval  $-20 < x < 20$

(ii) state period of  $f(x)$

(iii) obtain Fourier series for  $f(x)$  [11 marks]

**QUESTION 5 [20 marks]**

One cycle of a periodic waveform  $y = f(x)$  of period  $2\pi$  is defined by the below data.

$x^\circ$	0	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240	270	300	330
$y(x)$	150	200	230	240	200	80	30	40	90	120	100	110

Determine the approximate Fourier series for  $y = f(x)$  up to and including the third harmonic.

[20 marks]