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**EXAMINATIONS**

**2008/2009 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
ECONOMICS AND MATHEMATICS**

**COURSE CODE: MATH 410**

**COURSE TITLE: PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION I**

**STREAM: Y4S1**

**DAY: TUESDAY**

**TIME: 9.00 – 11.00 A.M.**

**DATE: 24/03/2009**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

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## QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a. What is P.D.E? (1 mark)
- b. Explain what you understand by the term “compatible equations” in PDE. (2 marks)
- c. Form a first order PDE from the equation  $ax^2 + by^2 + z^2 = 1$  (4 marks)
- d. Use Charpit’s method to find the complete integral of the equation:

$$p^2 z^2 = 1 - q^2. \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

- e. Use Jacobi’s method to find the complete solution of the differential equation  $zpx + y^2 q^2 - z^2 = 0$ . (6 marks)
- f. Find the equation of the tangent plane to the surface  $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{9} = \frac{z^2}{8}$  at the point (4,3,4). (6 marks)
- g. Find the complete integral of the PDE:  $zpq = p + q$  (5 marks)

## QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a. Define the following terms as used in PDE:
- (i) Complete integral (2 marks)
- (ii) General integral (2 marks)
- b. Hence use Cauchy’s method to find the complete integral of the equation  $(y^2 - z^2)p - xyq = xz$  containing  $x = y = z, x > 0$ . (9 marks)
- c. Use charpit’s method to find the complete integrals of the following differential equations:
- $$px^5 - 4q^3 x^2 + 6x^2 z - 2 = 0 \quad (7 \text{ marks})$$

### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

a. Find the integral curves of the following simultaneous differential equation:

(i)  $\frac{dx}{2xz} = \frac{dy}{-2yz} = \frac{dz}{x^2 - y^2}$  (5 marks)

(ii)  $\frac{dx}{x(4y^2 - 4z^2)} = \frac{-dy}{y(z^2 + 9x^2)} = \frac{dz}{z(9x^2 + y^2)}$  (5 marks)

b. Find the equations for the tangent plane to the surface

$x^2yz + 3y^2 - 2xz^2 = 8z$   
at the point (1,2,-1). (4 marks)

c. Test for integrability. Hence find the primitive of  $(x - x^2y)dy + ydx = 0$ .

(6 marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

a. Show that the following pair of surfaces are tangent at the point (3,3,0)

$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 18$   
 $xy = 9$

(7 marks)

b. Test whether the differential equation  $p^2z^2y^2dx + q^2x^2z^2dy + r^2x^2y^2dz = 0$  is integrable. Hence solve using separation of variables method where p, q and r are constants. (6 marks)

c. Find the orthogonal trajectories of the surfaces:  $3x^2 + 4y^2 + 8z^2 - 36 = 0$  and

$x^2 + 2y^2 - 4z^2 - 6 = 0$ . (7 marks)

### **QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

a. Verify that the following differential equations are homogeneous and integrable and hence find the primitive :

$yzdx + (x^2y - 2x)dy + (x^2z - xy)dz = 0$  (10 marks)

b. Verify whether the following equation is integrable and hence solve:

$zy^2dx + zx^2dy - x^2y^2dz = 0$  (6 marks)

c. Solve the pfaffian differential equation  $e^{x^2-y^2} + \frac{y}{x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  using separation of variables.

(4 marks)