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FACULTY : **ARTS & SCIENCES**
DEPARTMENT : **COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
COURSE CODE : **MATH 310**
COURSE TITLE : **REAL ANALYSIS I**
TIME : **2HRS**
MODE : **SCHOOL BASED**

Instructions: Attempt Question 1 and any other two questions.

SECTION A

QUESTION 1 (30 Mks)

a) Determine whether each of the following series converges. In each case, justify your answer

i. $\sum \frac{n}{n^3 + n + 1}$ [3]

ii. $\sum \frac{(-1)^n}{n^3 + n + 1}$ [3]

iii. $\sum \frac{n!(2n)!}{(3n)!}$ [3]

iv. $\sum \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n} + \log(\sqrt{n} + 1)}$ [3]

b) What does it mean to say that a series is “conditionally convergent”?

Suppose that the series $\sum a_n$

c) is conditionally convergent, and that b_n and c_n sequences and are defined as follows:

$$b_n = \max(a_n, 0) = \frac{1}{2}(a_n + |a_n|),$$

$$c_n = \min(a_n, 0) = \frac{1}{2}(a_n - |a_n|)$$

Prove that $\sum b_n$ and $\sum c_n$ both diverge. (you may use, without proof, the fact that if $\sum x_n$ and $\sum y_n$ converge, then for any $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $\sum (\alpha x_n + \beta y_n)$ converges. [10]

c) State the Mean Value Theorem. [3]

d) i) What is meant by an open subset of \mathfrak{R}^n ?

ii) What is meant by a closed subset of the same?

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Question 2 (20 Marks)

a) Show that the following series converges for any $a > 1$:

$$\sum \frac{n}{(n^2 + 1)(\log(n^2 + 1))^a} \quad [7]$$

b) Determine the values of the real number x for which the following series converges:

$$\sum \frac{nx^n}{n^2 + 2} \quad [6]$$

c) Suppose that $a_n \geq 0$ and that the series $\sum a_n$ diverges. Prove that the series

$$\sum \frac{a_n}{1 + a_n} \text{ also diverges.} \quad [7]$$

Question 3 (20 marks)

a) The function $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0,0)\} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ is given, for $x = (x,y)^T$, by $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^6 + y^2}$

Prove that the $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not exist. (Here, $0 = (0,0)^T$) [10]

b) Prove that if a function $f: \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ has a local minimum at a point at which it is differentiable, then the derivative at that point is 0. [10]

Question 4 (20 Marks)

a) Suppose that $f: \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ is differentiable and that $|f'(x)| < 1$ for all x . Prove that there can be at most one solution of the equation $f(x) = x$. [10]

b) Suppose that C is a subset of \mathbb{R}^n . State the formal definition of what it means for C to be compact. Using this formal definition, prove that the union of two compact subsets of \mathbb{R}^n is itself a compact subset. [10]