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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

SMA 2101: CALCULUS 1

DATE: APRIL 2013

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Find all values of k that make the function $f(x)$ continuous on the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$. (4 Marks)
- $$f(x) = \begin{cases} k^2x^2 - 3x - 1, & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 3k \cos(x - 1), & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$
- b) Evaluate; (3 Marks)
- $$\lim_{x \rightarrow 27} \frac{x^{\frac{1}{3}} - 3}{x - 27}$$
- c) Given that $y = x^2 \cos x + x$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. (3 Marks)
- d) Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve $y = x^2(x + 4)$ at $x = 1$. (4 Marks)
- e) Given that $x = 2 \sin \theta$ and $y = \cos 2\theta$, show that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -1$. (4 Marks)
- f) If $2y^3 - y + 3x - 2 = 0$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x and y . (3 Marks)
- g) Find the coordinates of the turning points on the curve $y = 3x^3 + 6x^2 + 3x - 1$ and distinguish between them. (5 Marks)
- h) Evaluate $\int_1^2 (x^2 - 1)(x + 2) dx$ (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Find the derivatives of the following functions and simplify your answer

- i. $y = \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sin x - \cos x}$ (4 Marks)
- ii. $y = \ln \left(\frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 + 6} \right)$ (5 Marks)
- b) Given that $y = \frac{5}{x^2}$, determine the change in y if x changes from 2.50 to 2.52. (3 Marks)
- c) The equation of a curve is given as $y^4 = 4x^4 + 6xy$
- i. Find the equation of the tangent line to this curve at (1,2). (4 Marks)
- ii. Find the equation of the normal line at (1,2). (2 Marks)
- d) A missile fired from ground level rises y metres vertically upwards in t seconds according to the law $y = 100t - \frac{25}{2}t^2$. Find the time when the height is maximum. (2 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2 - 7x + 2}{1 - x^3}$. (3 Marks)
- b) A function is represented parametrically by the equations
- $$x = 2t + 3t^2$$
- $$y = t^2 + 2t^3$$
- Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and hence show that these equations satisfy the equation $y = \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^3$. (5 Marks)
- c) Given that $\ln y + \frac{x}{y} = 4$, show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-y}{y-x}$. (4 Marks)
- d) Determine the constant B such that $f(x)$ is continuous at $x=4$ where,
- $$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x + B, & \text{if } x \leq 4 \\ \frac{x^2 - 16}{x - 4}, & \text{if } x > 4 \end{cases}$$
- (4 Marks)
- e) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = \log_3(x^2 + 4)$. (4 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Find points on the curve $y = 2x^3$, where the tangent line is parallel to the line $y = 13x + 5$. (4 Marks)
- b) The height of an object moving vertically upwards given by the equation $y = -16t^2 + 96t + 111$, where y is in metres and t is in seconds.
- i. Find the velocity when $t=0$ (2 Marks)
- ii. Calculate its maximum height. (3 Marks)
- iii. Calculate velocity when $y=0$. (3 Marks)
- c) The price of a certain commodity in dollars per unit at time t (measured in weeks) is given by $P = 8 + 4e^{-2t} + te^{-2t}$.
- i. Find the price of the commodity at $t=0$. (1 Mark)
- ii. Find the equilibrium of the commodity. (3 Marks)
- iii. Calculate the rate of change of the price of the commodity at $t=0$. (4 Marks)