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**4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER EXAMINATION OF BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION (SCIENCE)**

**MAIN SCHOOL BASED**

**COURSE CODE: SMA 405**

**COURSE TITLE: PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION I**

**DATE: 27 / 8 /2013**

**TIME: 2 .00 - 4.00 PM**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. This paper contains five (5) questions.**
- 2. Answer question 1 (compulsory) and ANY other TWO questions.**
- 3. Write all answer in the booklet provided.**

Show all the necessary working

**Question 1[30 marks] Compulsory**

(a) Given the partial differential equation

$$(i) x \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 3xy^2 \quad (ii) x^2 \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2} - y^2 \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2} + x \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$(iii) x^2 \frac{\partial^3 F}{\partial x^3} - y^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2} \right)^4 + x \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 0$$

State in each case, the order, degree and whether linear or nonlinear.

[7marks]

(b) Consider the second order linear partial differential equation

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

(i) Classify the partial differential equation

(ii) Obtain the characteristic equation of the partial differential equation

(i) Solve the partial differential equation.

[5marks]

(c) Consider the second order linear partial differential equation

$$a \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + b \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + c \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + d \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + e \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + fu + g = 0, \quad : u(x, y)$$

where  $a, b, c, d, e, f, g$  are in general variable coefficients which may depend on real  $x$  or  $y$  with  $u(x, y)$  as the dependent variable. Use discriminant  $\Delta(a, b, c)$  theory to categorize; elliptic, parabolic and hyperbolic partial differential equations ;

$$(i) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 4 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 1 \quad (ii) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = t^6 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (iii) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 3 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0 \quad (iv) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0 . \quad [10 marks]$$

$$(d) \text{ Solve the first order partial differential equation } \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} z - \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} z = z^2 + (x + y)^2 \quad [2marks]$$

(e) Determine the function  $z(x, y)$  which satisfies the linear second order partial differential

equation  $(D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2)z = 0$  [6marks]

**Question 2 [20marks]**

Given the function  $F(x, y, z) = 8x^2 + 24y^2 + 16z^2 + 24x + 16z + 1,$

(i) Find  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial F}{\partial y},$  [4 marks]

(ii) Find  $\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x^2}, \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial y^2}$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial x \partial y}$  [5marks]

(iii) Determine and distinguish all the stationary points of  $F$  [11 marks]

**Question 3[20marks]**

(a) Eliminate the arbitrary functions  $f, g$  from the equation

$$u = f(x + y) + g(x - y) + \frac{1}{4}x(x - y)^2$$

State the order and degree of the resulting differential equation. [11marks]

(b) Solve the linear second order partial differential equations

$$(4D^2 - 12DD' + 9D'^2)u = u(x - 2, y - 1)$$
 [9marks]

**Question 4 [20marks]**

(a) Use characteristic method to solve the linear partial differential equation

$$u_x + u_y + u = 1, \text{ subject to the initial condition } u = \sin x, \text{ on } y = x + x^2, x > 0. [14 marks]$$

(b) Eliminate the arbitrary functions  $f, g$  from the equation

$$u = f(x - at + iby) + g(x - at - iby) \quad : i = \sqrt{-1}$$
 [6 marks]

**Question 5[20marks]**

Solve the initial boundary value heat equation

$$u_t = u_{xx}, \quad 0 < x < 1, t > 0$$

satisfying the conditions

$$u(0,t) = 100, \quad u(1,t) = 100 \quad 0 < x < 1, t > 0$$

$$u(x,0) = 1 + \sin f x, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

**[20 marks]**