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INSTITUTIONAL BASED PROGRAMME

3RD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (SCIENCE)

COURSE CODE/ TITLE: SMA 336: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL
EQUATION II

END OF SESSION II

DURATION: 3HRS

DAY/TIME: TUESDAY 4.00PM – 7.00PM

DATE: 02.08.2011-EL

Instructions: Answer question ONE in Section A and any other two questions in Section B.

Section A

QUESTION ONE – (40 MARKS)

(a) Explain whether or not the differential equation $y'' + y^3 = 4x$ is linear or not. (2 marks)

(b) Define linear independence and dependence of $f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n$
on the interval $[a, b]$ (5 marks)

(c) Prove that the functions $e^x \cos x$ and $e^x \sin x$ are linearly independent. (5 marks)

(d) Use the definition of Laplace Transform to work out the Laplace Transform of
 t^n (4 marks)

(e) By the method of elimination , introduce a differential operator D to solve the system

$$\begin{aligned} y'_1 - y_2 &= x^2 \\ y'_2 + 4y_1 &= x \end{aligned} \quad \text{(6 marks)}$$

(f) The function $y_1 = x$ is one of the solutions to $x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 4y = 0$. Use the method of reduction of order to find the other solution. **(7 marks)**

(g) Prove that the transformation $x = e^t$ reduces second order Cauchy-Euler differential Equation $c_2 x^2 y'' + c_1 xy' + c_3 y = R(x)$ into linear differential equation of second order with constant coefficients. Hence solve $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = x^3$ **(11 marks)**

Section B

QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

(a) Use the Translation property of Laplace and the table below to answer the questions that follow.

Given the Laplace transforms

$$\begin{aligned} L(t^n) &= \frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}, & L(\cosh at) &= \frac{s}{s^2 - a^2}, \\ L(\sinh at) &= \frac{a}{s^2 - a^2}, & L(\sin at) &= \frac{a}{s^2 + a^2}, \\ L(\cos at) &= \frac{s}{s^2 + a^2}, & L(e^{kt}) &= \frac{1}{s - k} \end{aligned}$$

all for $s > k$

find (i) $L\{e^{3t}(\cosh 2t - 3\sinh 5t)\}$ **(3 marks)**

(ii) $L^{-1}\left\{\frac{s+1}{s^2-6s+13}\right\}$ **(5 marks)**

(b) By use of Laplace transforms, solve the initial value problem

$$y'' + 2y' + 5y = 10 \quad \text{given } y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0$$

(7 marks)

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

(a) Investigate whether or not the system below has solutions or not. If so predict the number of arbitrary constants expected in the solution.

$$y_1' + y_2' = 1$$

$$y_1' + y_1 + y_2' - y_2 = 0$$

(5 marks)

(b)

Solve the system of equations

$$y_1' - 2y_1 + 2y_2' = 2 - 4e^{2x}$$

$$2y_1' - 3y_1 + 3y_2' - y_2 = 0$$

(10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

(a) Verify that the vector function $y = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{6t}$ is a solution to the system

$$y_1' = 5y_1 + 2y_2 + 2y_3$$

$$y_2' = 2y_1 + 2y_2 - 4y_3$$

$$y_3' = 2y_1 - 4y_2 + 2y_3$$

(5 marks)

(b) Given the non-homogenous system $y' = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} y + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{2t}$, use the method of undetermined coefficients to find the general solution of the system **(10 marks)**