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SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE

**DEGREE OF BACHELORS OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, CIVIL ENGINEERING, BED
CIVIL, BED MECHANICAL, BSC GEGIS & GIS, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

SMA 2232: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Date: 16th December, 2020

TIME: 8.30AM-10.30AM

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Differentiate between general and particular solution of a differential equation (2 marks)
Hence find the particular solution of $y'' - 4y - 5y = 0$ $y(0) = 3$ $y'(0) = 0$ (3 marks)
- b) Solve the initial value problem $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = \cos x$ $y\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1$ (5 marks)
- c) Find the differential equation associated with the primitive $f(x) = a_1 e^{2x} + a_2 e^{-x} + a_3$ where a_1, a_2 and a_3 are arbitrary constants is a solution to the equation (4 marks)
- d) Solve $y' = e^{-4x} \cos^2 5y$. (3 marks)
- e) Use inverse differential operator method to solve the differential equation.
 $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 2 \sin 3x$. (5 marks)
- f) Solve the homogenous equation $(3y^2 - x^2)dx - (2xy)dy = 0$ (5 marks)
- g) Show that $F = xy$ is an integrating factor for the equation
 $(2y^2 - 9xy)dx + (3xy - 6x^2)dy = 0$ (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Solve the initial value problem: $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3}{x}y = 2x^2$ given that $y(1) = -3$ (5 marks)

b) Use Laplace transform method to solve the initial value problem

$$y'' - y = e^{-3t} \quad y(0) = 0 \quad y'(0) = 1 \quad (7 \text{ marks})$$

c) Find the power series solution in powers of x of the differential equation

$$y'' + xy' + 3y = 0 \quad \text{About an ordinary point } x = 0 \quad (8 \text{ marks})$$

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Show that $y_1(x) = \cos 2x$ and $y_2(x) = \sin 2x$ form the fundamental set of solutions for the differential equation $y'' + 4y = 0$ (3 marks)

b) Solve the Riccati equation $y' = \frac{1}{x}y^2 + \frac{2}{x}y + \frac{1}{x}$ $y(1) = -3$ (8 marks)

c) Show that $y = z \sin x$ where z is a function of x reduces the differential equation

$$\sin^2 x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2 \cos x \sin x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = x \sin^3 x \quad \text{to a differential equation } \frac{d^2 z}{dx^2} + z = x.$$

Solve the later equation and hence find y given that $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) = 0$ (9 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Use Taylor series expansion to obtain the power series solution of

$$y'' + x^2 y' - 2y = e^x \quad y(0) = 2 \quad y'(0) = -1 \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

b) Show that the O.D.E. $6xy dx + (4y + 9x^2) dy = 0$ is a non-exact differential equation. Find its integrating factor hence solve it. (6 marks)

c) Solve the equation $y'' - y' - 6y = e^{-2x}$ using the method of variation of parameters. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Solve the Bernoulli equation $y' - y = e^{2x}y^{-4}$. (5 marks)

b) Obtain the general solution of $(x-5)^2 y'' - 2(x-5)y' + 2y = \ln(x-5)^2$
(7 marks)

c) Use Laplace transform to solve the system of equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{dy}{dt} + x - y = 0$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + 2\frac{dy}{dt} + x = 1 \quad x(0) = y(0) = 0$$

(8 marks)