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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE)

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

SMA 336: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION II

DATE: 19/7/2021

TIME: 11:00 – 1:00 PM

INSTRUCTION: Answer Question *ONE* which is compulsory and any other *TWO* Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) State the existence and uniqueness theorem for the n th order linear differential equation. (2 marks)
- b) i) Define the Wronskian of a set of functions $F = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n\}$ (3 marks)
ii) Show that the Wronskian of the functions x^2 and $x^2 \ln x$ is non-zero. (4 marks)
- c) i) Consider the n th order differential equation
$$a_0 \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + a_1 \frac{d^{n-1} y}{dx^{n-1}} + \dots + a_{n-1} \frac{dy}{dx} + a_n y = F$$
. State three conditions that the equation could be an n th order linear differential equation. (3 marks)
- d) ii) Determine a first integral of the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - x^2 y \frac{dy}{dx} = xy^2$ (3 marks)
- e) Solve the equation $y'' - y = x$ at $x=0$ using the power series solution method. (3 marks)
- f) Consider the second order linear differential equation $(2x+1)\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4(x+1)\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$. Determine the linearly independent solution of the equation by reducing the order. (6 marks)

- g) Consider the differential equation $3x^2 dx + 3y^2 dy - (x^3 + y^3 + e^{2z}) dz = 0$; solve the equation by taking one of the variables as a constant. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Define linearly independent solution of a linear system of differential equations. (3 marks)
 b) consider the system of differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= 2x - y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= 3x + 6y\end{aligned}$$

- i.) Show that $x = e^{5t}$ and $x = e^{3t}$ are linearly independent solutions of the system (6 marks)
 $y = -3e^{5t}$ and $y = -e^{3t}$
 ii.) Determine the solution $x = f(t)$, $y = g(t)$ of the system which is such that $f(0) = 0$, $g(0) = 2$ (4 marks)
 c) Use the operator method to determine the general solution of the linear systems. (7 marks)
 $(D - 1)x + Dy = 2t + 1$
 $(2D + 1)x + 2Dy = t$

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Consider the system of differential equations below;

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= -2x + 2x^2 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -3x + y + 3x^2\end{aligned}$$

- a) Determine;
 i.) the critical points (4 marks)
 ii.) the nature of the critical points (3 marks)
 b) Linearize the system of the differential equation (8 marks)
 c) Solve the system for x and y . (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Consider the differential equation

$$x^2 \sin x \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - (3x^2 \sin x + x^3 \cos x) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (6x \sin x + 2x^2 \cos x) \frac{dy}{dx} - (6 \sin x + 2x \cos x)y = 0$$

i) Show that $y = x$ is a solution of the differential equation above. (3 marks)

ii) Reduce the third order equation to a second order equation and solve it. (7 marks)

b) Consider the following differential equation;

$$(z + z^3) \cos x dx - (z + z^3) dy + (1 + z^2)(y - \sin x) dz = 0$$

i) Verify the integrability condition for the equation (3 marks)

ii) Solve the equation (7 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Consider the Legendre equation $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + p(p+1)y = 0$. This equation has two independent series solution ;

$$y = c_0 \left[1 - \frac{p(p+1)}{2!} x^2 + \frac{p(p-2)(p+1)(p+3)}{4!} x^4 + \dots \right] \\ + c_1 \left[x - \frac{(p-1)(p+2)}{3!} x^3 + \frac{(p-1)(p-3)(p+2)(p+4)}{5!} x^5 + \dots \right]$$

Which is denoted by $y = c_0 y_1 + c_1 y_2$. Show that the Legendre polynomial of order three

is given by $p_3(x) = \frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x$ (3 marks)

b) The Rodriguez formula for Legendre's polynomial of order n is given by;

$$p_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n$$

Determine the Legendre's polynomial for;

i.) $p_1(x)$ (2 marks)

ii.) $p_2(x)$ (3 marks)

c) Prove that;

i.) $J_{-p}(x) = (-1)^p J_p(x)$ (4 marks)

ii.) Bessel's function of order zero is given by

$$J_0(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{x^4}{2^2 \cdot 4^2} - \frac{x^6}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6^2} + \dots$$
 (4 marks)

d) Show that the differential equation $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + x^3 y = 2e^x$
 $y(1) = 2$, $y'(1) = 5$

has a unique solution (4 marks)