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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUILDING AND CIVIL AND ENGINEERING
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS
ENGINEERING

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

ECU 104: ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS I

DATE: 1/9/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES:

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY TWO OTHER QUESTIONS.

QUESTION ONE COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) Determine the y and the x intercepts for the line through points $(-3, -28)$ and $(7, 52)$ (3 marks)
- b) Find the centre and the radius of the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 10y - 2 = 0$ (3 marks)
- c) Find the equation of the line through points $P_1(7, 3)$ and $P_2(-11, 9)$ lie on the line (4 marks)
- d) Determine the equation of the tangent to the parabola $y^2 - 2y - 12x - 23 = 0$ at point $P(-7/4, 10)$ (5 marks)
- e) Find the equation of and sketch the ellipse whose eccentricity is $\frac{2}{3}$ centre at the origin and directrix $x = 6$ and focus $(1, 0)$ (5 marks)
- f) Calculate the distance from the point $(4, -9)$ to the line $x \cos 60^\circ + y \sin 60^\circ + 5 = 0$ and state the position in relation to the line and the origin (5 marks)

- g) Find the points on the circle $x^2 + y^2 + 12x + 4y + 15 = 0$ through which the tangents from the point $P(1, -3)$ pass. Also find the equation of the chord of contact. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Determine whether the point $(3, 4)$ lies on, inside or outside the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 31$. (3 marks)
- b) Find the polar equation of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ (3 marks)
- c) Determine the equation of the tangent to circle $x^2 + y^2 + 10x - 6y - 66 = 0$ at the point $(3, -3)$ (4 marks)
- d) Determine the focus, the center, the eccentricity and directrix of the ellipse whose equation is $x^2 + 4y^2 + 4x - 24y + 24 = 0$. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Find the polar equation of the circle whose centre has the Cartesian coordinates $C(5, 8)$ and the radius is 10. (5 marks)
- b) Find the equation of the chord joining two points whose eccentric angles are ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 on the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ (5 marks)
- c) Consider a parabola with a vertical axis, focus and vertex being $F(h, k)$, $V(c_1, c_2)$ and directrix $y = d$, then show that the equation of the parabola is $(x - c_1)^2 = 4a(y - c_2)$ (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Determine the general and normal equations to the line through point $(2, 5)$ and $(3, 7)$ (10 marks)
- b) Show that the circles $x^2 + y^2 + 6x - 4y - 12 = 0$ and $x^2 + y^2 - 20x - 4y - 40 = 0$ are orthogonal. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Determine the point on the directrix of the hyperbola $x = 7 \sec \phi$, $y = 2 \tan \phi$ which the tangent at the point $(7 \sec 60, 2 \tan 60)$ passes through. (10 marks)
- b) Consider point $P_1(a_1, b_1)$ outside the $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$. Let B_1 be a point on the circle such that it lies on the line segment P_1C , C being the center of the circle. Show that distance d from point $P(a, b)$ to the circle $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$. (10 marks)