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SCHOOL OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE), BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
(TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY),
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (APPLIED PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY)**

SPH 103: MATHEMATICS FOR PHYSICIS

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer QUESTION ONE which is **COMPULSORY** and **ANY OTHER TWO** questions.

Question 1 carries **30** marks and the others carry **20** marks each.

You may find this useful		
$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad (n \neq -1)$	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x + C$	$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$
$\int e^x dx = e^x + C$	$\int a^x dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C$	
$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C$	$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$	
$\int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x + C$	$\int \csc^2 x dx = -\cot x + C$	
$\int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x + C$	$\int \csc x \cot x dx = -\csc x + C$	
$\int \sinh x dx = \cosh x + C$	$\int \cosh x dx = \sinh x + C$	
$\int \tan x dx = \ln \sec x + C$	$\int \cot x dx = \ln \sin x + C$	
$\int \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$	$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$	

QUESTION ONE (THIRTY MARKS)

- Find the range and the domain of the function $y = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$ (**sketch a graph representing the domain and range**) (3 marks)
- Find the roots for a quadratic equation $x^2 + x + 2 = 0$ in complex form (3 marks)
- Solve for x in the equation $\log_2(x^3 + 5) = e^{\ln 5}$ (3 marks)
- Find the first derivative $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$ of the function $y = \sin 3x^4$ (3 marks)
- Using integration by parts, evaluate $\int x \sin x dx$ (4 marks)
- Use partial fractions to decompose and evaluate $\int \frac{-x+4}{(x^2+1)(x-1)} dx$ (5 marks)
- What is the probability of throwing a total of 6 points or less using three dices (3 marks)
- Find the partial differentials $\frac{\partial R}{\partial x}$ for the function $R_{(x,y)} = \frac{x^2}{y^2+1} - \frac{y^2}{x^2+y}$ (3 marks)
- Find the **angle** between vectors $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = 7\hat{i} + 24\hat{k}$ (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (TWENTY MARKS)

- a) Evaluate the integral $\int e^x \cos x dx$ (7 marks)
- b) Evaluate $\int_0^2 \frac{9a^2 da}{\sqrt[3]{a^3 + 8}}$ by substituting $u = a^3 + 8$. **(Write your answer to 3 significant figures)** (7 marks)
- c) Evaluate the trigonometric integral $\int \sin^4 x \cos^7 x dx$ (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (TWENTY MARKS)

- a) A function F is defined for all real numbers t by the formula $F(t) = 2(t-1) + 4$. Evaluate F at the input value of 0, 2, $x+2$ and 3 (4 marks)
- b) Use chain rule to evaluate $\frac{d}{dx} \left[(x^2 + 5)^3 + 3 \right]^4$ (8 marks)
- c) Obtain the second order derivative y'' of the function $y = xe^{2x^2}$ (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (TWENTY MARKS)

- a) Graph the function $y = x^4 - 4x^3 + 10$ (8 marks)
- b) Express $\frac{2x^3 - 4x^2 - x - 3}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$ as a sum of partial fractions and integrate (8 marks)
- c) If 5 of 20 fuses in a box are, defective and 5 of them are randomly chosen for inspection, what is the probability that two of the chosen fuses are defective (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (TWENTY MARKS)

- a) Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ for the following function

$$x^3 \sin(y^3) + xe^{3z} - \cos(z^2) = 3y - 6z + 2k \quad (8 \text{ marks})$$

- b) Express the product and quotient $\frac{z_1 z_2}{z_1}$ of the following complex numbers

$$z_1 = -2 + 3i \text{ and } z_2 = 5 - i \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

- c) Find $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{C}$, given that $\vec{A} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{C} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ (6 marks)