



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COMPUTER SCIENCE)

SCO 111/SIT192: DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

DATE: 11/8/2021

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Determine the $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 - 3x + 2}{10x^2 - x + 100}$ (4 marks)

b) State the *L'Hôpital's Rule*, hence or otherwise evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x+3}{x^2+5x+6}$$
 (3 marks)

c) Determine $\frac{dy}{dx}$ given that $y = \frac{\sin x}{x}$ (3 marks)

d) Find the derivative of the following function from the first principles.

$$f(x) = x^2$$
 (4 marks)

e) If $y = \frac{u^2 - 1}{u^2 + 1}$ and $u = \sqrt[3]{x^2 + 2}$ find $\frac{dy}{dx}$, (5 marks)

f) Given that $f(0) = 8$, $g(0) = 5$, $f'(0) = 3$, $g'(0) = 1$, Find $F'(0)$ where $F(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} + 3x^2 + 4$ (3 marks)

- g) Determine if the following function is continuous. $g(x) = \begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$ (4 marks)
- h) Find the derivative the following functions $y = x^2 - 4x$ and $x = \sqrt{2t^2 + 1}$, at $t = \sqrt{2}$ using chain rule , (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Using logarithmic differentiation and differentiate the following functions;
 $xe^x \sin x$ (3 marks)
 $te^t \cos t$
- b) Find the gradient of the curve $x = \frac{t}{1+t}$, and $y = \frac{t^3}{1+t}$ at the point $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ (4 marks)
- c) Determine $\frac{dy}{dx}$ given that $x^2 + 2xy - 2y^2 + x = 2$, at the point $(-4, 1)$ (4 marks)
- d) Write down the derivative of $\ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right)$ (4 marks)
- e) Differentiate $y = 3x^2 + \cos 2x$ from the first principles. (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2+x} - \sqrt{2}}{x}$ (3 marks)
- b) Obtain $\frac{df(x)}{dx}$ for $f(x) = \frac{\sin x + e^{2x}}{\sin x}$ (4 marks)
- c) Ink is dropped onto a blotting paper forming a circular stain which increases at the rate of $5\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$. Find the rate of change of the radius when the area is 30cm^2 (6 marks)
- d) Evaluate the derivative of the function given as $x^{\cos x}$ with respect to x , with respect to x , (7 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) If $x = t^3, y = t^2 - t$ find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ (6 marks)
- b) Differentiate $y = (x^2 + 1)^3 (x^3 + 1)^2$ (5 marks)
- c) The curve of the function $f(x) = \alpha x^5 + \beta x^4 + 5x^3 - 1$ passes through (1,0) and has a stationary point at (1,0). Find the value of α, β , the other turning points and hence sketch the curve (9 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ given that $x^2 + 2xy - 2y^2 + x = 2$ at the point $(-4, 1)$ (6 marks)
- b) Determine the dimensions that would minimize the total surface area of an open rectangular container if it is to have a volume of $32m^3$ (8 marks)
- c) Determine the domain for each of the following functions
- i. $y = x^3 + 3x - 6$ (1 mark)
- ii. $y = \frac{1}{x^2 + 6x + 9}$ (2 marks)
- d) Differentiate $x = t^3 + t^2, y = t^2 + t$ (3 marks)