



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

SECOND YEAR SECOND TERM EXAMINATION FOR

CERTIFICATE IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

MATHEMATICS II

DATE: 3/6/2021

TIME: 8.30-11.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Attempt all questions

1. a) Given the matrices $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -21 & 34 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ 6 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Determine $(AB)^T$ (6 marks)

b) Find the inverse of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (6 marks)

c) Three forces F_1, F_2 and F_3 acting at a point in a mechanical system satisfy the simultaneous equations

$$F_1 + F_2 + F_3 = 9$$

$$F_1 - 2F_2 + 2F_3 = 7$$

$$3F_1 + F_2 + F_3 = 15$$

Use Cramer's rule to determine the values of forces (10 marks)

2. a) write down the sixth term in the binomial expansion of $(3x + 2y)^{10}$, and determine its value when $x = \frac{1}{2}$ and $y = \frac{1}{3}$ (5 marks)

b) i) show that $\sin 3\beta = 3\sin\beta - 4\sin^3\beta$

- ii) By setting $\beta=\pi/3$ in (i) above, determine the value of $\sin(\pi/3)$ without using a calculator or tables. Leave surds in the answer. (9 marks)
3. Solve the equation
 $\sin x + \sin 3x + \sin 5x = 0$, for values of x between 0° and 180° inclusive (6 marks)
- 4 a) find the angle between the vectors
 $A=3i-2j+5k$ and $B=4i-7j+8k$ (6 marks)
- b) Determine the value of constant a if the three vectors
 $A=2i-j+ak, B=-2i-2j$ and $C=4i+2j-3k$ are coplanar (5 marks)
5. a) solve the equation
 $x + 5 - \frac{1}{x+4} = 1$ (6 marks)
- b) Given that $u=2xy-x^2+y^2$, show that $\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} + \frac{d^2u}{dy^2} = 0$. (5 marks)
- 6 a) solve by factorization $8x^2 + 9x + 1 = 0$ (6 marks)
- b) By completing the square, determine the constants p, q and r such that
 $4x^2 + 7x + 6 = p(x + q)^2 + r$ (5 marks)
7. a) perform the following integration
 $\int (x - 11 + 3/\sqrt{x}) dx$ (5 marks)
- b) Let $y = (x + 1)(x^2 + 3)$. find dy/dx (6 marks)