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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS  
ENGINEERING)

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ECU 202: ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS VII

DATE: 14/5/2019

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer **Question One** and **Any Two** Other Questions

### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Form the differential equation associated with  $y^2 = 4ax$  (3 marks)
- b) Find the differential equation of the family  $y = Ae^{2x} + Be^{-2x}$  (5 marks)
- c) Find the general solution of  $x\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + (y-x)\frac{dy}{dx} - y = 0$  (5 marks)
- d) Apply the method of separation of variables to solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = xy^3$  (7 marks)
- e) A chain coiled up near the edge of a smooth table begins to fall over the edge. When a length  $x$  of the chain has fallen, the equation of motion is given by  $\frac{d}{dt}(mxv) = mxg$ , when  $m$  is the mass of the chain per unit length,  $v$  is the speed,  $g$  is the acceleration due to gravity and  $t$  is the time. Show that the speed is given by

$$v = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)gx} \quad (10 \text{ marks})$$

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Show that

 $Ax^2 + By^2 = 1$  is the solution of

$$x \left[ y \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right] - y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad (3 \text{ marks})$$

- b) Use the method of undetermined coefficient to solve

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 11e^{2x} \cos 3x \quad (7 \text{ marks})$$

- c) Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{a^2 + \lambda} = 1 \quad (10 \text{ marks})$$

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Solve
- $D^2 + 2D + 1 = x \cos x$
- (6 marks)

- b) Obtain the equation of the curve satisfying this equation and passing through the

$$\text{origin } \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2x}{1+x^2} y = \frac{4x^2}{1+x^2} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

- c) A cyclist, moving on a level road at
- $4m/s$
- stops pedaling and free wheels to rest.

The retardation of the cycle has two components a constant  $0.08m/s^2$  due to friction in the working parts and resistance of  $0.02v^2/s^2$  where  $v$  is the speed in meters per second. What distance traversed by the cyclist before it comes to rest?

(8 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Find the general solution to
- $(D^4 - 81)y = 0$
- (4 marks)

- b) Find the general solution of

$$y = x + 2 \tan^{-1} p \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

- c) Reduce the given differential equation

$$x^2 \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + y(2x + y) \frac{dy}{dx} + y^2 = 0 \text{ to Clairut's form by using the substitution}$$

$y = u$ ,  $xy = v$ , and find its singular solution. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

a) Solve

$$(2x + 3y - 5) \frac{dy}{dx} + (3x + 2y - 5) = 0 \quad (10 \text{ marks})$$

b) If the population of a country doubles in 50 years. In how many years will it triple under the assumption that the rate of increase is proportional to the number of inhabitants? (10 marks)