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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)

SMA 336: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION II

DATE: SCHOOL BASED

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Attempt question *one (compulsory)* and any other *two questions*.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Reduce the fourth order equation $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - 5 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 7 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 9 \frac{dy}{dx} - 6x = e^x$ to a system of four linear equations (3 marks)
- b) Solve the total differential equation $yzdx - z^2 dy - xydz = 0$ (5 marks)
- c) State the existence and uniqueness theorem for the nth order linear differential equation. (3 marks)
- d) Solve the non linear differential equation $x^2 y \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \left(x \frac{dy}{dx} - y \right)^2 - 3y^2 = 0$ (5 marks)
- e) Show that the equation $2x^2 y'' - xy' + (1 - x^2)y = 0$ has a regular singular point at $x = 0$ (4 marks)
- f) i.) Define the wronskian of a set of functions $f = \{f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n\}$ (3 marks)
- ii.) Show that the wronskian of the functions $2e^{3x}$, e^{-x} , and e^{2x} is non-zero (4 marks)
- g) determine the first integral of the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x^2 y \frac{dy}{dx} = xy^2$ (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) prove that the Legendre polynomial of order 3 is given by $p_3(x) = \frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x$ (5 marks)
- b) prove that the Bessel's function of order zero is given by
- $$J_0(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{x^4}{2^2 \cdot 4^2} - \frac{x^6}{2^2 \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6^2} + \dots \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$
- c) the Rodriguez formula for Legendre's polynomial of order n is given as
- $$p_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n. \text{ determine the Legendre's polynomial for } p_4(x) \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$
- d) prove that $J_{-p}(x) = (-1)^p J_p(x)$ (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Consider the system of differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= x + e^t \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -2x + 3y + 1 \end{aligned}$$

- a) write the system in matrix form $x' = Ax + B$ (2 marks)
- b) calculate the Eigen values of A (3 marks)
- c) determine the Eigen vectors corresponding to each of the Eigen values (4 marks)
- d) evaluate the general solution of $x' = Ax + B$ (11 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a.) Given the differential equation $y'' - y = x$. Determine its power series solution at $x = 0$ (10 marks)
- b.) Solve the second order nonlinear differential equation $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \sin \frac{dy}{dx} = \sin x$ which satisfies the condition $y(1) = 2$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$ by reducing the order. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Consider the system of differential equations below

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= -2x + 2x^2 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -3x + y + 3x^2\end{aligned}$$

Determine;

- a) The critical points (4 marks)
- b) The nature of the critical points (3 marks)
- c) Linearize the system of the differential equation (8 marks)
- d) Solve the system for x and y (5 marks)