



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

(A Constituent College of Kenyatta University)  
University Examinations for 2015/2016 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR  
DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION SCIENCE  
DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

SMA 0202: ORDINARY DIFFERENCE EQUATIONS

Date: 1/8/2016

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question one and any other two questions

## QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- a) Write the order and degree of each of the following differential equations. (4 marks)
- i.  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} = 3xe^t$
- ii.  $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + \frac{dy}{dx} = \sin x$
- b) Show that the functions beside the ordinary differential equation are solution. (5 marks)
- $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = 0, y = \cos x$
- c) Solve the differential equation given by (5 marks)
- $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0$
- d) Find the particular solution of (5 marks)
- $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = e^{-3x}$

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) The population of Kwale in 2002 and 2008 were 12 and 18 thousands respectively. Find the year that the population of Kwale was  $5\frac{1}{3}$  thousand given that the rate of growth of population is directly proportional to the population. (10 marks)
- b) Solve the differential equation defined by  
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} + 13y = 0$$
 (10 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) A substance cools from  $100^\circ\text{C}$  to  $60^\circ\text{C}$  in 10 seconds. Find the temperature of the room after 40 seconds assuming that the room temperature is  $20^\circ\text{C}$  (14 marks)
- b) Define the particular solution of  
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y = \cos 3x$$
 (6 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Find the particular solution (5 marks)  
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = e^x(x + 1)$$
- b) Solve the following differential equation  
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 4x^2$$
 (15 marks)