



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

FIRST YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (APPLIED PHYSICS AND TECHNOLOGY)

SPT101/ SPH 103: MATHEMATICS FOR PHYSICS

MATHEMATICS FOR PHYSICS I

DATE: 26/8/2022

TIME: 8.30-10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer QUESTION ONE, which is COMPULSORY, and ANY OTHER TWO questions.

Question 1 carries **30** marks and the others carry **20**marks each.

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$\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C \quad (n \neq -1)$	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x + C$	$\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x = 1$
$\int e^x dx = e^x + C$	$\int a^x dx = \frac{a^x}{\ln a} + C$	
$\int \sin x dx = -\cos x + C$	$\int \cos x dx = \sin x + C$	
$\int \sec^2 x dx = \tan x + C$	$\int \csc^2 x dx = -\cot x + C$	
$\int \sec x \tan x dx = \sec x + C$	$\int \csc x \cot x dx = -\csc x + C$	
$\int \sinh x dx = \cosh x + C$	$\int \cosh x dx = \sinh x + C$	
$\int \tan x dx = \ln \sec x + C$	$\int \cot x dx = \ln \sin x + C$	
$\int \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$	$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + C$	

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Find the range and the domain of the function $y = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$ (**sketch a graph representing the domain and range**) (3 marks)
- b) Find the roots for a quadratic equation $x^2 + x + 2 = 0$ in complex form (3 marks)
- c) Solve for x in the equation $\log_2(x^3 + 5) = e^{\ln 5}$ (3 marks)
- d) Find the first derivative $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)$ of the function $y = \sin 3x^4$ (3 marks)
- e) Using integration by parts, evaluate $\int x \sin x dx$ (4 marks)
- f) Use partial fractions to decompose and evaluate $\int \frac{-x + 4}{(x^2 + 1)(x - 1)} dx$ (5 marks)
- g) What is the probability of throwing a total of 6 points or less using three dices (3 marks)
- h) Find the partial differentials $\frac{\partial R}{\partial x}$ for the function $R_{(x,y)} = \frac{x^2}{y^2 + 1} - \frac{y^2}{x^2 + y}$ (3 marks)
- i) Find the **angle** between vectors $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = 7\hat{i} + 24\hat{k}$ (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Evaluate the integral $\int e^x \cos x dx$ (7 marks)
- b) Evaluate $\int_0^2 \frac{9a^2 da}{\sqrt[3]{a^3 + 8}}$ by substituting $u = a^3 + 8$. (**Write your answer to 3 significant figures**) (7 marks)
- c) Evaluate the trigonometric integral $\int \sin^4 x \cos^7 x dx$ (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) A function F is defined for all real numbers t by the formula $F(t) = 2(t - 1) + 4$. Evaluate F at the input value of 0, 2, $x + 2$ and 3 (4 marks)
- b) Use chain rule to evaluate $\frac{d}{dx} \left[(x^2 + 5)^3 + 3 \right]^4$ (8 marks)
- c) Obtain the second order derivative y'' of the function $y = xe^{2x^2}$ (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (TWENTY MARKS)

- a) Graph the function $y = x^4 - 4x^3 + 10$ (8 marks)
- b) Express $\frac{2x^3 - 4x^2 - x - 3}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$ as a sum of partial fractions and integrate (8 marks)
- c) If 5 of 20 fuses in a box are, defective and 5 of them are randomly chosen for inspection, what is the probability that two of the chosen fuses are defective (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (TWENTY MARKS)

- a) Find $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ for the following function $x^3 \sin(y^3) + xe^{3z} - \cos(z^2) = 3y - 6z + 2k$ (8 marks)
- b) Express the product and quotient $\frac{z_1 z_2}{z_1}$ of the following complex numbers $z_1 = -2 + 3i$ and $z_2 = 5 - i$ (6 marks)
- c) Find $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \times \vec{C}$, given that $\vec{A} = -\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = \hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{C} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ (6 marks)