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**MODULE I**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

*You should have the following for this examination:*

*Answer booklet;*

*Mathematical tables/ Non-programmable scientific calculator.*

*Answer any **FIVE** of the **EIGHT** questions in the answer booklet provided.*

*All questions carry equal marks.*

*Maximum marks for each part of a question are as indicated.*

*Candidates should answer the questions in English.*

**This paper consists of 4 printed pages.**

**Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.**

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1. (a) Given that  $u(x,y) = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$ , show that  $x\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$ . (5 marks)
- (b) The radius of a cone increases at the rate of 4 cm/s and its height decreases at the rate of 2 cm/s. Determine the rate at which the volume is changing at the instant when its radius and height are 10cm and 12 cm respectively. (6 marks)
- (c) Locate the stationary points of the function  $f(x,y) = x^2 - y^2 - xy - y^3$  and determine their nature. (9 marks)

2. (a) Solve the equations:

(i)  $3(4^x) - 2^{2+x} - 4 = 0$

(ii)  $\log_2[\sqrt{(x+2)}] - \log_4 x = 1$

(iii)  $2^{2\log_2 x} = \frac{1}{16}$  (12 marks)

- (b) Three currents  $I_1, I_2$  and  $I_3$  in amperes in an electric circuit satisfy the simultaneous equations:

$$I_1 - 2I_2 + I_3 = 0$$

$$I_1 + 3I_2 - 2I_3 = 1$$

$$I_1 + I_2 + I_3 = 6$$

Use elimination method to solve for  $I_1, I_2$  and  $I_3$ . (8 marks)

3. (a) Given the complex numbers  $z_1 = 2 + j3$ ,  $z_2 = 3 - j2$  and  $z_3 = 1 - j4$  determine:

(i)  $z_1^2 + z_2^2 + z_3^2$

(ii)  $\frac{z_1 z_2 + z_2 z_3 + z_1 z_3}{z_1 z_2 z_3}$

giving the answers in the form  $a + jb$ . (13 marks)

- (b) Determine all the roots of the equation:

$z^3 - 1 - j\sqrt{3} = 0$  in polar form. (7 marks)

4. (a) Evaluate the integrals:

(i)  $\int_0^1 \frac{x}{x^2 + 2x + 5} dx$

(ii)  $\int_0^1 \frac{x+1}{(x+2)(x+3)^2} dx$  (12 marks)

(b) Use integration to determine the area of the region bounded by the curves  $y = 16 + 4x - 2x^2$  and  $y = x^2 - 2x - 8$ . (8 marks)

5. (a) Determine the term in  $x^6$  in the binomial expansion of  $(3x + 4y)^{10}$  and find its value when  $x = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $y = \frac{1}{4}$ . (6 marks)

(b) Find the first four terms in the binomial expansion of  $(8 - 2x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  and state the values of  $x$  for which the expansion is valid. (5 marks)

(c) (i) Use binomial theorem to show that for very small values of  $x$

$$\sqrt{\frac{1 + \frac{x}{3}}{1 - \frac{x}{3}}} = 1 + \frac{x}{3} + \frac{x^2}{18} + \dots \text{ approximately.}$$

(ii) By setting  $x = \frac{1}{3}$  in (c)(i) above, determine the approximate value of  $\sqrt{5}$  correct to 4 decimal places. (9 marks)

6. (a) Prove the identities:

(i)  $\frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{1 + \cos 2\theta} = \tan^2 \theta$

(ii)  $\operatorname{cosec} 2\theta + \cot 2\theta = \cot \theta$

(iii)  $\tan 4\theta = \frac{4 \tan \theta (1 - \tan^2 \theta)}{1 - 6 \tan^2 \theta + \tan^4 \theta}$

(10 marks)

- (b) (i) Express  $3 \cos \theta + 4 \sin \theta$  in the form  $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$  where  $R > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ , hence,
- (ii) solve the equation  $3 \cos \theta + 4 \sin \theta = 4.5$  in the interval  $0^\circ < \theta < 360^\circ$ . (10 marks)
7. (a) Given that  $e^x + e^{-x} = 4$ , determine the possible values of  $x$  correct to 2 decimal places. (6 marks)
- (b) Prove the hyperbolic identities:
- (i)  $\cosh(2x) = \cosh^2(x) + \sinh^2(x)$
- (ii)  $\sinh^2(x) = \frac{1}{2}[\cosh(2x) - 1]$  (8 marks)
- (c) Express  $\operatorname{sech}^{-1}(x)$  in logarithmic form. (6 marks)
8. (a) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  from First Principles, given that  $y = \sqrt{x}$ . (6 marks)
- (b) Use implicit differentiation to determine the equation of the normal to the curve  $x^2 + y^2 - 2xy + 6x + 3y = 9$  at the point  $(1, 1)$ . (7 marks)
- (c) (i) Find the vertices of the triangle ABC whose sides are given by the lines  $AB : x - 2y = -1$ ,  $BC : 7x + 6y = 53$  and  $AC : 9x + 2y = 11$ .
- (ii) Show that the triangle ABC in (i) is isosceles. (7 marks)

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