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SMA 101: MATHEMATICS FOR SCIENCE II

DATE: Tuesday, 3rd April, 2012

TIME: 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO**.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Evaluate the following limits

i. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin 2x}{x \cos 3x} \right)$ (3 marks)

ii. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{8x+1}{\sqrt{x^2-12}}$ (3 marks)

iii. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^3+27}{x^2-9}$ (3 marks)

b) Differentiate the function $f(x) = \sqrt{2x+5}$ using first principles (5 marks)

c) Find the values of a and b that make f continuous

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x < 1 \\ ax + b & \text{if } 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 4x & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases} \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

d) Differentiate the following functions with respect to x

i. $y = 5x^2 \cos^{-1} x$ (4 marks)

ii. $y = x^{\tan x} + 3^x$ (4 marks)

e) A particle moves on the hyperbola $3x^2 - y^2 = 12$ in such a way that its y coordinate increases at a constant rate of 9 units per second. How fast is its x coordinate changing when $x = 3$. (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) i. State three conditions to be satisfied for a function to be continuous at find $x = a$ (3 marks)

ii. Determine whether the following function is continuous at $x = -1$ and at $x = 1$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x+1 & \text{if } x < -1 \\ 2 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ -x+3 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases} \quad (8 \text{ marks})$$

b). Distinguish the stationary points of the curve $y = 8x^5 - 5x^4 - 20x^3$. Hence sketch the graph (9 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a). Find the equation of the tangent and normal to the curve

$$x^2 y^3 - y^2 + xy = 1 \quad \text{at the point } (1,1) \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

b). A bacterial colony is estimated to have a population of $P(t) = \frac{24t+10}{t^2+1}$ thousand t hours after the introduction of a toxin. Determine the time when the population is its greatest and compute the maximum population. (8 marks)

c). Given that $x = 1+t$, $y = 2t^2 - 4$ find $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$ (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Evaluate the following indefinite integrals

i. $\int \frac{1}{x^2} (x^4 - 2x^2 + 1) dx$ (3 marks)

ii. $\int \frac{x^2}{(2x^3 + 1)^{3/2}} dx$ (4 marks)

b) Differentiate the following functions with respect to x

i. $y = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{4 + \sqrt{3x}}}$ (5 marks)

ii. $y = (\sqrt{x^2 + 1})(x^2 + 2x + 1)^2$ (4 marks)

c) Find the area under a curve $y = 1 - \sqrt[3]{x}$ from $x = -8$ to $x = -1$ (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Use $y = x^{2/3}$ to approximate $(122)^{2/3}$. (6 marks)

b) Evaluate the following limits

i. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \left(\frac{25 - x^2}{x^2 - 10x + 25} \right)$ (3 marks)

ii. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{6x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x + 2}{3x^3 + 3x - 6} \right)$ (2 marks)

iii. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 5} - 3}{x^2 - 2x} \right)$ (4 marks)

c) The concentration of a certain drug in a patient blood stream t hours after injection is given by $C(t) = \frac{0.2t}{t^2 + 1} \text{ mg/cm}^3$. Evaluate $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} C(t)$ and interpret your result. (5 marks)