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**MATHEMATICS**

TIME ALLOWED : Two Hours and a Half

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Candidates should answer the **WHOLE** of Section A and **THREE** questions from Section B. Section A carries 55 % of the available marks. The vectors  **$\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}, \mathbf{k}$**  are the unit vectors in the directions of the coordinate axes  $Ox$ ,  $Oy$ , and  $Oz$  respectively.



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## SECTION A

1. For the matrices **A** and **B**, where

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & -4 \\ -2 & 3 & N \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $N$  is a constant find the matrix **AB**.

[6 marks]

2. Find the magnitude of the vector  $4\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$ , where

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{b} = 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}.$$

[5 marks]

3. The vectors **p** and **q** are given by

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{q} = 2\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}.$$

Find (i) the scalar product  $\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{q}$ , (ii) the vector product  $\mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{q}$ .

[5 marks]

4. The position vector of a particle of at time  $t$  is

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = 3\mathbf{i} + (2 - 3t)\mathbf{j} + (29.6 - 4.9t^2)\mathbf{k} \text{ m}$$

show that the particle moves in the plane  $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{i} = p$  where the value of  $p$  should be stated. Find the particle's speed at time  $t = 3\text{ s}$ , correct to 4 significant figures.

[5 marks]

5. The force  $\mathbf{F} = 3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$  N moves a particle of mass 3 kg in the straight line from the point with coordinates  $(1, -2, 4)$  m to the point with coordinates  $(7, 6, 5)$  m.

Find the work done by this force.

[5 marks]

6. Given that the vectors  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + a\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = 3\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$  are orthogonal find the value of  $a$ .

[4 marks]



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Show that (i)  $\operatorname{div}(r^3 \mathbf{r}) = 6r^3$  and (ii)  $\operatorname{curl}(r^3 \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{0}$

[You may use  $\frac{\partial r}{\partial s} = \frac{s}{r}$  where  $s = x$  or  $y$  or  $z$ .]

[4 marks]

8. Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{2}{x}y = 6x.$$

Express your solution in the form  $y = f(x)$ .

[6 marks]

9. Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + 7 \frac{dy}{dt} + 12 y = 0.$$

given that  $y = 0$  and  $dy/dt = 1$  when  $t = 0$ .

What is the value of  $y$  when  $t = 0.1$ ? Give your answer to 3 decimal places.

[7 marks]

10. Show that, for  $n$  a positive integer

$$\int_0^\pi \theta \cos(n\theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{n^2}((-1)^n - 1).$$

Write down

$$\int_{-\pi}^0 -\theta \cos(n\theta) d\theta$$

Hence, show that the Fourier series for the periodic function

$$f(\theta) = |\theta|, \quad (-\pi < \theta < \pi),$$

is

$$f(\theta) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{4}{\pi} \left( \cos(\theta) + \frac{1}{9} \cos(3\theta) + \frac{1}{25} \cos(5\theta) + \cdots \right).$$

[8 marks]



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## SECTION B

11. Using Gaussian elimination, reduce the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & -5 & 6 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 & -2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

to the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & ? \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & ? \end{pmatrix}$$

where the ?'s denote numbers which have to be determined.

Hence, or otherwise, find the solutions of the linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} x - 2y + 3z &= 5 \\ 2x - 5y + 6z &= 3 \\ x - 3y - 2z &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

and check your results.

[15 marks]

12. (a) Find the scalar triple product  $\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$  for the vectors:

$$\mathbf{a} = 4\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{b} = 5\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{c} = 2\mathbf{i} - 6\mathbf{j} - 8\mathbf{k}.$$

[8 marks]

(b) At time  $t$ , the position vector of a particle moving in a plane is  $\mathbf{r} = r(\cos(\theta)\mathbf{i} + \sin(\theta)\mathbf{j}) = r\hat{\mathbf{r}}$ , where  $r = |\mathbf{r}|$ . Given that

$$\frac{d}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{r}} = \frac{d\theta}{dt}\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d}{dt}\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = -\frac{d\theta}{dt}\hat{\mathbf{r}}$$

find the particle's acceleration, expressing your answer in terms of the unit vectors  $\hat{\mathbf{r}}$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ .

[7 marks]



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13. At time  $t$ , a particle of mass 4 kg has position vector,

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{2}\right) \mathbf{i} + 3 \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{2}\right) \mathbf{j} \text{ m.}$$

Find its distance from the origin at times (i)  $t = 2$ , (ii)  $t = 3$ .

Find the velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  and acceleration at time  $t$ . Find the force  $\mathbf{F}$  which gives rise to this acceleration. Show that

$$\int_0^3 \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{v} dt = \frac{5\pi^2}{2} \text{ J.}$$

[15 marks]

14. The magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$  at the point with position vector  $\mathbf{r}$  due to a current  $I$  in a long straight wire along the  $y$ - axis is given by  $\mathbf{B} = \text{curl } \mathbf{A}$ , where

$$\mathbf{A} = -\frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi} \ln\left(\frac{x^2 + z^2}{a^2}\right) \mathbf{j}$$

where  $a$  is a constant.

Find  $\mathbf{B}$  and show that  $\text{div } \mathbf{B} = 0$ .

[15 marks]

15. (a). The displacement  $x(t)$  of a particle satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + 4 \frac{dx}{dt} + 3x = 6.$$

The original displacement is 0 m and the initial speed is  $0 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

Find the displacement at time  $t$ . Sketch  $x(t)$ . [9 marks]

- (b). Find values of  $a$  and  $b$  given that the polynomial  $P(x) = ax^2 + b$  satisfies the Legendre differential equation

$$(1 - x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 0$$

and the normalisation condition

$$\int_{-1}^1 P^2(x) dx = \frac{2}{5}.$$

[6 marks]



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16. (a). Determine whether the following functions, each with period  $2\pi$ , will have only cosine, sine or both cosine and sine terms in their Fourier series:

- (i)  $f(\theta) = 4\theta$  for the interval  $-\pi < \theta < \pi$ ,
- (ii)  $f(\theta) = \theta^3 \sin(\theta)$  for the interval  $-\pi < \theta < \pi$ ,
- (iii)  $f(\theta) = \theta^2 \sin(3\theta)$  for the interval  $-\pi < \theta < \pi$ ,
- (iv)  $f(\theta) = \theta^4 \cos(2\theta)$  for the interval  $-\pi < \theta < \pi$ ,
- (v)  $f(\theta) = (1 + \theta) \cos(\theta)$  for the interval  $-\pi < \theta < \pi$ ,
- (vi)  $f(\theta) = -\theta - \pi$  for the interval  $-\pi < \theta < 0$ ,  $f(\theta) = -\theta + \pi$  for the interval  $0 < \theta < \pi$ .

[6 marks]

- (b). Find the first three terms in the Fourier Series of the waveform given by the function  $f(\theta) = 4\theta$  over the interval  $-\pi < \theta < \pi$  if the period is  $2\pi$ .  
Sketch the waveform for  $-2\pi \leq \theta < 2\pi$ .

[9 marks]