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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualifications:–

B.A. B.Sc. B.Sc.(Econ)M.Sci.

Mathematics B51B: Mathematics for Students of Economics, Statistics & Related Disciplines

COURSE CODE : MATHB51B

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 16–MAY–05

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

Answer ALL questions from Section A.

All questions from Section B may be attempted, but only marks obtained on the best two solutions from Section B will count.

The use of an electronic calculator is **not** permitted in this examination.

Section A

1. (a) Evaluate the integral

$$\iint_R \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \, dA,$$

where R is the region of the plane satisfying $1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 9$.

- (b) Sketch the region S of the positive quadrant bounded by $x^2 - y^2 = 1$, $x^2 - y^2 = 16$, $xy = 2$ and $xy = 4$.

By using the change of variable $u = x^2 - y^2$ and $v = 2xy$ or otherwise evaluate the integral

$$\iint_S (x^2 + y^2) \, dA,$$

2. (a) Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + 2xy + y^2,$$

subject to the initial condition $y = 0$ at $x = 0$.

- (b) Solve the differential equation

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = \frac{\ln x}{x},$$

subject to the initial condition $y = 0$ at $x = 1$.

3. (a) Find an invertible matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP$ is diagonal, where A is the matrix given below.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Solve the following system of simultaneous differential equations subject to the initial conditions $x_1(0) = 1$ and $x_2(0) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx_1}{dt} &= 4x_1 - 2x_2, \\ \frac{dx_2}{dt} &= x_1 + x_2. \end{aligned}$$

Section B

4. (a) Solve the difference equation

$$x_{n+2} - 2x_{n+1} + x_n = 8,$$

subject to the initial conditions $x_0 = 1$ and $x_1 = 7$.

- (b) Solve the difference equation

$$x_{n+2} + x_n = 2n + 4,$$

subject to the initial conditions $x_0 = 6$ and $x_1 = 9$.

5. (a) Find the minimum of $x_1^2 + x_2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2$ subject to the constraints

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad x_2 + x_4 = -1.$$

- (b) Find the minimum and maximum values of $x^2 + 3y^2$ subject to the constraints $x \geq -1$, $y \geq -5$ and $y \leq 4 - x^2$.

6. (a) Find the solution of the differential equation

$$2xy \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + y^2,$$

corresponding to the initial condition $y = 0$ at $x = 1$.

- (b) Find the solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 2\cos x \sin x + 8\cos 2x,$$

corresponding to the initial conditions $y = 4$ at $x = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ at $x = 0$.

7. (a) Find the first four terms of the Maclaurin series expansion of $f(x) = \ln(a + x)$, where $a > 0$ is a constant.

- (b) Evaluate the following integral. Your final answer should not contain gamma or beta functions. (Any properties of the gamma and beta functions that you use should be clearly stated.)

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^5 x \sin^6 x \, dx.$$

- (c) Let A_n and B_n be given by the binomial coefficients $A_n = \binom{4n}{2n}$ and $B_n = \binom{6n}{n}$. Given that $5^5 > 36 \times 3^4$ use Stirling's formula to find

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{A_n}{B_n}.$$