

UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE

**MAP 221**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS**  
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**Time: 3 HOURS**

**Subject: Introduction to Analytical Methods**

**Marks: 100**

This question paper consists of 3 pages

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**Instructions**

Answer all questions.  
Symbols have the usual meanings

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**Question 1**

- 1.1. What is a differential equation? (2)  
1.2. Determine whether the following statements are true or false, if false correct the statement.

1.2.1. The equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = e^x$  is homogenous.

1.2.2. The equation  $(3xy^2 + 2y)dx + (2x^2y + x)dy = 0$  is exact.

1.2.3. The equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0$  is linear.

(9)

- 1.3. The number of supermarkets,  $C(t)$  through South Africa that are using a computerized checkout System is described by the following initial value problem;

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = C(1 - 0.0005C) \text{ for } C(0) = 1 \text{ \& } t > 0.$$

- 1.3.1. Find the number of supermarkets,  $C(t)$  at any time,  $t$ . (6)

- 1.3.2. Compute the number of supermarkets that will be using the computerized method when  $t = 10$ . (3)

- 1.4. Solve the following differential equations; (Use any method)

1.4.1.  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} - 5y = 0$  (5)

1.4.2.  $y'' - 5y' + 6y = 50\sin 4x + x^2 + 1$  (5)

1.4.3.  $2x^2y'' + 5xy' + y = \ln x$  (5)

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**Question 2**

2.1 Show that the Laplace transform  $\ell\{f(at)\} = \frac{1}{a}F\left(\frac{s}{a}\right)$  (5)

2.2 Show that  $L\{e^{iat}\} = \frac{1}{s-ia}, s > 0$ . (5)

2.3 Show that  $\frac{1}{s-ia} = \frac{s+ia}{s^2-a^2}$  (5)

2.4 Find the Laplace transform of the function,  $f(t) = \sin 2t \cos 2t$ . (10)

2.5 Consider the function,  $f(t) = \begin{cases} \cos t & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ -1 & \text{for } t > \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$  and find its Laplace transform. (10)

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**Question 3**

3.1 Consider the following function,  $f(x) = \sin x$  on  $[0, \pi]$

3.1.1 Draw the graph of this function for three periods and (3)

3.1.2 Find the corresponding Fourier cosine series of this function and set  $x = \frac{1}{2}\pi$  to

Obtain the value of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{4n^2-1}$  (8)

3.2

3.2.1 Show that  $\Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma(n)$  for  $n > 0$  (4)

3.2.2 Hence show that  $\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$  (7)

3.3 Evaluate the following

3.3.1  $\int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-5x^2} dx$  (4)

3.3.2  $B\left(5; \frac{3}{2}\right)$  (4)

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