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School	ENGINEERING				
Course Code	EMA 101	Course Title	Engineering Mathematics I		
Status	C	Credit Value	6	Department	MEE
Date	03/03/2021	Venue	Ngongi Hall, LH 8	Time	10:30 – 12:30
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## Instructions :

- Answer ALL questions
- Penalty will be given for poor presentation of answers
- Electronic Calculators are allowed.

### Question 1 (5marks)

What do you understand by the following notions: 1) a function, 2) domain of definition of a function, 3) continuous function, 4) jump and removable discontinuities, 5) left and right limits of a function.

### Question 2 (10 marks)

1. Find the domain of definition of the following functions

(i)  $f(x) = \frac{2}{x^2 - 2}$  (ii)  $g(x) = \sqrt{1 - x}$  (4 marks)

2. Show that the function  $g(x)$  is bijective and find its inverse. (4 marks)
3. Find the composite functions  $(f \circ g)(x)$  and  $(g \circ f)(x)$ . (2 marks)

### Question 2 (12 marks)

1. Evaluate the following limits and in case it does not exist explain why ~~(2 marks)~~

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+x}-2}{x}$  (2 marks) (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{|x-2|}{x^2+x-6}$  (3 marks) (iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sqrt{4+x}-\sqrt{4-x}}$  (2 marks)

2. Consider the following function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1, & \text{if } x < 1 \\ -3, & \text{if } x = 1 \\ \frac{x - x^2}{1 - x}, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

(a) Compute  $f(1)$  (1 mark)

(b) Find the left and the right limit of  $f$  at  $a = 1$  (2 marks)



(c) What can you say about the continuity of  $f$  at  $a = 1$ . (2 marks)

**Question 3 (10 marks)**

The mass,  $m$  grams, of a sample of radioactive iodine decays according to the formula

$$m = 15e^{-0.083t}$$

where  $t$  is the number of days after it is first observed

- What is the initial mass of the sample? (2 marks)
- What is the mass of the sample after 2 days? (2 marks)
- Calculate the time it takes for the sample to halve its original mass. (3 marks)
- Find the rate at which the sample is decaying when  $t = 5$ . (3 marks)

**Question 4 (13 marks)**

- The bacteria population in a bottle at time  $t$  (in hours) has size  $p(t) = 3000e^{0.5t}$ . After how many hours will there be 5000 bacteria? (4 marks)
- How many bacteria will there be in 12 hours? (1 marks)
- Compute  $f'(3)$  where  $f(x) = x^2 - 8x$ , using differentiation from first principle. (4 marks)
- Compute  $f'(a)$  and find the equation of the tangent line of the following functions

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x+3}, \quad a = -2, \quad f(x) = x^{-2}, \quad a = -1. \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

**"Pessimists find a reason to stop when there seem to be no one.  
Optimists find a reason to continue when there seem to be no one".**

**Yagaka F. Gabriel**

*Good Luck*

