

**P425/2**  
**APPLIED MATHEMATICS**  
**Paper 2**  
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**3 HOURS**

***UGANDA ADVANCED CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION***

**APPLIED MATHEMATICS**  
**(PRINCIPAL SUBJECT) Set 13**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

*Answer **all** the **Eight** questions in Section A and **Five** questions from Section B.*

*Any additional question(s) answered will **not** be marked.*

*All necessary working **must** be clearly shown.*

*Begin each answer on a fresh sheet of paper.*

*Graph paper is provided.*

*Silent, non-programmable scientific calculators and mathematical tables with a list of formulae may be used.*

*In numerical work, take  $g$  to be  $9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .*

### SECTION A: (40 MARKS)

*Answer all the questions in this section.*

1. The data below shows the length of 8 leaves picked for a biology practical: 4.4, 6.2, 9.4, 12.6, 10.0, 8.8, 3.8, and 13.6, determine the;  
(i) Mean length of the leaves  
(ii) Standard deviation (05 marks)
2. Two particles A and B are moving along a straight path. B is ahead of A by 14m, the speed of B is  $16\text{ms}^{-1}$  and that of A is  $25\text{ms}^{-1}$ . Given that A and B have constant retardations of  $6\text{ms}^{-2}$  and  $4\text{ms}^{-2}$  respectively. Find the two possible times of overtake. (05 marks)
3. Show that the equation  $x^3 - 3x - 12 = 0$  has a root between  $x = 2$  and  $x = 3$ . Hence use linear interpolation to find the first approximation to the root correct to 2 decimal places. (05 marks)
4. Events A and B are such that  $P(A) = \frac{5}{12}$ ,  $P(A/B) = \frac{7}{12}$ , and  $P(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{8}$ . Find the;  
(i)  $P(B)$   
(ii)  $P(A \cup \bar{B})$  (05 marks)
5. One end of a light inextensible string of length 75cm is fixed to a point on a vertical. A particle of mass 1.2kg is attached to the other end of the string. The particle is kept in equilibrium 21cm away from the pole by a horizontal force,  $F$  Newtons. Find the;  
(i) Tension in the string  
(ii) Magnitude of  $F$  (05 marks)
6. Use the trapezium rule with six ordinates to estimate  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x \sin x \, dx$ , correct to **three** decimal places. (05 marks)
7. A continuous random variable  $X$  has probability density function
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a + bx; & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
Given that  $F(0.5) = \frac{3}{5}$ , find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ . (05 marks)
8. To an observer in a train moving due east at  $40\text{kmh}^{-1}$ , an aircraft appears to fly due north at  $75\text{kmh}^{-1}$ . Find the velocity and course of the aircraft. (05 marks)

## SECTION B: (60 MARKS)

*Answer any **five** questions in this section. All questions carry **equal** marks*

9. The time (t) in seconds spent by each 100 customers at an automated Teller Machine (ATM) are summarized in the table below

| Time (t) in seconds | Frequency Density |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| $10 \leq x \leq 15$ | 0.4               |
| $15 \leq x \leq 25$ | 0.8               |
| $25 \leq x \leq 30$ | 3.4               |
| $30 \leq x \leq 35$ | 5.2               |
| $35 \leq x \leq 45$ | 2.4               |
| $45 \leq x \leq 50$ | 3.2               |
| $50 \leq x \leq 60$ | 0.6               |
| $60 \leq x \leq 80$ | 0.05              |

- (a) Calculate the mode  
 (b) Construct an ogive and estimate;  
     (i) median.  
     (ii) Interquartile range (12 marks)

10. A particle of mass 4 kg starts from a point with position vector (3, 4, -5) moving with a velocity  $V = 3t^2\hat{i} + (4t^3 - 3t)\hat{j} + 4t^3\hat{k} \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , where t is time in seconds. Determine the,

- a. Magnitude of acceleration and hence the force when  $t = 2\text{s}$   
 b. Displacement and hence distance when time  $t = 3\text{s}$ . (12 marks)

11. Given that  $a = 5$ ,  $b = 14.5$ , and  $c = 8.24$

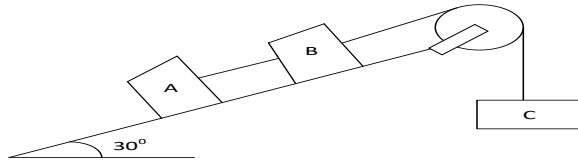
- (a) State the maximum errors of a, b and c  
 (b) Find the interval within which the exact value of  $\frac{abc}{(b-a)}$  lies correct to 3 d.p  
 (c) Find the absolute, relative and Percentage error in  $\frac{abc}{(b-a)}$  (12 marks)

12. The table below shows the marks of 13 students in two separate tests

|                   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Aptitude test x   | 54 | 52 | 42 | 31 | 43 | 23 | 32 | 49 | 37 | 13 | 13 | 36 | 39 |
| Statistics test y | 84 | 68 | 71 | 37 | 79 | 58 | 33 | 60 | 47 | 60 | 44 | 64 | 49 |

- (a) Plot a scatter diagram for the data, draw the line of best fit and comment, hence estimate y when  $x=30$   
 (b) Calculate the rank correlation co-efficient and comment at 5% level of significance. (12 marks)

13. The diagram below shows particles A, B and C of masses 15kg, 10kg and 5kg respectively connected by a light in extensible strings. The string connecting B and C passes over a smooth light pulley fixed at the top of the plane



If the coefficient of friction between the plane and particles A and B are 0.2 and 0.3 respectively, calculate;

- (i) Acceleration of the system
- (ii) Tensions in the strings (12marks)

14. (a) Show that the iterative formula base on Newton Raphson's method for the equation  $e^{-x} = x - 1$  is given by

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{e^{-x_n}(x_n + 1) + 1}{1 + e^{-x_n}}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2 \dots \dots \dots$$

(b) Draw a flow chart that;

- (i) Reads the initial approximation  $x_0$  of the root
  - (ii) Computes and corrects the root to 3 decimal places
  - (iii) prints the root
- (c) Taking,  $x_0 = 1.2$ , perform a dry run for the flow chart, give your root correct to three decimal places (12marks)

15. Given that X is a continuous random variable which is normally distributed with mean,  $\mu$  and standard deviation,  $\delta$ . Such that  $P(X > 70) = 0.2$  and  $P(x < 50) = 0.3$ . Find the;

- (a) Mean and standard deviation.
- (b) Percentage of those with  $P(x > 60)$  (12 marks)

16. A uniform plank of length 6m and mass 50kg rests in limiting equilibrium with the end A on a horizontal ground and end B against vertical wall. If the coefficient of friction at end A and B are 0.25 and 0.3 respectively and that a body of mass, m is attached at B. If the plank makes an angle of  $\beta$  to the horizontal, where  $\tan \beta = 2$ . Find the;

- (i) Reactions at A and B
- (ii) mass, m. (12 marks)