

**OUR LADY OF AFRICA S.S NAMILYANGO (OLAN)**  
**A LEVEL PURE MATHEMATICS SEMINAR QUESTIONS 2024**  
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**ALGEBRA**

1. (a) The sum of  $n$  terms of a particular series is given by  $S_n = 17n - 3n^2$ ;  
 (i) Find an expression for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the series.  
 (ii) Show that the series is an Arithmetic progression.  
  
 (b) A student deposits shs. 1,200,000 once into her savings account on which an interest of 8% is compounded per annum. After how many years will her balance exceed shs, 200,000?  
  
 (c) A piece of land of area  $50,100m^2$  is divided in such a way that the areas of the plots are in an Arithmetic progression (AP). If the area of the smallest and the largest plots are  $2m^2$  and  $1000m^2$  respectively, find the;  
 (i) Number of plots in the piece of land.  
 (ii) Total area of the first 13 plots to the nearest square metres.
2. (a) Solve the inequality  $\frac{x+3}{x-2} \geq \frac{x+1}{x-2}$   
  
 (b) Given the curve,  $y = \frac{(x-1)(x-4)}{(x-5)}$   
 (i) Find the range of values of  $y$  for which the curve doesnot lie and hence deduce the coordinates of the turning points.  
 (ii) Show that  $y = x$  is an asymptote and state the other asymptote  
 (iii) Sketch the curve.
3. (a) Solve for  $x$ ;  $64x^{\frac{2}{3}} + x^{\frac{-2}{3}} = 20$   
 (b) Find the ratio of the coefficient of  $x^7$  to that of  $x^8$  in the expression of  $\left(3x + \frac{2}{3}\right)^{17}$   
 (c)(i) Expand  $(1 + x)^{-2}$  in descending powers of  $x$  including the term in  $x^{-4}$   
 (ii) If  $x = 9$ , find the % error in using the first two terms of the expression in c(i) above.
4. (a) Given that  $W$  and  $Z$  are two complex numbers, solve the simultaneous equations;  

$$3Z + W = 9 + 11i$$

$$iW - z = -8 - 2i$$
  
 (b) Use Demoivre's theorem to simplify;  $\frac{[\sqrt{3}(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)]^8}{[3\cos2\theta + 3i\sin2\theta]^3}$   
 (c) If  $(1 + 3i)z_1 = 5(1 + i)$ , show that the locus of  $|z - z_1| = |z_1|$  where  $Z$  is a complex number is a circle and find its Centre and radius  
 (d) Given that the factors  $(x - 1)$  and  $(x + 1)$  are factors of the polynomial,  $f(x) = ax^4 + 7x^3 + x^2 + bx - 3$ , find the values of the constants  $a$  and  $b$ . Hence, find the set for real values of  $x$  for which  $f(x) > 0$

**TRIGONOMETRY**

5. (a) Prove that  $\tan(\theta + 60^\circ) \tan(\theta - 60^\circ) = \frac{\tan^2\theta - 3}{1 - 3\tan^2\theta}$   
  
 (b) Show that  $-\sqrt{5} \leq \cos x + 2\sin x \leq \sqrt{5}$

(c) Express  $10\cos x \sin x + 12\cos 2x$  in the form  $R\sin(2x + \beta)$ , where  $R$  is positive and  $\beta$  is an acute angle. Hence find the maximum and minimum values of  $10\cos x \sin x + 12\cos 2x$  and state clearly the values of  $x$  when they occur for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$ .

6. (a) Solve the equation:  $\frac{4\sin^2\theta}{\operatorname{cosec}\theta} + \frac{3}{\operatorname{cosec}^2\theta \sec\theta} = \sin^2\theta$  for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$

(b) (i) Prove that  $\frac{\sin 2A + \cos 2A + 1}{\sin 2A + \cos 2A - 1} = \frac{\tan(45^\circ + A)}{\tan A}$

(ii) Show that  $\frac{\sin\theta \cos 2\theta + \sin 3\theta \cos 6\theta}{\sin\theta \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta \sin 6\theta} = \cot 5\theta$

(c) Show that  $\frac{\sin\theta}{1-\cos\theta} = \cot \frac{\theta}{2}$ . Hence solve  $\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \sqrt{3}\sin\theta$  for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$

7. (a) Given that  $X, Y, Z$  are angles of a triangle. Prove that  $\tan\left(\frac{X-Y}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{x-y}{x+y}\right) \cot\left(\frac{Z}{2}\right)$ , hence solve the triangle if  $x = 9\text{cm}$ ,  $y = 5.7\text{cm}$  and  $z = 57^\circ$

(b) Prove that  $\sin[2\sin^{-1}(x) + \cos^{-1}(x)] = \sqrt{1-x^2}$

(c) Solve the equation;  $2\sin(60^\circ - x) = \sqrt{2}\cos(135^\circ + x) + 1$  for  $-180^\circ \leq x \leq 180^\circ$

8. (a) If  $\tan x = \frac{7}{24}$ , and  $\cos y = \frac{-4}{5}$  where  $x$  is reflex and  $y$  is obtuse, find without using tables or calculators the value of  $\sin(x + y)$

(b) In a triangle  $ABC$ ,  $\overline{AB} = 10\text{cm}$ ,  $\overline{BC} = 17\text{cm}$  and  $\overline{AC} = 21\text{cm}$  calculate the angle  $BAC$ .

(c) Solve the equation  $\sin 3x + \sin 7x = \sin 5x$  for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 90^\circ$

(d) (i) Given that  $2A + B = 135$  show that  $\tan B = \frac{\tan^2 A - 2\tan A - 1}{1 - 2\tan A - \tan^2 A}$

(ii) If  $\alpha$  is an acute angle and  $\tan \alpha = \frac{4}{3}$ , show that  $4\sin(\theta + \alpha) + 3\cos(\theta + \alpha) = 5\cos\theta$ . Hence solve for  $\theta$  the equation  $4\sin(\theta + \alpha) + 3\cos(\theta + \alpha) = \frac{\sqrt{300}}{4}$  for  $-180^\circ \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$

### ANALYSIS

9. (a) The point  $(2,1)$  lies on the curve  $Ax^2 + By^2 = 11$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are constants.

If the gradient of the curve at the point is 6. Find the values of  $A$  and  $B$ .

(b) One side of a rectangle is three times the other. If the perimeter increases by 2%. What is the percentage increase in the area?

(c) A rectangular box without a lid is made from a thin cardboard. The sides of the base are  $2x\text{cm}$  and  $3x\text{cm}$  and the height of the box is  $h\text{cm}$ . If the total surface area is  $200\text{cm}^2$ , show that  $h = \left(\frac{20}{x} - \frac{3x}{5}\right)\text{cm}$ . And hence find the dimensions of the box to give maximum volume.

10. (a) If  $y = \frac{\cos x}{x^2}$ , Prove that;  $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + (2 + x^2)y = 0$

(b) Given the parametric equations  $x = 3 + 4\cos\alpha$ ,  $y = 5 - 8\sin\alpha$ . Find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$

(c) A curve is defined by the parametric equations  $x = t^2 - t$ ,  $y = 3t + 4$ . Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at  $(2,10)$

(d) Using calculus of small changes, Show that  $\cos 44.6^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \left( \frac{900+2\pi}{900} \right)$

11. (a). Show that  $\int_1^{10} x \log x^2 dx = 2 \left( 50 - \frac{99}{4 \ln 10} \right)$

(b) Express  $\frac{x^3+9x^2+28x+28}{(x+3)^2}$  into partial fractions, hence or otherwise show that;

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^3+9x^2+28x+28}{(x+3)^2} dx = \frac{1}{3} \left( 10 + \ln \frac{4}{3} \right)$$

(c) Find the integrals; (i)  $\int \ln \left( \frac{2}{x} \right) dx$  (ii)  $\int (x \cos x)^2 dx$  (iii)  $\int \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-3x}} dx$

12.(a) The pressure in an engine cylinder is given by;  $P = 8000[1 - \sin(2\pi t - 3)] \text{ Nm}^{-1}$  At what time does this pressure reach a maximum and what is the maximum pressure.

(b) Calculate the area enclosed by the curve  $y = \sin x$  and the line  $y = \frac{1}{2}$ , from  $x = 0$  to  $x = \pi$  and the x-axis.

(c) The area bounded by the curves  $y^2 = 32x$  and  $y = x^3$  is rotated about the x-axis through one revolution. Show that the volume of the solid of the solid formed is  $\frac{320\pi}{7}$  cubic units

(d) Using Maclaurin's theorem, expand  $(x+1)\sin^{-1}(x)$  up to the term in  $x^2$

13. (a) Using the substitution  $y = uv$ , solve the differential equation  $x^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + xy + y^2$

(b) Given that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-2y}$  and  $y = 0$ , when  $x = 5$ , find the value of  $x$  when  $y = 3$

(c) Solve the differential equation  $(1+x) \frac{dy}{dx} = xy + xe^x$  given that  $y(0) = 1$

(d) The rate at which a liquid runs from a container is proportional to the square root of the depth of the opening below the surface of the liquid. A cylindrical petrol storage tank is sunk in the ground with its axis vertical. There is a leak in the tank at an unknown depth. The level of the petrol in the tank originally full is found to drop by 20cm in 1 hour and by 19cm in the next hour. Find the depth at which the leak is located.

## VECTORS

14. (a) Point B is the foot of a perpendicular from point A (3, 0, -2) to the line  $\mathbf{r}$  where  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

(i) Find the values of  $\lambda$  corresponding to the point B. hence state the coordinates of B.

(ii) Calculate the distance of the point A from the line  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and write down the vector parametric equation of the plane containing point A and the line  $\mathbf{r}$

(b) Find the area of a parallelogram of which the given vectors are adjacent sides,  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  respectively.

(c) A and B are points (3,1,1) and (5,2,3) respectively and C is a point on the line  $r = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $\angle BAC = 90^\circ$ , find the coordinates of C.

15. (a) Find the coordinates of the point where the line  $\frac{x-3}{5} = \frac{3-y}{-2} = \frac{z-4}{3}$  meets the plane  $2x - 3y + 7z - 10 = 0$

(b) The vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$  is perpendicular to the plane containing the line;  $\frac{x-3}{-2} = \frac{y+1}{a} = \frac{z-2}{1}$ , find the;

(i) Value of a

(ii) Cartesian equation of the plane

(c) Find the perpendicular distance from the point M (4,-3,10) to the line with vector equation  $r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

16. (a) Two planes  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are defined by  $3x - 4y + 2z - 5 = 0$  and  $r = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  respectively.

Find;

(i) Cartesian equation of plane  $L_2$

(ii) Acute angle between the two planes

(iii) Vector equation of the line of intersection of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$

(b) Given the points L (2,-1, 0), M (4, 7, 6) and N (8, 5,-4). Find the vector equation of the line which joins the midpoint of LM and MN.

(c) Determine the equation of the plane equidistant from the points A (1, 3, 5) and B (2,-4, 4)

17. (a) Find the equation of the line through point A(1,-2,3) perpendicular to the line  $\frac{x-5}{2} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z-1}{3}$

(b) Prove that Points A (-2,0,6) and B(3,-4,5) lie on opposite sides of the plane  $2x - y + 3z = 21$

(c) Find the equation of a plane containing points A (1, 1, 1), B (1, 0, 1) and C (3, 2,-1)

(d) Show that the vectors  $2i - j + k$ ,  $i - 3j - 5k$  and  $3i - 4j - 4k$  are coplanar

(e) Point R with position vector  $r$  divides the line segment AB internally in the ratio  $\lambda : \mu$ , Show that  $r = \frac{a\mu + b\lambda}{\lambda + \mu}$  where a and b are position vectors of A and B respectively. Hence find the position vector of point

R which divides AB in the ratio 1:2, given that the position vector of A is  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$  and that of B is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$

### COORDINATE GEOMETRY

18. (a) A line L passes through the point of intersection of the lines  $x - 3y - 4 = 0$  and  $y + 3x - 2 = 0$ .

If L is perpendicular to the line  $4y + 3x = 0$ , determine the equation of the line L.

(b) Variable point  $P(x, y)$  moves such that its distance from point  $A(3, 0)$  is equal to its distance from the line  $x + 3 = 0$ . Describe the locus of point  $P$ .

(c) Calculate the perpendicular distance between the parallel lines  $3x + 4y + 10 = 0$  and  $3x + 4y - 15 = 0$

(d) Calculate the area of the triangle which has sides given by the equations  $2y - x = 1$ ,  $y + 2x = 8$  and  $4y + 3x = 7$

19. (a) The triangle  $ABC$  with vertices  $A(1, -2)$ ,  $B(7, 6)$  and  $C(9, 2)$ , find:

(i) The equations of the perpendicular bisectors of  $AB$  and  $BC$ .

(ii) The coordinates of the point of intersection of the perpendicular bisectors

(iii) Find the equation of the circle passing through the three points  $A, B, C$  of the triangle above.

(b) Show that the circles  $x^2 + y^2 - 2ax + c^2 = 0$  and  $x^2 + y^2 - 2by - c^2 = 0$  are orthogonal.

(c) Find the length of the tangent to the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 9 = 0$  from the point  $(5, 7)$

20. (a) Determine the vertex, focus, directrix and axis of the parabola  $y^2 - 2y - 8x - 17 = 0$  hence sketch the parabola.

(b) The tangents to the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$  at points  $P(ap^2, 2ap)$  and  $Q(aq^2, 2aq)$  meet at point  $T$ , find the coordinates of  $T$ .

(c) If  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 2\right)$  is one extremity of a focal chord of the parabola  $y^2 = 8x$ , find the coordinates of the other extremity.

(d) If  $y = mx + c$  is a tangent to the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$ , show that  $m = \frac{a}{c}$

21. (a) Show that the parametric equations  $x = 1 + 4\cos\theta$  and  $y = 2 + 3\sin\theta$  represent an ellipse. Hence determine the coordinates of the centre and the lengths of the semi axes

(b) The normal at the point  $P(5\cos\theta, 4\sin\theta)$  on an ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$  meets the  $x$  and  $y$ -axes at  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Find the mid-point of the line  $AB$

(c)(i) Find the equation of the tangent to the hyperbola whose points are of the parametric form  $\left(2t, \frac{2}{t}\right)$ .

(ii) Find the equations of the tangents in (i) which are parallel to  $y + 4x = 0$

(iii) Determine the distance between the tangents in c(ii).

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