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Final Exam Preparations (Distribution of topics)

Question No.	Topics	Question No.	Topics
1	Functions, Exponential and Logarithmic functions	5	Binomial Theorem and Applications
2	Trigonometry	6	Matrices and Applications
3	Remainder and Factor Theorems, Partial fractions	7	Complex Numbers
4	Numerical Methods	8	Sequence & Series

Each question carries 10 marks

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Final Exam Preparations (Drop-in sessions)

Should you wish to attend one-to-one drop-in sessions, with help on a specific topic, please send an email to

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with a request for revising one or more topics.



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- Formula sheet will be provided in the exams (attached at the back of the question paper).
- Practice questions from problem sheets, seminars, past exam papers, and sample papers (available on Moodle).
- Take a **permissible** calculator to the exam (set it to RADIAN mode).
- Answer questions in ANY order, but if you start with Q.4, write answers for all its sub-questions (i.e. 4(a), 4(b), etc.) together.
- Write question number clearly (in the left margin) in your answer book.
- You MUST write your answers with a ball-point pen only (no pencils).
- Do not get stuck on any one question; move ahead if you don't get the answer. You have around 10 minutes to answer one full question.

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Those on the borderline, are advised to cover at least the following:

- Completing the square, problems on inequalities.
- Finding inverse of linear functions.
- Examples on rules of logarithms.
- Expressing in R $\cos(x alpha)$ form.
- Prove that type problems in Trigonometry.
- · Problems on Remainder and Factor Theorems.
- Problems on the method of Synthetic Division.
- Expressing polynomial function p(x) completely as a product of linear factors.
- The method of Partial fractions.
- Term with / coefficient of x^N in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$.
- Applying Iteration method when the iterative formula is given (with emphasis on d.p.).
- Simplification of complex numbers in a + ib form, including use of i^2 , i^3 , etc.
- Problems on properties on modulus, polar form of a complex number.
- Matrix method for solving system of linear equations, Matrix multiplication.
- A.P. and G.P., use of formula $S_n = \frac{n}{2} (2a + (n-1)d)$, $S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$
- Infinite G.P., use of formula $S = \frac{a}{1-r}$.

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