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MA1512

DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS FOR ENGINEERING

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Question 1 [10 marks]

(a) Let $y(x)$ denote the solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x},$$

with $y(1) = 2$. Find the **exact value** of $y(756)$.

(b) Let a denote a positive constant. There are two tanks. Tank A is initially filled with 100 gallons of water in which a lbs of salt are dissolved. Tank B is initially filled with 100 gallons of water in which 8 lbs of salt are dissolved. Starting at time $t = 0$ water with a salt concentration of 0.2 lb/gal is being pumped into tank A at a constant rate of 5 gal/min while the well stirred solution in tank A is being pumped into tank B at a constant rate of 5 gal/min and the well stirred solution in tank B is being pumped out and discarded at a constant rate of 5 gal/min. If there are 13 lbs of salt in tank B at time $t = 20$ minutes, find the value of a . Give your answer correct to two decimal places.

Answer 1(a)		Answer 1(b)	
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Question 2 [10 marks]

(a) Let a and b denote two positive integers. It is known that a is a two digit prime number. If $y = 2018e^{ax}$ is a solution of the differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - b\frac{dy}{dx} + 847y = 0$,

find the exact value of b .

(b) Let $y(x)$ denote the solution of the differential equation $y'' + 4y = \tan 2x$ with $-\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{4}$, $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) = \frac{3}{2}$. Find the value of $y\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right)$. Give your answer correct to two decimal places.

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Question 3 [10 marks]

(a) The Martian population on the planet Mars follows a Malthus model with a birth rate per capita of 10% per year and a death rate per capita of 5% per year. How long does it take for the Martian population to double itself? Give your answer in years correct to two decimal places.

(b) The monkey population at the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve follows a logistic model with a birth rate per capita of 10% per year. After a very long time, the population settled down to the carrying capacity of 2300 monkeys. The AVA then decided to allow E monkeys to be captured and put to rest per year so that the monkey population will eventually settle down to a new stable equilibrium value of 1500 monkeys. Find the value of E . Give your answer correct to the nearest integer.

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Question 4 [10 marks]

(a) Let $y(t)$ denote the solution to the differential equation $y'' - 2y' + y = e^t + t(u(t-2))$ with $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$, where u denotes the unit step function. Find the value of $y(3)$. Give your answer correct to two decimal places.

(b) Let a, b, c denote three positive constants. It is known that $y = 13e^{-t} \cos t - 13e^{-t} \sin t$ is the solution to the differential equation $ay + b\frac{dy}{dt} + \int_0^t y(u) du = c\delta(t)$ with $y(0) = 0$, where δ denotes the Dirac delta function. Find the **exact value** of $a + b + c$.

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Question 5 [10 marks]

(a) Let $u(x, y)$ denote the solution to the PDE $yu_{xy} - 2xu = 0$, with $y > 0$ and $u(0, y) = 5y$, found by using the separation of variable method. Find the value of $u(2, 2)$. Give your answer correct to two decimal places.

(b) Let $u(x, t)$ denote the solution to the Heat Equation $u_t = u_{xx}$, with $0 \leq x \leq \pi$, $t \geq 0$, $u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0$ and initial condition $u(x, 0) = 2 \sin 3x$. Find the value of $u(\frac{\pi}{5}, 0.1)$. Give your answer correct to two decimal places.

(Hint: you may use the fact that if $X(x)$ is a solution to the ordinary differential equation $X'' - kX = 0$, $X(x)$ is not identically equal to zero and $X(0) = X(\pi) = 0$, where k denotes a constant, then $k = -n^2$, where n denotes an integer.)

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