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**MAP 1302 – DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS - I**

**Time: Three (03) hours**

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**Answer all questions.**

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1. a) Define the following terms of a differential equation:

- i. Order
- ii. Degree
- iii. Characteristics.

(30 marks)

b) Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4x+6y+5}{3y+2x+4}$ .

Using a suitable substitution, reduce the above equation into separable form and solve.

(40 marks)

c) By using a suitable method, solve the differential equation:

$$(x^3 + 3xy^2)dx + (y^3 + 3x^2y)dy = 0.$$

(30 marks)

2. a) Let  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x+2y-3)}{(2x+y-3)}$ .

- i. Show that the above equation can be reducible to homogeneous form.
- ii. Find the general solution.

(50 marks)

b) Consider the differential equation  $(2xe^y + 3y^2)(dy/dx) + (3x^2 + \lambda e^y) = 0$ .

- Find  $\lambda$  such that the above equation is exact.
- Using the value of  $\lambda$  found in (i), solve the equation.

(50 marks)

3. a) Solve the following linear differential equation:

$$(x + 2y^3)(dy/dx) = y.$$

(30 marks)

b) Let  $F(D)y = (a_n D^n + a_{n-1} D^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 D + a_0)y$ , where  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  are constant coefficients and the operator  $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$ . Show that  $F(D)\{e^{bx}\} = F(b)e^{bx}$ , where  $b$  is a constant.

(20 marks)

c) Find the general solution of each of the following differential equations:

- $(4D^2 + 12D + 9)y = 144e^{-3x}$
- $(D^2 - 3D + 2)y = \sin 3x$ , where  $D = \frac{d}{dx}$ .

(50 marks)

4. a) Show that  $\frac{1}{(D+a)}f(x) = e^{-ax} \frac{1}{D} e^{ax} f(x)$ , where  $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$ ,  $f(x)$  is any function of  $x$  and  $a$  is a constant.

Hence, find the general solution of  $(D^2 - 3D + 2)y = e^x + e^{2x}$ .

(50 marks)

b) Consider each of the following differential equations, where  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$ .

Solve each equation using the method indicated in each part:

- $p^2 - 7p + 12 = 0$  (solve for  $p$ )
- $y = 2px + y^2 p^3$  (solve for  $x$ ).

(50 marks)

5. a) Define Clairaut's equation.

Show that the differential equation  $(y - px)(p - 1) = p$ , where  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$  is in the Clairaut's form and hence, find the general solution.

(40 marks)

b) Define Riccati's equation.

Consider the equation  $x^2(y_1 + y^2) = 2$ , where  $y_1 = \frac{dy}{dx}$ .

- i. Show that the above equation is in the form of Riccati's equation.
- ii. Show that, there exist two values for the constant  $k$  such that  $\frac{k}{x}$  is an integral of the above equation.
- iii. Hence, find the general solution of the equation.

(60 marks)

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