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**END OF YEAR EXAMINATION**

**CSC 2912**  
**NUMERICAL ANALYSIS**

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Date: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2020  
Time: 14:00hrs – 16:00hrs  
Duration: 2 Hours

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**Instructions**

1. There are **two (2) sections** in this paper.
2. *Answer all the questions in Section A and choose **any two (2)** questions from Section B*



**SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS****[40 MARKS]**

1. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and  $x_0$  be a point in  $X$ . Define the following.
  - a.  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$  [4 Marks]
  - b.  $f$  is differentiable at  $x_0$  [4 Marks]
2. Let  $p^*$  be the approximation of a value  $p$ . Define the following
  - a. Absolute error of approximating  $p$  by  $p^*$  [4 Marks]
  - b. Relative error of approximating  $p$  by  $p^*$  [4 Marks]
3. State the following
  - a. Rolle's theorem [4 Marks]
  - b. Intermediate value theorem [4 Marks]
  - c. Fixed-point theorem [4 Marks]
4. Suppose  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $(x_1, y_1)$ , and  $(x_2, y_2)$ , are points for a function  $f$ . Outline the appropriate approximations of the
  - a. three-point formulas for  $f'(x_0)$ ,  $f'(x_1)$ , and  $f'(x_2)$ , [6 Marks]
  - b.  $\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx$  Using the
    - i. Trapezoidal rule [3 Marks]
    - ii. Simpsons [3 Marks]

**SECTION B: ANSWER TWO OF THE FOUR QUESTIONS. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 30 MARKS**

1.
  - a. Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function and  $x_0$  be a point in  $X$ .
    - i. Show that if  $f$  is differentiable on  $x_0$ , then it is also continuous at  $x_0$  [8 Marks]
    - ii. Suppose  $f$  is continuous in  $[a, b] \subseteq X$ , and  $f'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ , show that  $f$  has at most one root in  $[a, b]$ . [Hint: assume  $f$  has two roots in  $[a, b]$  and show this lead to a contradiction using the Rolle's theorem] [6 Marks]
  - b. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined as  $f(x) = e^{x/2}$ .
    - i. Derive  $P_4$ , the 4<sup>th</sup> Taylor polynomial about  $x_0 = 0$ . [8 Marks]
    - ii. Use  $P_4$  to approximate  $\sqrt{e}$  [4 Marks]
    - iii. What is the error bound for this approximation [4 Marks]



2. ✓

- a. Show that  $f(x) = x^2 - 2$  has a root in  $[1, 2]$  [6 Marks]
- b. How many iterations are required to approximate  $\sqrt{2}$  in  $[1, 2]$ , to  $10^{-3}$  accuracy using the Bisection method. [6 Marks]
- c. Show that the fixed point of  $g(x) = 1 + 1/(x + 1)$ , is the root of  $f(x) = x^2 - 2$ . [8 Marks]
- d. Hence use the fixed-point iteration to approximate  $\sqrt{2}$  [10 Marks]

The following values are to be used in questions 3 and 4 below.

x	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
f(x)	0.31	0.65	0.94	1.32	1.46

3. Approximate  $f(0.5)$  using

- a. Neville's iterated method [15 Marks]
- b. Newton's divided differences [15 Marks]

4. ✓

- a. Use the correct three-point formula to find  $f'(0.6)$  [8 Marks]
- b. Approximate

$$\int_{0.2}^{1.0} f(x) dx$$

c. Using the composite

- i. Trapezoidal rule [10 Marks]
- ii. Simpsons rule. [12 Marks]

[Ensure you use all the points in both cases]

\*\*\*\*\* END OF EXAMINATION\*\*\*\*\*