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**EXAMINATION**

**NUMERICAL ANALYSIS**  
**CSC2912**

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Date: WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022  
Time: 14:00HRS – 17:00HRS  
Duration: 3 HOURS  
Venue: NSLT

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**Instructions**

- a) *There are TWO (2) Sections in this Examination*
- b) *You are required to answer ALL questions in Section A and answer ONLY THREE (3) of the FIVE (5) questions in Section B*
- c) *Indicate your computer number CLEARLY on all the answer booklets you submit.*

SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

[40 PTS]

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  $x_0$  [4pts]
  - b.  $f$  is differentiable at  $x_0$  [4pts]
2. Let  $p^*$  be the approximation of a value  $p$ . What range of  $p^*$  will approximate  $p$  to 3 significant figures if  $p$  is
  - a. 10 [4pts]
  - b. 100 [4pts]
3. State the following
  - a. Rolle's Theorem + [4pts]
  - b. Intermediate value theorem [4pts]
  - c. Mean-value theorem [4pts]
4. Derive the following:
  - a. The three-point formulae for  $f'(x_0)$ ,  $f'(x_1)$ , and  $f'(x_2)$ , where the interval between the  $x_i$ s is  $h$  at points  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  [8pts]
  - b. The Trapezoidal rule for approximating  $\int_{x_0}^{x_2} f(x) dx$  [4pts]

SECTION B: ANSWER THREE OF THE FIVE QUESTIONS. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 20 PTS

1.

- a. Suppose  $f$  is continuous in  $[a, b]$ , and  $f'(x) \neq 0$  for all  $x$  in  $[a, b]$ , show that  $f$  has at most one root in  $[a, b]$ . [10pts]
- b. Hence or otherwise, show that the function  $f(x) = x^3 + 2x - k$  has exactly one root, regardless of the value of  $k$   
 [Hint: check the signs of the values of  $f$  at  $k$  and  $-k$  to show existence of at least one root then prove unique] [10pts]

2. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined as  $f(x) = e^{x/2}$ .

- a. Derive  $P_4$ , the 4<sup>th</sup> Taylor polynomial about  $x_0 = 0$ . [10pts]
- b. Use  $P_4$  to approximate  $\sqrt{e}$  [6pts]
- c. What is the absolute error bound for this approximation [4pts]

3.

- Show that the curves  $x^3 + 2x - 3 = 0$  and  $2x^2 - 5 = 0$  intersect at some point in the interval  $[-1, 0]$ . [10pts]
- Approximate this point to  $10^{-3}$  accuracy using the Newton's method. [10pts]

4.

- Show that the fixed point of the function  $g(x) = 1 + 1/(x + 1)$ , has a unique fixed point in the interval  $[1, 2]$ . [10pts]
- Hence use the fixed-point iteration to approximate this fixed point [10pts]

5. 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

- Approximate  $f(0.5)$  using Newton's Divided differences method [10pts]
- Approximate

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

Using the composite Simpson's rule, with  $n = 2$ .

[10pts]

[Ensure that you use all the points in both cases]

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