



EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREES OF  
M.A. AND B.Sc.

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Mathematics 1

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*Candidates must attempt the ALL of Section A and ALL of Section B.*

## Section A MULTIPLE CHOICE

*Attempt ALL questions from this section. Each question has only ONE correct answer. Enter your answers as well as your student number and name on the provided scanning sheet with a BLACK BALL POINT PEN. Return the sheet together with your script book.*

- Q1. Suppose a connected planar graph  $G$  has 5 vertices and 3 faces. How many edges does  $G$  have? **3**
- A) 5 edges  
 B) 6 edges  
 C) 7 edges **correct**  
 D) 8 edges  
 E) None of the above
- Q2. Calculate the derivative of  $g(x) = \sin^2 x \cos x$ . **3**
- A)  $2 \sin x \cos x$   
 B)  $2 \sin x \cos x - \sin^3 x$   
 C)  $2 \sin x \cos x - \sin x$   
 D)  $2 \sin x \cos^2 x - \sin^3 x$  **correct**  
 E) None of the above.
- Q3 Find all values of  $x$  such that  $3|x - 6| \leq |x - 2|$ .
- A)  $5 \leq x \leq 8$ . **correct**  
 B)  $x \leq 5$  and  $x \geq 8$ .  
 C)  $x \geq 5$ .  
 D)  $x \leq 8$ .  
 E) None of the above.
- Q4. Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 3$  with domain  $[-2, \infty)$ . What is the value of  $(f^{-1})'(3)$ ? **3**
- A)  $1/3$   
 B) 3  
 C) 4  
 D)  $1/4$  **correct**  
 E) None of the above.

- Q5. Which of the following statements is true of the equation  $y^3 = x^5$ ? **3**
- A) There are no integer solutions.
  - B) There is a unique integers solution.
  - C) There are exactly two integer solutions.
  - D) There are an infinite number of integer solutions. **correct**
  - E) None of the above.
- Q6. What is the third nonzero term in the Taylor series for  $f(x) = 2 \ln x$  centered at  $a = 1$ ? **3**
- A)  $4x^3$
  - B)  $\frac{1}{3}x^3$
  - C)  $\frac{2}{3}(x - 1)^3$  **correct**
  - D)  $\frac{4}{3}(x - 1)^3$
  - E) None of the above.
- Q7. Let  $p(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$  be a polynomial with real coefficients  $a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$  with  $a_0 \neq 0$ . Which one of the following statements is correct? **3**
- A) The polynomial  $p$  has  $n$  distinct complex roots.
  - B) If  $n$  is odd, then  $p$  must have at least one real root. **correct**
  - C) The roots of  $p$  come in complex conjugate pairs, so there must be an even number of roots.
  - D) One of the roots of  $p(x)$  is 0.
  - E) None of the above.
- Q8. Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve defined by  $\sinh(xy) = \cos(x + y)$  at the point  $(x, y) = (0, \pi/2)$ . **3**
- A)  $y = \frac{\pi}{2} - (1 + \frac{\pi}{2})x$  **correct**
  - B)  $y = \frac{\pi}{2} - x$
  - C)  $y = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{x}{2}$
  - D)  $y = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2}x$
  - E) None of the above.

- Q9. Identify the remainder  $r$  (between 0 and 12) that we get when we divide  $6^{82}$  by 13. **3**
- A)  $r = 0$ .
  - B)  $r = 3$ .
  - C)  $r = 6$ .
  - D)  $r = 9$ .
  - E) None of the above. **correct (solution is  $r = 4$ )**
- Q10. Let  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ , and  $\mathbf{c}$  be vectors. Which of the following expressions is **not** mathematically meaningful? **3**
- A)  $|\mathbf{a}|(\mathbf{b} \times \mathbf{c})$
  - B)  $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \times \mathbf{c}$
  - C)  $(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c}$  **correct**
  - D)  $(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c}$
  - E)  $|\mathbf{a}|(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{c})$

## Section B

Attempt ALL questions from this section.

- B1. (i) State the Principle of Mathematical Induction.

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**The Principle of Mathematical Induction:** Suppose that for each positive integer  $n$  we have a statement  $P(n)$ . If we prove the following two things:

(a)  $P(1)$  is true;

(b) for all  $n$ , if  $P(n)$  is true, then  $P(n+1)$  is also true;

then  $P(n)$  is true for all positive integers  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**2 Marks. Bookwork.**

- (ii) Prove the following formula holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}.$$

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The statement  $P(n)$  is that  $1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  is true  $\forall n$ . To prove  $P(1)$  we observe that  $1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$ . Now assume  $P(n)$  is true and consider  $P(n+1)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 2 + \cdots + n + (n+1) &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (n+1) \quad \text{by } P(n) \\ &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + \frac{2(n+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{n(n+1) + 2(n+1)}{2} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

which is  $P(n+1)$ . So, the Principle of Mathematical Induction implies that  $P(n)$  holds for all  $n$ . **3 Marks. Example from class.**

- (iii) Compute the rational form of  $0.8\overline{594}$ .

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We have

$$\begin{aligned} 0.8\overline{594} &= \frac{8}{10} + \frac{594}{10^4} + \frac{594}{10^7} + \frac{594}{10^{10}} + \cdots \\ &= \frac{8}{10} + \frac{594}{10^4} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{10^3} + \frac{1}{10^6} + \cdots \right) \\ &= \frac{8}{10} + \frac{594}{10^4} \left( \frac{1000}{999} \right) \\ &= \frac{7992 + 594}{9990} = \frac{8586}{9990}. \end{aligned}$$

**3 Marks. Easy question. Similar to question in book.**

- B2. (i) State the Mean Value Theorem.

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Let  $f$  be a function that satisfies the following hypotheses:

- $f$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$
- $f$  is differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$

Then there is a number  $c \in (a, b)$  such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}.$$

**2 Marks. Bookwork.**

(ii) Find the derivative of  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+4}$ .

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Using the Quotient Rule we find

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x+4) - x}{(x+4)^2} = \frac{4}{(x+4)^2}.$$

**2 Marks. Unseen, straightforward example.**

(iii) Find all numbers,  $c$ , that satisfy the conclusion of the Mean Value Theorem for  $f(x)$  defined on the interval  $[-1, 8]$ .

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$f(x)$  is continuous on  $[-1, 8]$  and differentiable on  $(-1, 8)$  and so it satisfies the hypotheses of the Mean Value Theorem. Therefore  $\exists c \in (-1, 8)$  such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(8) - f(-1)}{8 - (-1)} = \frac{\frac{2}{3} - (-\frac{1}{3})}{9} = \frac{1}{9}.$$

Therefore, using the result from part (ii), we have

$$\frac{4}{(c+4)^2} = \frac{1}{9} \Rightarrow (c+4)^2 = 36 \Rightarrow c = \pm 6 - 4 \Rightarrow c = 2 \text{ or } c = -10.$$

Then  $2 \in (-1, 8)$  but  $-10 \notin (-1, 8)$  so the only valid value is  $c = 2$ .

**4 Marks. Unseen example.**

B3. (i) State the relationship between the cross product of two vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  and the angle,  $\theta$ , between them.

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$$|\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}| = |\mathbf{u}||\mathbf{v}| \sin \theta.$$

**2 Marks. Bookwork.**

(ii) Let  $\mathbf{a} = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \langle 0, 4, 1 \rangle$  and show that  $\langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle$  is orthogonal to both vectors.

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The cross product,  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$ , produces a vector that is orthogonal to both  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ . We find

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \langle 2 - 0, 0 - 1, 4 - 0 \rangle = \langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle,$$

so  $\langle 2 - 0, 0 - 1, 4 - 0 \rangle$  as required.

Alternatively, we could use the dot product twice to show that  $\langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle$  is orthogonal to  $\mathbf{a}$  and, separately, orthogonal to  $\mathbf{b}$ . Two vectors are orthogonal if their dot product vanishes. We find  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle = \langle 1, 2, 0 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle = 2 - 2 + 0 = 0$  and  $\mathbf{b} \cdot \langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle = \langle 0, 4, 1 \rangle \cdot \langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle = 0 - 4 + 4 = 0$ , as expected.

**2 Marks. Unseen, straightforward example.**

(iii) Find the (scalar) equation of the plane that contains the vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  and the point  $(1, 1, 1)$ .

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If both  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are contained in the plane then a normal vector to the plane will be a vector orthogonal to both  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ . From part (ii) we have such a vector so we let the normal vector to the plane be  $\mathbf{n} = \langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle$ . Then the vector equation of the plane is

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) = 0,$$

where  $\mathbf{r} = \langle x, y, z \rangle$  and  $\mathbf{r}_0$  is the position vector of point in the plane. So let  $\mathbf{r}_0 = \langle 1, 1, 1 \rangle$  and then

$$\mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) = \langle 2, -1, 4 \rangle \cdot \langle x-1, y-1, z-1 \rangle = 2(x-1) - (y-1) + 4(z-1) = 2x - y + 4z - 5.$$

The equation of the plane is then given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{n} \cdot (\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_0) = 0 &\Rightarrow 2(x-1) - (y-1) + 4(z-1) = 2x - y + 4z - 5 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 2x - y + 4z = 5. \end{aligned}$$

**3 Marks. Unseen example.**

B4. (i) State Fermat's Little Theorem.

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**Fermat's Little Theorem:** Let  $p$  be a prime number, and let  $a$  be an integer that is not divisible by  $p$ . Then

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

**2 Marks. Bookwork.**

(ii) Prove by contradiction or otherwise that there are infinitely many prime numbers.

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Assume there are only finitely many prime numbers, so that we can list all the primes in order as  $2 = p_1 < p_2 < p_3 < \dots < p_n$ . Now define a positive integer by

$$N = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n + 1.$$

By the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic,  $N$  is equal to a product of prime numbers, and must be divisible by some prime on the original list, so  $\exists 1 \leq i \leq n$  so that  $a$  is a natural number and

$$a = \frac{N}{p_i} = \frac{p_1 p_2 p_3 \cdots p_n + 1}{p_i} = (p_1 p_2 p_3 \cdots p_{i-1} p_{i+1} \cdots p_n) + \frac{1}{p_i},$$

which is impossible since  $p_i \geq 2$ , contradicting our hypothesis that there are finitely many primes. **5 Marks. Bookwork.**

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