



Bachelor of Science General Degree  
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Subject: Mathematics

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Answer Four (04) Questions only

1. a) State the Comparison Test (1 st type) for infinite series.

Hence

(i) determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n+1}}$  is convergent or divergent;

(ii) show that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2^n + 1}{n2^n - 1}$  is divergent.

- b) Suppose that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  have positive terms and  $\frac{a_n}{b_n} \rightarrow l$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $l \neq 0$  is finite.

Show that

(i)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is convergent if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is convergent.

(ii)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  is divergent if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n$  is divergent.

Use the above test to determine whether the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n^3 + 1)^{\frac{1}{3}} - n]$  is convergent or divergent.

2. a) Show that the geometric series  $1 + r + r^2 + \dots$  with positive terms converges if  $r < 1$  and diverges if  $r \geq 1$ .

b) Use Cauchy's Integral Test to show that the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$  converges, if  $p > 1$  and diverges if  $p \leq 1$ .

c) Does the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{n^5} + 1.5^n\right)$  converge? Justify your answer.

d) For which positive values of  $k$  can the Ratio Test be used to prove that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^n n!}{n^n}$  is convergent. Justify your answer.

3. Let  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  be a positive term series such that  $\frac{a_n}{a_{n+1}} = \alpha + \frac{\beta}{n} + \frac{\gamma_n}{n^p}$ , where  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $p > 1$  and  $\{\gamma_n\}$  is a bounded sequence.  
Show that

a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges if  $\alpha > 1$  and diverges if  $\alpha < 1$ , whatever  $\beta$  may be.

b) for  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges if  $\beta > 1$  and diverges if  $\beta < 1$ .

Discuss the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n!)^2 x^{2n+1}}{(2n)!}, \quad x > 0.$$

4. a) Define the absolute convergence and conditional convergence of a given series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n.$$

Determine whether the following series are absolutely convergent, conditionally convergent or divergent.

(i)  $\frac{(-1)^n}{n^4 + 7}$

(ii)  $\frac{(-1)^n}{2n}$

- b) Explain why the alternating series test cannot be used to decide the convergence or divergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n-1} \left(3 - \frac{1}{n}\right).$$

- c) State the Abel's Test.

Use Abel's Test to verify the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos nx}{n^3}.$$

5. a) Let  $f$  be a bounded function on  $[a, b]$ . Prove, in the usual notation, that

(i)  $L(P, f) \leq U(P, f)$ ;

(ii)  $\int_a^b f dx \leq \int_a^b f dx$ .

[You may assume that  $L(P, f) \leq U(P^* f)$ , where  $P^*$  is a refinement of the partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$ .]

- b) Let  $f(x) = x$ ,  $x \in [0, 1]$  and  $P_n = \left\{ \left[0, \frac{1}{n}\right], \left[\frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}\right], \dots, \left[\frac{i-1}{n}, \frac{i}{n}\right], \dots, \left[1 - \frac{1}{n}, 1\right] \right\}$  be the standard partition of  $[0, 1]$ . By using part a)(ii), show that  $f$  is integrable and  $\int_0^1 f dx = \frac{1}{2}$ .

- c) Let  $f(x)$  be defined on  $[0, 1]$  as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (1 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} & ; x \text{ is rational.} \\ 1 - x & ; x \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

Find the upper and lower Riemann integrals for the function  $f$ .  
Is  $f$  Riemann integrable on  $[0, 1]$ ? Justify your answer.

6. a) Let  $f$  be a bounded function on the interval  $[a, b]$ , and  $P$  and  $P^*$  be partitions of  $[a, b]$ , where  $P^*$  is a refinement of  $P$ . Prove, in the usual notation, that  $L(P, f) \leq L(P^*, f)$ .

What is the relation between  $U(P, f)$  and  $U(P^*, f)$ ?

- b) (i) Let  $f$  be a bounded function on  $[a, b]$ . Prove, in the usual notation, that the function  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$  if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a Riemann partition  $P$  of  $[a, b]$  such that  $U(P, f) - L(P, f) < \varepsilon$ .

- (ii) Let  $f : [3, 6] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & ; 3 \leq x < 4 \\ 1 & ; x = 4 \\ 4 & ; 4 < x \leq 6. \end{cases}$$

For the partition  $P_k = \{3, 4 - k, 4 + k, 6\}$ , where  $0 < k < 1$ , use the Riemann's criterion in b)(i) to determine the integrability of the function  $f$ .