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[Three hours]

[Answer all questions, each question carries fourteen marks]

Write your answers for PART-A and PART-B in separate booklets

PART-A

- Q1. a) i.) If $z = x + iy$ is a complex number, where x and y are real numbers, briefly explain what is meant by the modulus and the argument of z .
ii.) Given that

$$\frac{1}{z} = (1 - i)^2 + \frac{3\sqrt{3} - i}{2 - \sqrt{3}i}$$

Express the complex number z in the form $x + iy$.
Find the modulus and the argument of z .

[3 Marks]

- b) i.) Find all the roots of $x^6 - 64 = 0$, in the form $x + iy$, where x and y are real numbers.
ii.) Show all the six roots of the above equation on an Argand diagram.

[6 Marks]

- c) Express $\cos 6\theta$ in terms of $\cos \theta$ and $\sin \theta$.
Hence, solve the equation

$$16x^6 - 24x^4 + 9x^2 - 1 = 0$$

[5 Marks]

- Q2. a) i.) Explain what is meant by the statement, function ' $f(x)$ is continuous at c '.
ii.) Prove that if $f(x)$ is finitely differentiable at c then $f(x)$ is continuous at c .
Is converse of the above true? Justify your answer.
iii.) Show that the following function is not continuous at $x = 0$.

$$f(x) = \frac{2e^{1/x} - 1}{e^{1/x} + 2}$$

[7 Marks]

- b) By using the rules of limits evaluate,

$$\text{i.) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{x^n + x^{n-1} + \dots + x - n}{x - 1} \right) \quad \text{ii.) } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - \cos^3 x}{\sin^2 x} \right)$$

[4 Marks]

- c) i.) Briefly explain what is meant by a 'one to one function'.
ii.) Show that if $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are one to one on \mathbb{R} then $(f \circ g)(x)$ is also one to one.

[3 Marks]

- Q3. a) i.) State the Mean Value Theorem.
 ii.) If f and g are continuous in $[a, b]$ and differentiable in (a, b) with $g'(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$, prove that there exist $c \in (a, b)$ such that

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

- iii.) Use Mean Value Theorem to show that

$$\sin x < x < e^x - 1$$

Hence, deduce that

$$\frac{\sin x}{x} < \frac{e^x}{1+x}$$

- iv.) If $f(x)$ is a twice differentiable function and satisfies $f(2b) = 2f(b)$ and $f''(x) < 0$ for all $x \geq 0$. If $b > a > 0$, by considering two applications of mean value theorem on the interval $[a, b]$ and $[a + b, 2b]$, show that

$$f(a + b) \geq f(a) + f(b)$$

[9 Marks]

- b) i.) State and prove the Euler's theorem on homogeneous function of two variables.
 ii.) If

$$u = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{x^4 + y^4}{x - y} \right)$$

Show that

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + 3 \cot u = 0$$

[5 Marks]

PART B

- Q4. a) Briefly explain the following topics by giving an example for each item.
 i.) Equal matrices
 ii.) Transpose of a matrix
 iii.) Skew symmetric matrix
 iv.) Hermitian matrix

[2 Marks]

- b) If A and B are two matrices conformal for product AB , then show that $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$, where A^T and B^T are the transpose matrices.

[3 Marks]

- c) i.) If A and B are non-singular matrices of the same order and A^{-1} and B^{-1} are the inverse matrices of A and B respectively, show that

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

- ii.) By the method of matrix inversion, solve the system.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 52 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

[5 Marks]

- d) Determine the values of a and b for which the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 5 & -8 & 9 \\ 2 & 1 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- i.) has a unique solution,
ii.) has no solution and,
iii.) has infinitely many solutions.

[4 Marks]

- Q5. a) i.) Briefly explain what is meant by 'Unit vector' and 'Position vector'.

- ii.) Show that the three points, whose position vectors are $(2\underline{i} + 3\underline{j} - 4\underline{k})$,

$$(\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 3\underline{k}), \text{ and } (-7\underline{j} + 10\underline{k}) \text{ are collinear.}$$

- iii.) A particle is displaced from the point whose position vector is $(5\underline{i} - 5\underline{j} - 7\underline{k})$ to the point whose position vector is $(6\underline{i} + 2\underline{j} - 2\underline{k})$ under the action of the constant forces $(10\underline{i} - \underline{j} + 11\underline{k})$, $(4\underline{i} + 5\underline{j} + 6\underline{k})$ and $(-2\underline{i} + \underline{j} - 8\underline{k})$. Find the work done by the forces.

[5 Marks]

- b) A rigid body is spinning with angular velocity 6 radians/sec about an axis OR where R is $(2\underline{i} + 2\underline{j} + \underline{k})$ and O is the origin. Find the velocity of the point $(-3\underline{i} + -2\underline{j} + \underline{k})$ on the body.

[4 Marks]

- c) i.) Evaluate $\text{grad } \phi$ if $\phi = \log(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$
ii.) Given the vector field,

$$\underline{V} = (x^2 - y^2 + 2xz)\underline{i} + (xz - xy + yz)\underline{j} + (x^2 + y^2)\underline{k}.$$

Find $\text{curl } \underline{V}$.

Show that the vectors given by $\text{curl } \underline{V}$ at $P_0(1,2,3)$ and $P_1(2,3,12)$ are orthogonal.

[5 Marks]

