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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HONOURS IN MARINE AND FRESH WATER SCIENCES
DEGREE

Level I Semester I – August/September 2018

OCG 1141- Mathematics I

Time: 2 hours

Answer ALL Questions. Calculators will be provided.

1. a) Find the following limits:

(i) $\lim_{t \rightarrow -3} \frac{2t + 6}{4t^2 - 36}$,

(ii) $\lim_{u \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{u} - 1}{u - 1}$.

b) A population of butterflies in an enclosure at a zoo is modelled by

$$N(t) = 200 - \frac{140}{t + 1}, t \geq 0,$$

where $N(t)$ is the number of butterflies t years after observations of the butterflies commenced.

(i) How long will it take for the butterfly population to reach 172 butterflies?

(ii) Find $\frac{dN(t)}{dt}$ using first principles.

(iii) At what rate will the population be growing at the time when the butterfly population is 172?

(iv) At what time will the growth rate be 10 butterflies per year?

(v) Determine $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} N(t)$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{dN(t)}{dt}$.

c) Find the first derivative $f'(x)$ of $f(x) = \frac{\cos(3x)}{2e^x - x}$ and hence find the gradient at the point where $x = 0$.

2. a) Determine the stationary points of the function

$$f(x) = 2 + 4x - 2x^2 - x^3$$

and classify them as maxima or minima using the second derivative $f''(x)$.

b) Show that the function

$$f(x, y) = x^2 e^{x/y} + xy \cos(x/y)$$

is homogeneous of degree 2 and satisfies the Euler's theorem.

c) Find A and B such that

$$\frac{7x + 4}{6x^2 + 7x + 2} = \frac{A}{2x + 1} + \frac{B}{3x + 2}.$$

Hence find

$$\int \frac{7x + 4}{6x^2 + 7x + 2} dx.$$

3. a) Use integration by parts formula to show that

$$\int_0^{1/2} x e^{2x} dx = \frac{1}{4}.$$

b) The gradient of a curve is given by

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = ax - 6,$$

where a is a constant. Given the curve has a stationary point at $(-1, 10)$, determine its equation.

c) Apply the method of separation of variables to show that the general solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2 e^{2x},$$

given $y = 1$ when $x = 0$, is $y = \frac{2}{3 - e^{2x}}$.

4. a) Show that the differential equation

$$y e^{xy} dx + (x e^{xy} + \sin y) dy = 0,$$

where $y = \pi$ when $x = 0$, is exact and find its solution.

b) Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Using the above two matrices, show that matrix multiplication is not commutative in general.

c) Consider the system of linear equations

$$3x + 5y = 14$$

$$8x - 2y = 22.$$

(i) Write down the equivalent matrix equation $AX = B$ of the above system.

(ii) Find the inverse A^{-1} of A .

(iii) Use the above result in part (ii) to find x and y .
