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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**MAT 330: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS II**

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions**

**Q1.**

- a) i) Show that  $y_1 = e^x \sin x$  and  $y_2 = e^x \cos x$  are the linearly independent solutions of the differential equation  $y'' - 2y' + 2y = 0$ . **(3 Marks)**  
ii) What is the general solution? **(1 Mark)**  
iii) Find the general solution  $y(x)$  with the initial conditions  $y(0) = 2$ ,  $y'(0) = 3$ . **(3 Marks)**

- b) By variation of parameters, find the general solution of the differential equation  
 $y'' - 4y' - 12y = 3e^{5t}$  **(8 marks)**

- c) i) Apply variation of parameters to prove that for any given differential equation  
 $y'' + p(x)y' + q(x)y = r(x)$ , the particular integral is given by

$$y_p = -y_1 \int \frac{y_2 r}{W} dx + y_2 \int \frac{y_1 r}{W} dx \quad \text{(8 mark)}$$

- ii) Apply the relation in (i) above to find the general solution of the differential equation  
 $y'' - 2y' + y = e^x \log x$  **(7 marks)**

**Q2**

- a) Show that the following differential equation is exact, hence solve the equation by reducing its order

$$(1 + x^2)y'' + 4xy' + 2y = \sec^2 x \quad \text{(10 marks)}$$

- b) Solve the differential equation below by first transforming it into normal form

$$(y'' + y) \cot x + 2(y' + y \tan x) = \sec x \quad \text{(10 marks)}$$

**Q3**

- a) Write the following equations in Sturm-Liouville form:

i) Legendre's differential equation  $y'' - \frac{2x}{1-x^2}y' + \frac{\mu}{1-x^2}y = 0$  **(2 Marks)**

ii) Chebyshev's differential equation  $(1 - x^2)y'' - xy' + n^2y = 0$ . **(2 Marks)**

iii) Parametric Bessel equation  $x^2y'' + xy' + (\lambda^2x^2 - m^2)y = 0$ . (2 Marks)

b) Determine the constants  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  so that

$$f(x) = \lambda_1x + 2$$

$$g(x) = \lambda_2x^2 + \lambda_3x + 1 \text{ and}$$

$$h(x) = x - 1$$

are mutually orthogonal in  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and then obtain the corresponding orthogonal set.

(14 marks)

**Q4**

a) Solve the higher order differential equation

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = xe^x$$

(5 marks)

b) Find the curves represented by the solution of  $ydx + (z - y)dy + xdz = 0$ , which lie in the plane  $2x - y - z = 1$ .

(10 marks)

c) Verify that the differential equation below is integrable, hence solve

$$zydx = zxdy + y^2dz$$

(5 marks)

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