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MAIN EXAMINATION

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PART TIME PROGRAMME

MAT 233: ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS I

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

- Q1. a) Define a differential equation **(2 marks)**
- b) State the order and degree of the following differential equation
$$K^3 \left[\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right]^4 = \left[1 - \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^3 \right]^3$$
 (2 marks)
- c) Check for exactness and solve the differential equation
$$y \sin x dx - (1 + y + \cos x) dy = 0$$
 (6marks)
- d) Solve the Bernoulli differential equation
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y = xy^3$$
 (8marks)
- e) Solve the differential equation
$$y'' - 10y' + 25y = 0$$
 (4marks)
- f) Solve the homogeneous equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x-y}{x+y}$ **(8marks)**
- Q2. a) Using the method of separation of variables, solve the initial value problem
$$x \sin y dx + (x^2 + 1) \cos y dy = 0$$
 given that $y(1) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ **(10 marks)**
- b) Solve the linear differential equation $(x + 1) \frac{dy}{dx} + y = e^{3x}(x + 1)^2$ **(10 marks)**

Q3. a) Solve the following non-homogeneous differential equation
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = 2\sin 4x$ **(10 marks)**

b) Solve the following differential equation
 $y^{(4)} - 4y''' - 5y'' + 36y' - 36y = 0$ **(10 marks)**

Q4. a) Use the method of variation of parameters to solve the differential equation
 $y''' + y' = \tan x - \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ **(12 marks)**

b) A body is originally at $80^{\circ}C$. it cools down to $60^{\circ}C$ in 20 minutes. The surrounding temperature is $40^{\circ}C$. what will be the temperature of the body after 40 minutes from the origin? **(8marks)**

Q5. A lake has various streams flowing into it and flowing out of it, the total rates of influx and efflux being equal. For a long time, the streams flowing into the lake are polluted, and pollution in the lake built up to an undesirable level. However, as a result of conservation efforts, the sources of pollution in the streams were eliminated and now only pure water flows into the lake. If the volume of the lake is $V km^3$, if the rate of influx and efflux is $R km^3/year$ and if the pollutants are always uniformly distributed throughout the lake,

a) Obtain the formula for the time it will take for the pollution in the lake to be reduced:
 i) To one-half its level at the time of the clean-up and
 ii) To one-tenth its level at the time of clean up **(15 marks)**

b) Determine the numerical time values for the Lake Erie and Lake Ontario given the following data. **(5marks)**

	$V(km^3)$	R out ($km^3/year$)	At $A=\frac{1}{2}$	At $A = \frac{1}{10}$
Lake Erie	460	175	?	?
Lake Ontario	1600	209	?	?

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