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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**DMAT 100: BASIC MATHEMATICS**

**Date: DECEMBER 2018**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

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

- Q1. a) Find the values of  $x$  for which the expression  $\frac{2x+5}{x-x-6}$  does not exist. **(4 marks)**
- b) Given that  $A$  is the set of odd numbers less than 20, and  $B$  is the set of prime numbers less than 20, list the members of  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $A \cap B$ ,  $A \cup B$ . **(4 marks)**
- c) Convert the following numbers:
- i)  $11011110_2$  into decimal **(2 marks)**
  - ii)  $76_{10}$  into binary **(2 marks)**
  - iii)  $45_8$  into binary **(2 marks)**
  - iv)  $3580_{10}$  into hexadecimal **(2 marks)**
- d) Given that  $f(x) = 10x$  and  $g(x) = x+3$ , find:
- i)  $fg(x)$  **(2 marks)**
  - ii)  $(fg)^{-1}(x)$  **(3 marks)**
- e) How many even numbers, greater than 2000, can be formed with the digits 1,2,4,8, if each digit may be used only once in each number? **(3 marks)**
- f) Find the values of:
- i)  $(27/8)^{-2/3}$  **(3 marks)**
  - ii)  $\text{Log}_2 7$  **(3 marks)**
- Q2. a) Prove the irrationality of  $\sqrt{2}$  **(5 marks)**

- b) Are the following statements true or false? **(4 marks)**
- All prime numbers are odd numbers.
  - Any natural number can be expressed as a rational number.
  - The square root of a natural number is an irrational number.
  - $\pi = 22/7$ , so  $\pi$  is a rational number.
- c) If  $f(x) = x^2$ , express as simply as possible  $\frac{f(a+h)-f(a)}{h}$ ,  $h \neq 0$  **(5 marks)**
- d)
  - Subtract  $001_2$  from  $110_2$  **(2 marks)**
  - Divide  $11001_2$  by  $101_2$  **(2 marks)**
  - Multiply  $1101_2$  by  $1010_2$  **(2 marks)**
- Q3. a) Solve  $x^2 - bx + 13 = 0$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{C}$  **(5 marks)**
- b) Find by completing the square, the greatest value of the function  $f(x) = 1 - 6x - x^2$  **(5 marks)**
- c) Solve the equations:
- $x^2 + 64 = 0$  **(2 marks)**
  - $4x^2 + 9 = 0$  **(2 marks)**
- d) Express in surd form and rationalize the denominators. **(6 marks)**
- $\frac{1}{1 + \cos 45^\circ}$
  - $\frac{2}{1 - \cos 30^\circ}$
  - $\frac{1 + \tan 60^\circ}{1 - \tan 60^\circ}$
- Q4. a) Solve the equation  $\cos 2\theta = 0.6428$ , for values of  $\theta$  between  $-180^\circ$  and  $+180^\circ$ . **(5 marks)**
- b) Solve the equation  $2\sin^2\theta = \sin\theta$ , for values of  $\theta$  from  $0^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$  inclusive. **(7 marks)**
- c) Find, without using tables or calculator, the value of  $\sin(120^\circ + 45^\circ)$ . **(5 marks)**
- d) Solve the equation  $\sin \theta = -1/2$  for values of  $\theta$  from  $0^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$  inclusive. **(3 marks)**
- Q5. a) In how many ways can 8 people sit at a round table? **(3 marks)**
- b) A mixed hockey team containing 5 men and 6 women is to be chosen from 7 men and 9 women. In how many ways can this be done? **(4 marks)**
- c) Expand  $(2x + 3y)^3$  in descending powers of  $x$ . **(5 marks)**
- d) Use Pascal's triangle to obtain the value  $(1.002)^5$ , correct to six places of decimals. **(4 marks)**

e) Find the coefficient of  $x^{10}$  in the expansion of  $(2x - 3)^{14}$ .

**(4 marks)**

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