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SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER,

SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE IN EDUCATION SCIENCE

SMA 3352: ODE 2

DATE: APRIL 2022

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Find the wronskian of e^t, e^{2t}, e^{-st} (3 marks)

b) Solve the system below using matrix method (7 marks)

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 3x + 4y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -2x - 3y$$

c) Show that $y=x$ is a solution of the equation $x^2 y'' - 4xy' + 4y = 0$, hence solve the equation (8 marks)

d) Show that the following equation is non-linear giving reasons

$$5x \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} - 3x \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + 2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + 9y^2 = 0$$
 (3 marks)

- e) Locate and classify the singular points of the equation $(x^2 - 8x)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (x + 2)\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$ (6 marks)
- f) Write down the Legendre differential equation and show its singularity (3 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Verify that the total differential equation is solvable $3x^2dx + 3y^2dy - (x^3 + y^3 + e^{2z})dz = 0$, if so, solve by taking one of the variables as constant (12 marks)
- b) Solve the non-linear differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \sin \frac{dy}{dx} = \sin x$ which satisfies the conditions $y(1)=2$ and $y'(1) = 1$ (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Obtain the power series solution of the equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y$ in ascending powers of x and hence solve the equation (12 marks)
- b) Show that Legendre polynomial of order 1 is x (8 marks)
- $P_1(x) = x$

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Bessel's differential equation is given by $x^2y'' + xy' - p^2y = 0$. Define its singularity and the nature of its power series solution (6 marks)
- b) Show that $x=0$ is an ordinary point of the equation $(x^2 - 1)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3x\frac{dy}{dx} + xy = 0$ (3 marks)
- c) Find the power series solution of $(x^2 - 1)y'' + 3xy' + xy = 0$. (11 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Show that the total differential equation is integrable and hence solve

$$yz(y + z)dx + zx(z + x)dy + xy(x + y)dz = 0 \quad (20 \text{ marks})$$