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FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN

MATH 121: CALCULUS I

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 31/3/2021

8.30 AM – 10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions

QUESTION ONE: 30 MARKS (COMPULSORY)

a) Find the derivatives of the following functions.

i) $f(x) = \cos x \sin x$ [2 Marks]

ii) $3x^2y - 4y - 2x + 1 = 0$ [3 Marks]

iii) $y = e^{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$ [2 Marks]

b) Find d_y^2 / dx^2 given that

$y^3 - x^2 = 4$ [3 Marks]

c) Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[\frac{\sqrt{3+x} - \sqrt{5-x}}{x^3 - 1} \right]$$

d) State without proof the Rolle's theorem. [2 Marks]

f) Find the coordinates of the points on the curve $y = x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x + 2$ at which the tangent is parallel to the line $y = 3x$ [3 Marks]

g) Find the gradient function of the given expression $f(x) = x^3 + 5$. Using first principles. Hence evaluate gradient at the point (2,13). [3 Marks]

h) Use a differential to estimate the change in $f(x) = x^{2/5}$. If x is decreased from 1 to $9/10$. [3 Marks]

i) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ if $y = \sin^{-1}3x - \cos^{-1}3x$ [3 Marks]

j) Analyse the continuity of the function.

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = x & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}x & 1 \leq x < 2 \end{cases}$$

[3 Marks]

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Find y' if $y = \frac{3x^2 - x + 2}{4x^2 + 5}$ [3 Marks]

b) Determine the discontinuities of function. [6 Marks]

$$F(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} x^3, & x \leq -1 \\ x^2 - 2, & -1 < x < 0 \\ 3 - x, & 0 \leq x < 2 \\ \frac{4x-1}{x-1}, & 2 \leq x < 4 \\ 15/7 - x, & 4 < x < 7 \\ 5x + 2, & 7 \leq x \end{array} \right.$$

c) Show that $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-u^2}} \frac{d}{dx} u$ [3 Marks]

d) Find the derivative of the function. [3 Marks]

$f(x) = x^x$ Where $x > 0$

e) Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - \cos t}{t} \right)$$

[3 Marks]

g) State the mean value theorem.

[2 Marks]

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Differentiate $x^2 e^x$ with respect to x

[3 Marks]

b) If $x = a \sec \theta$, and $y = a \tan^3 \theta$. Find $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3}$

[6 Marks]

c) If $f(x) = 4x / (x^2 + 9)$

i) Determine the horizontal asymptotes.

[2 Marks]

ii) Find the relative maxima and minima and the points of inflection.

[3 Marks]

iii) Discuss the concavity and sketch the graph.

[3 Marks]

d) Assuming that equation

$$y^4 + 3y - 4x^3 = 5x + 1$$

Determine implicitly, a differentiable function f such that $Y = f(x)$, find its derivative.

[3 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Prove that $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$

Where $g(x) \neq 0$. Using first principle approach.

[4 Marks]

b) Find the limit of the function.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sec x - 1}$$

c) Evaluate

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left[t^3 - \frac{1}{t^2-1} \right]$$

d) Find the local extrema of the function.

$$f(x) = 2\sin x + \cos 2x$$

On the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ [5 Marks]

f) Use first principle to differentiate

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \quad x \neq 0$$
 [2 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Find y^1 if $y = 3^{\sqrt{x}}$ [2 Marks]

b) If $f(x) = 4x^2 - 5x + 8 - \frac{3}{x}$. Find the four derivatives of $f(x)$ [4 Marks]

c) Use Newton's Method to approximate the largest positive root of the equation.

$$x^3 - 3x + 1 = 0$$
 to four decimal places using $x_1 = 1.5$ [4 Marks]

d) Verify the intermediate value theorem if $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ and the interval is $[3, 24]$ [4 Marks]

e) Sketch the intersecting graphs of the equations $2x^2 + y^2 = 6$ and $y^2 = 4x$ and show that they are orthogonal. [6 Marks]

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