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**FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELORS OF  
SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE)**

**MATH 427: PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS II****STREAMS: BSC. MATHS & B. ED SCI.****TIME: 2 HOURS****DAY/DATE: MONDAY 27/09/2021****8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.****INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer question one and any other two questions
- Adhere to the instructions on the answer booklet.

**QUESTION ONE Compulsory**

- a. Given the Partial differential equation  $(U_{xz})^3 + U_{xyz} = U_x$  State the order, linearity and degree of the Pde giving reasons (3 marks)
- b. Evaluate  $U_{xy} = e^y \cos x$  given that  $U(0, y) = -e^y \sin x$  by direct integration (5marks)
- c. Given the PDE,  $(3 + y)U_{xx} + 2(3 - x)U_{xy} + (3 + y)U_{yy} = U_x + U_y$ , determine the values of (x) and (y) for which the equation is
- i. Hyperbolic. (2 marks)
  - ii. Parabolic (2 marks)
- d. Solve the pde  $U_{xx} - 4U_{xy} + U_{yy} = 0$  by the D operator (3 marks)
- e. Apply the method of separation of variables to solve  $U_x = 2U_t + U$ , given that
- $$U(x, 0) = 6e^{-3x} \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

- f. Given the partial differential equation  $U_{xx} + 4U_{xy} + 5U_{yy} = 0$
- i. Classify the pde (2 marks)
  - ii. Find the characteristics (4 marks)
  - iii. Obtain  $U_{xx}$  and  $U_{yx}$  in terms of the characteristics (4 marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

- a. Classify the following PDE's
- (i).  $U_{tt} = 4U_{xx}$  (2 marks)
  - (ii).  $2U_t = 3U_{xx}$  (2 marks)
  - (iii).  $U_{xx} - 4U_{xy} + U_{yy} = 0$  (2 marks)

- b. Solve the equation  $U_t = U_{xx}$  with boundary conditions given that  $0 < x < l$

7marks

$$U(0, t) = 0$$

$$U(l, t) = 0$$

$$U(x, 0) = 3 \sin n\pi x$$

- c. Solve the pde  $U_{xx} - U_{xy} = \sin x \cos 2y$  by the D operator (7 marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

- a. Given that the homogeneous PDE  $A(x, y)U_{xx} + 2B(x, y)U_{xy} + C(x, y)U_{yy} = 0$ , find it's

characteristic curve  $\lambda$ , and show that  $\lambda = \frac{-B}{C}$  if it is parabolic (4 marks)

- b. Classify the following differential equation in the second quadrant of the xy plane.

$$\left(\sqrt{y^2 + x^2}\right)U_{xx} + 4(x - y)U_{xy} + \left(\sqrt{y^2 + x^2}\right)U_{yy} = 0 \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

- c. Solve the pde  $U_{xx} - 2U_{xy} + U_{yy} = \sin x$  by the D operator (6 marks)

- d. Evaluate  $U_{xy} = x^2y$  given that  $U(x, 0) = x^2$  and  $U(1, y) = \cos y$  by direct integration (6 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

- a. Solve the pde  $U_{xx} + U_{xy} - 6U_{yy} = y \cos x$  by the D operator (6 marks)
- b. Solve the non-homogeneous pde  $U_{xx} + U_x - U_{yy} + 3U_y - 2U = x^2 y$  (7 marks)
- c. Solve the pde  $U_{xx} + U_{yy} = x^2 y^2$  by the D operator (7 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE**

- a. Apply the method of separation of variables to solve  $U_x = 2U_t + U$ , given that  
 $U(x, 0) = 0$  and  $U_t(0, t) = 0$  (10 marks)
- b. The vibrations of an elastic string is governed by the equation  $U_{xx} = U_{tt}$ . Find the deflection  $U(x, t)$  of the vibrating string for  $t > 0$ , under the following conditions. (10 marks)

$$U(0, t) = 0$$

$$U(\pi, t) = 0$$

$$U_t(x, 0) = 0$$

$$U(x, 0) = 2(\sin x + \sin 3x)$$

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