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**GE-MATHEMATICS**

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**ASSIGNMENT**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
All symbols are of usual significance.*

**The question paper contains GE1, GE2, GE3, GE4 and GE5. Candidates are required to answer any *one* from the *five* courses and they should mention it clearly on the Answer Book.**

**GE1**

**CALCULUS, GEOMETRY, AND DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION**

**GROUP-A**

1. Answer **all** the questions from the following: 2×6 = 12
- (a) Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 2x} - x)$
- (b) If  $y = \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2}$ , find  $y_n$  where suffix  $n$  represents  $n$ -th derivative.
- (c) Evaluate:  $\int_0^{\pi/4} \tan^6 x \, dx$
- (d) Find the point of inflexion on the curve  $x = (y - 1)(y - 2)(y - 3)$ .
- (e) Find the rectilinear asymptotes to the curve  $y = xe^{1/x}$ .
- (f) Find the volume of the solid obtained by revolving the astroid  $x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} = a^{2/3}$  about its axis of symmetry.

**GROUP-B**

2. Answer **all** the questions from the following: 5×4 = 20
- (a) Find the envelope of the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ , where the parameters are connected by the relation  $a^n + b^n = c^n$  ( $c$  being fixed).
- (b) If  $y^{1/m} + y^{-1/m} = 2x$ , prove that

$$(x^2 - 1)y_{n+2} + (2n + 1)xy_{n+1} + (n^2 - m^2)y_n = 0$$

- (c) Find the area bounded by one arch of the cycloid  $x = (\theta - \sin \theta)$ ,  $y = a(1 - \cos \theta)$  and the  $x$ -axis.
- (d) If  $I_n = \int \frac{\sin nx}{\sin x} dx$ , show that  $(n-1)(I_n - I_{n-2}) = 2 \sin(n-1)x$ .

**GROUP-C**

3. Answer **all** the questions from the following: 7×4 = 28
- (a) (i) Find the asymptotes of  $(x^2 - a^2)y^2 = x^2(x^2 - 4a^2)$ . 3
- (ii) Prove:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\tan x}{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x^2}} = e^{\frac{1}{3}}$  4
- (b) (i) Find the volume of the solid generated by revolving the cardioid  $r = a(1 + \cos \theta)$  about the initial line. 3
- (ii) Trace the curve  $x^3 + y^3 = 3axy$ . 4
- (c) (i) Show that the curve  $y = \frac{(1-x)}{(1+x^2)}$  has three points of inflexion which lie on a straight line. 3
- (ii) Show that the envelope of the family of circles whose centres lie on the rectangular hyperbola  $xy = c^2$  and which pass through the centre of the hyperbola is  $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 16c^2xy$ . 4
- (d) (i) Find the area enclosed between the curve  $y = x^3$  and the line  $y = x$ . 3
- (ii) If  $I_n = \int_0^1 x^n \tan^{-1} x dx$  ( $n > 2$ ), then prove that  $(n+1)I_n + (n-1)I_{n-2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{1}{n}$ . 4

**GE2**

**ALGEBRA**

**GROUP-A**

1. Answer **all** the questions from the following: 2×6 = 12
- (a) If the roots of the equation  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$  are in Arithmetic Progression, prove that  $p^2 \geq 3q$ . 2
- (b) Check whether the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 5 & 7 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is invertible. 2

- (c) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation defined by  $T(x, y, z) = (2x - y, y + z)$ . 2  
 Find the matrix representation of  $T$  relative to the basis  $\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$ .
- (d) Check whether the set  $\{v_1 = (1, 2, 3), v_2 = (4, 5, 6), v_3 = (2, 1, 0)\}$  is linearly independent. 2
- (e) Apply Descartes' rule of signs to find the nature of the roots of the equation  $x^4 + qx^2 + rx - s = 0$  ( $q, r, s \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ). 2
- (f) Find the rank of the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(x, y, z) = (y, z, 0)$ . 2

**GROUP-B**

**Answer all the questions from the following**

5×4 = 20

2. Solve the equation  $x^5 - 1 = 0$  and hence deduce the values of  $\cos \frac{\pi}{5}$  and  $\cos \frac{2\pi}{5}$ . 5
3. Determine the values of  $a$  and  $b$  for which the system 5  

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 1 \\ x + 2y - z &= b \\ 5x + 7y + az &= b^2 \end{aligned}$$
 has no solution.
4. Solve the equation  $x^4 - 2x^2 + 8x - 3 = 0$  by Ferrari's method. 5
5. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  be the roots of the equation  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ , find the value of  $(\alpha + \beta)(\beta + \gamma)(\gamma + \alpha)$ . 5

**GROUP-C**

**Answer all the questions from the following**

7×4 = 28

6. (a) Solve by Cardan's method: 4  

$$x^3 - 3x + 3 = 0$$
- (b) If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of the equation  $x^3 + 2x^2 + 1 = 0$ , find the equation whose roots are  $\alpha + \frac{1}{\alpha}, \beta + \frac{1}{\beta}, \gamma + \frac{1}{\gamma}$ . 3
7. (a) Determine the special roots of the equation  $x^6 - 1 = 0$ . 4
- (b) Solve if possible the system of equations: 3  

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y + 3z &= 1 \\ 2x + 4y + 2z &= -1 \\ x + 2y - 2z &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

8. (a) Transform the following matrix into row reduced echelon matrix: 4

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -6 & 6 & 4 & -5 \\ 3 & -7 & 8 & -5 & 8 & 9 \\ 3 & -9 & 12 & -9 & 6 & 15 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (b) Define a linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  by 3

$$T(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_2 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \forall x = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

Find the images of  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $u + v = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  under  $T$ .

9. (a) If the sum of two roots of the biquadratic equation  $x^4 - 2x^3 + 4x^2 + 6x - 21 = 0$  is zero, find the roots. 4

- (b) Find the inverse of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -9 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 & 6 \\ -2 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ . 3

### GE3

### DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION AND VECTOR CALCULUS

#### GROUP-A

1. Answer the following questions: 2×6 = 12

- (a) Solve:  $(x^2y - 2xy^2) dx + (3x^2y - x^3) dy = 0$   
 (b) Solve:  $x\sqrt{y} dx + (1+y)\sqrt{(1+x)} dy = 0$   
 (c) Find the Wronskian of  $[1, x, x^2]$ .  
 (d) Construct the differential equation of all circle each of which touches the axis of  $x$  at origin.  
 (e) Solve:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\omega y \quad ; \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = \omega x$$

- (f) Solve:  $\frac{x dx + y dy}{x^2 + y^2}$

#### GROUP-B

2. Answer the following questions: 5×4 = 20

- (a) Solve:  $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 2 \log x$

(b) Solve by the method of variation of parameters

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a^2y = \sec ax$$

(c) Solve by using the method of undetermined coefficients:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = e^{2x}$$

(d) Solve:  $\frac{dy}{dx} + y \cos x = y^n \sin 2x$

**GROUP-C**

3. Answer the following questions: 7×4 = 28

(a) (i) Show that  $x^{-1} \sin x$  is a part of the complementary function for the differential equation 3

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \left(1 + \frac{2}{x} \cot x - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)y = x \cos x$$

(ii) Solve:  $\frac{dx}{dt} + 5x - 2y = e^t$  4

$$\frac{dy}{dt} - x + 6y = e^{2t}$$

(b) (i) Solve: 3

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \sec^2 y \tan y$$

(ii) Solve:  $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$  4

(c) (i) Solve: 3

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin x + x \cos x}{y(2 \log y + 1)}$$

(ii) Find the Lipschitz constant for the function  $f(t, y) = 6ty^{2/3}$ . 4

(d) (i) Find the value of  $u$  which satisfies the equation 4

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\theta^2} + u = 2k \cos \theta$$

and also the following conditions:

$$u \text{ has the same value when } \theta = \pm \pi/2 \text{ and } \int_0^{\pi/2} u d\theta = 0.$$

(ii) Solve:  $(1 + 3e^{x/y})dx + 3e^{x/y}(1 - x/y)dy = 0$  3

**GE4**  
**GROUP THEORY**

**GROUP-A**

1. Answer *all* the questions from the following: 2×6= 12
- (a) If  $G$  be a commutative group, then prove that  $H = \{a^2 : a \in G\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . 2
- (b) Let  $a, b, c$  be three elements of a group  $G$ . Show that 2
- $$(abc)^{-1} = c^{-1}b^{-1}a^{-1}$$
- (c) What is the inverse permutation of  $(1, 5) (2, 3, 4)$ ? 2
- (d) Give an example of a finite subgroup of an infinite group. 2
- (e) Write down the elements in the group  $S_3$ . 2
- (f) Show that the identity element in a subgroup of a group is the same as that of the group. 2

**GROUP-B**

Answer *all* the questions from the following

5×4 = 20

2. Find the eight symmetries of a square and show that they form a non-abelian group. 5
3. Let  $M := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & y \\ x & y \end{pmatrix}; x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x + y \neq 0 \right\}$  5
- Check whether  $M$  forms a group with respect to matrix multiplication.
4. Let  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$  be the group of invertible  $2 \times 2$  real matrices with respect to the matrix multiplication. Then find the centre of  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . 5
5. Show that the set  $\mathbb{Z}$ , of all odd integers forms a group with respect to the binary operation  $*$ , where for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , 5

$$a * b := a + b - 3$$

**GROUP-C**

Answer *all* the questions from the following

7×4= 28

6. Let  $Q_8 := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a + ib & c + id \\ -c + id & a - ib \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}; a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 = 1; i^2 = -1 \right\}$  7
- Show that  $Q_8$  forms a group with respect to matrix multiplication.

7. Let  $G$  be the open interval  $(-1, 1)$ . Define the binary operation  $*$  on  $G$  by 7
- $$a * b := \frac{a+b}{1+ab}, \quad \forall a, b \in G$$
- Show that  $(G, *)$  is a group.
8. (a) Let  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $S_4$ . Compute 4  
each of the following:
- (i)  $\alpha\beta\gamma^{-1}$  (ii)  $\alpha^2\beta$
- (b) Prove that a group  $(G, *)$  is commutative if  $(a * b)^n = a^n * b^n$  for any three 3  
consecutive integers  $n$  and  $\forall a, b \in G$ .
9. (a) Check whether the set of residue classes modulo 5 forms a group with respect to 4  
multiplication of residue classes.
- (b) Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a non-empty finite subset of  $G$ . Then  $H$  is a subgroup 3  
of  $G$  iff for any two elements  $a, b \in H$ ,  $ab \in H$ .
- Given an example to show that the above result may not hold when  $H$  is infinite.

### GE5

### NUMERICAL METHODS

#### GROUP-A

1. Answer **all** the following questions: 2×6 = 12
- (a) Round the numbers 0.01201 and  $-239.85$  upto three significant digits.
- (b) Locate the real root of  $x^2 + \ln x = 2$  by graphical method.
- (c) Give the geometrical significance of  $f'(x)$  in approximation of the root of the equation  $f(x) = 0$  by Newton-Raphson method.
- (d) Suggest a value of constant  $k$  so that the iteration formula  $x = x + k(x^2 - 3)$  may converge at a good rate, given that  $x = \sqrt{3}$  is a root.
- (e) When a system of linear equations is said to be ill conditioned?
- (f) Which one of the arrangements
- (i)  $x = (9x - 1)^{1/3}$  (ii)  $x = \frac{1}{9 - x^2}$  (iii)  $x = \sqrt{9 - \frac{1}{x}}$
- will give the root between 0 and 1 by fixed point iteration method of the equation  $x^3 - 9x - 1 = 0$ ? — Give reason.

#### GROUP-B

2. Answer **all** the following questions: 5×4 = 20
- (a) Find a real root of the equation  $x^3 + x - 3 = 0$  by Newton-Raphson method, correct upto 4-significant figures lying between 1.2 and 1.3.

- (b) The fourth degree polynomial equation  $f(x) = 230x^4 + 18x^3 + 9x^2 - 221x - 9 = 0$  has real root in  $[-1, 0]$ . Approximate that root upto two decimal places by Bisection method and that then upto four decimal places by the Secant method.
- (c) Use fixed-point iteration method to find an approximation to  $\sqrt[3]{25}$  that is accurate to within  $10^{-4}$ . Compare your result and the number of iterations required with the answer as obtained by Bisection method.
- (d) Use the method of iteration to find the root of the equation  $10^x + x - 4 = 0$  correct upto 5 decimal places.

**GROUP-C**

3. Answer *all* the following questions: 7×4 = 28
- (a) Solve the equations using Gauss elimination method 5+2
- $$0.34x_1 - 0.58x_2 + 0.94x_3 = 2$$
- $$0.27x_1 + 0.42x_2 + 0.13x_3 = 1.5$$
- $$0.2x_1 - 0.51x_2 + 0.54x_3 = 0.8$$
- and show that the number of multiplication and divisions required to solve is 21.
- (b) Reduce the following system of linear equations in the diagonally dominant system and then solve by Gauss-Seidel iteration method: 2+5
- $$x_1 + x_2 + 4x_3 = 9$$
- $$8x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 = 20$$
- $$4x_1 + 11x_2 - x_3 = 33$$
- upto three significant figures.
- (c) (i) The equation  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$  has two real roots  $\alpha, \beta$ . Show that the iteration method  $x_{k+1} = -\frac{ax_k + b}{x_k}$  is convergent near  $\alpha$  if  $|\alpha| > |\beta|$ . 4
- (ii) Show that bisection method converges linearly. 3
- (d) (i) Show that the iteration  $x_{n+1} = \frac{(x_n + a/x_n)}{2}$  has a second order convergence to  $\sqrt{a}$ . 3
- (ii) Solve the equations by an iterative method: 4
- $$1.876x_1 + 2.985x_2 - 11.62x_3 = -0.972$$
- $$12.214x_1 + 2.367x_2 + 3.672x_3 = 7.814$$
- $$2.412x_1 + 9.879x_2 + 1.564x_3 = 4.89$$

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