

**FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2016**

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT 1C ~~04—ODE~~ AND CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS

(2010 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Part A

Answer all questions.

Each question carries 1 weightage.

1. Define radius of convergence of a power series and determine the same for the power series :

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{p(p-1)\dots(p-n+1)x^n}{n!}; p \neq 0.$$

2. Locate and classify the singular points on the x-axis for the equation  $(3x+1)xy'' - (x+1)y' + 2y = 0$ .

3. Evaluate  $\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} F(a, b, \frac{a}{b})$ .

4. Determine the nature of the point  $x = \infty$  for Legendre's equation  $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + p(p+1)y = 0$ , where  $p$  is a constant.

5. Find the first two terms of the Legendre series of  $f(x) = ex$ .

6. Define gamma function and show that  $\Gamma(n+1) = n!$  for any integer  $n > 0$ .

7. Show that  $\int_0^{\infty} x J_1(x) dx = x J_0(x)$ .

8. Describe the phase portrait of the system  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 1, \frac{dy}{dt} = 2$ .

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9. State **Liapunov's** theorem.
10. Show that a function of the form  $ax^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + dy^3$  cannot be either positive definite or negative definite.
11. Find the normal form of **Bessel's** equation  $x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - p^2)y = 0$
12. State Picard's theorem.
13. Show that  $f(x, y) = y^{1/2}$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition on the rectangle  $|x| \leq 1$  and  $|y| \leq 1$ .

14. Find the stationary function of  $\int_0^4 (y' - y)^2 dx$  which is determined by the boundary conditions  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y(4) = 3$ .

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

**Part B**

Answer any **seven** questions.  
Each question carries 2 *weightage*.

15. Show that  $\tan x = x + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{2}{15}x^5 + \dots$  by solving  $y' = 1 + y^2$ ,  $y(0) = 0$  in two ways.
16. Find the general solution of:  
 $(1 - e^x)y'' + \frac{1}{2}y' + e^x y = 0$   
near the singular point  $x = 0$ .
17. Show that the solutions of the equation  $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + n(n+1)y = 0$ , where  $n$  is a non-negative integer, bounded near  $x = 1$  are precisely constant multiples of the polynomial:

$$F[-n, n+1, 1, \frac{1}{2}(1-x)].$$

18. If  $f(x) = x^\mu$  for the interval  $0 < x < 1$ , show that its Bessel series in the functions  $J_\nu(\lambda_n x)$ , where

the  $\lambda_n$ 's are the positive zeros of  $J_\nu$  is 
$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\lambda_n J_{\nu+1}(\lambda_n)} J_\nu(\lambda_n x).$$

19. Show that if  $w(t)$  is the Wronskian of the two solutions  $(x_1(t), y_1(t))$  and  $(x_2(t), y_2(t))$  on  $[a, b]$

of the homogeneous system  $\frac{dx}{dt} = a_1(t)x + b_1(t)y$ ;  $\frac{dy}{dt} = a_2(t)x + b_2(t)y$ , then  $w(t)$  is either identically zero or nowhere zero on  $[a, b]$ .

20. Determine the nature and stability properties of the critical point  $(0, 0)$  for the system :

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -4x - y, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = x - 2y.$$

21. Show that  $(0, 0)$  is an unstable critical point for the system  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2xy + x^3$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dt} = -x^2 + y^5$

22. If  $y(x)$  is a non-trivial solution of  $y'' + q(x)y = 0$ , show that  $y(x)$  has an infinite number of

positive zeros if  $q(x) \geq k$  for some  $k > \frac{1}{4}$ , and only a finite number if  $q(x) < \frac{1}{4}$ .

23. A curve in the first quadrant joins  $(0, 0)$  and  $(1, 0)$  and has a given area beneath it. Show that the shortest such curve is an arc of a circle.

24. Explain Picard's method of successive approximations of solving the initial value problem :

$y' = f(x, y)$ ,  $y(x_0) = y_0$ , where  $f(x, y)$  is an arbitrary function defined and continuous in some neighbourhood of the point  $(x_0, y_0)$

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

### Part C

Answer any **two** questions.

Each question carries 4 weightage.

25. Find two independent Frobenius series solutions of the equation :

$$x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - \frac{1}{4})y = 0.$$

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26. State and prove the orthogonality property for  $J_p(x)$ , the **Bessel** functions of order  $p$ .
27. For the non-linear system :

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = y(2 + x), \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 2xy.$$

- (i) Find the critical points.
  - (ii) Find the differential equation of the paths.
  - (iii) Solve this equation to find the paths.
  - (iv) Sketch a few of the paths.
28. Solve the initial value problem by Picard's method :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= z & y(0) &= 1 \\ \frac{dz}{dx} &= -y & z(0) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)