

**Question 1 (20 marks)**

- a) Show that the differential equation

$$(2 + \sin^{-1} y) dx + \frac{x - 3}{\sqrt{1 - y^2}} dy = 0, \quad -1 < y < 1,$$

is an exact equation. Hence, find its solution for  $y(0) = 1$ .

**(7 marks)**

- b) Find the solution to the Bernoulli's equation

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 2y^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad y > 0.$$

**(7 marks)**

- c) The growth rate of a bacteria in a culture can be represented by the following differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP,$$

where  $P(t)$  is the population of bacteria at time  $t$  (hour), and  $k$  is a constant. If at time  $t = 0$  the population of bacteria are 500 and it increases to 1000 after one hour, find the population of the bacteria after two hours.

**(6 marks)****Question 2 (15 marks)**

- a) Solve the boundary value problem,

$$y''' + 3y'' + 4y' + 12y = 0$$

subject to  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y(\pi) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 1$ .

**(7 marks)**

- b) The equation of motion for an undamped system at resonance is governed by

$$m \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + ky = F_0 \cos \gamma t,$$

where  $m$  is the mass,  $k$  is the spring constant and  $F_0 \cos \gamma t$  is the external force. Find  $y(t)$  if  $m = 5\text{kg}$ ,  $k = 500 \text{ N/m}$ ,  $F_0 = 500 \text{ N}$ ,  $\gamma = 20$ ,  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 4$ .

(8 marks)

**Question 3 (15 marks)**

- a) Given

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 1, \\ t - 1, & t \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Write  $f(t)$  in terms of unit step function. Hence, find  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}$ .

(3 marks)

b) Find  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ \frac{e^{-s}}{s^2(s^2 + s - 2)} \right\}$ .

(6 marks)

- c) Use the results in part (a) and (b), or otherwise to find the solution to the initial value problem

$$y'' + y' - 2y = f(t), \quad y(0) = y'(0) = 0,$$

where the function  $f(t)$  given in part (a).

(6 marks)

**Question 4 (15 marks)**a) Find  $\mathcal{L}\{t \cosh 2t\}$ .**(3 marks)**b) Use the convolution theorem to find  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{(s^2 + a^2)^2}\right\}$ .**(5 marks)**c) Given that  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  satisfy the simultaneous differential equations

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

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

subject to the initial conditions  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 1$  when  $t = 0$ . Solve for  $x(t)$  by using Laplace transform.

**(7 marks)****Question 5 (15 marks)**

Given a function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + \pi, & -\pi \leq x < 0 \\ 0, & 0 < x \leq \pi \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = f(x + 2\pi).$$

a) Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$  for  $-3\pi \leq x \leq 3\pi$ . Hence, determine if the function is even, odd or neither.**(4 marks)**b) Show that the Fourier series of  $f(x)$  is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{\pi}{4} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{2 \cos(2n-1)x}{\pi(2n-1)^2} - \frac{\sin nx}{n} \right\}.$$

**(8 marks)**

- c) By choosing an appropriate value of  $x$ , find the exact value for the following series

$$1 + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{7^2} + \dots$$

(3 marks)

**Question 6 (20 marks)**

- a) Use the D'Alembert solution method to solve the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = 16 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad t > 0, \quad -\infty < x < \infty,$$

subject to initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = e^x, \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = e^{-x}.$$

(5 marks)

- b) Find the solution of the following heat equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 < x < 2, \quad t > 0,$$

that satisfies the boundary conditions

$$u_x(0, t) = 0, \quad u_x(2, t) = 0, \quad t > 0,$$

and initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = 2x(1 - x), \quad 0 < x < 2.$$

(15 marks)