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**Course Code: MTH 302**  
**Course Title: Elementary Differential Equations II**  
**Credit Unit: 3**  
**Time allowed: 3 Hours**  
**Instruction: Answer Question Number One and Any Other Four Questions**

1(a). Given a second order ordinary differential equation  $p(x)y''(x) + Q(x)y'(x) + R(x)y(x) = 0$ , what do you understand by the regular singular point of the equation? **(4 marks)**

(b). Locate and classify all singular points of the equation

$$x^3(x - 1)y'' + (x - 1)y' + 4xy = 0. \quad \text{(4 marks)}$$

(c). Consider the ordinary differential equation

$$2xy'' + (1 + x)y' - 2y = 0$$

(i) Identify the regular singular point of the equation **(1 mark)**

(ii) Assume a series solution about its regular singular point and

find the indicial of the equation **(6 marks)**

(iii) Determine the general solution of the equation **(7 marks)**

2(a). Identify the differential equation

$$x^2y'' + \alpha xy' + \beta y = 0 \quad \text{(2 marks)}$$

(b). Transform the equation into a differential equation with constant coefficients by making use of the transformation  $x = e^z$  or  $z = \log x$ ,  $x > 0$ . **(7 marks)**

(c) Hence, determine the solution of the equation if the roots of the auxiliary equation obtained have

(i) real and distinct roots (ii) equal real roots **(3 marks)**

3(a). Determine the Fourier series of a function  $f(x)$  defined on the interval  $-L \leq X \leq L$  (3 marks)

(b). Obtain the Fourier series representation of function  $f(x) = x + 1$  for  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$  (9 marks)

4 (a). What are even and odd functions? (2 marks)

(b). determine whether or not each of the following functions is even or odd or neither even nor odd

(i)  $\cosh(x)$  (1 mark)

(ii)  $\sinh(x)$  (1 mark)

(iii)  $x^2 + \sin x$  (1 mark)

(iv)  $1 + x + 3x^4$  (1 mark)

(c). Determine the Fourier series representation of  $f(x) = x^2$

in the interval  $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ . (6 marks)

5(a). Define the orthogonality conditions of the set of functions  $f_0(x), f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)$

with respect to a weight function  $w(x)$ . (2 marks)

(b). Determine the Eigen values and Eigen functions of the system.

$u'' + \lambda u = 0, u(0) = 0, u(\pi) = 0$  (6 marks)

(c). Prove that Eigen functions of the equation are orthogonal in  $[0, \pi]$ . (4 marks)

6(a). Determine for what values of  $x$  the series  $\sum_r a_r (x - x_0)^r$

(i) converges (2 1/2 marks)

(ii) diverges (2 1/2 marks)

6(b). Solve the differential equation  $y'' + y = 0$  near an ordinary point  $x = 0$  (7 marks)