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FACULTY OF SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
2021_1 Examination ...

Course Code: MTH 382

Course Title: Mathematical Methods IV

Credit Unit: 3

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Total: 70 Marks

Instruction: Answer Question One (1) and Any Other 4 Questions

Q1 (a) Define each of the following:

i) an ordinary differential equation **(2 marks)**

ii) a Legendre equation **(2 marks)**

(b) Show that if $R(p) > 0$ and $R(q) > 0$ then

$$\beta(p, q) = \frac{\Gamma(p)\Gamma(q)}{\Gamma(p+q)} \quad \textbf{(7 marks)}$$

c) Using the Rodrigue's formula, find $P_n(x)$ for $n = 0, 1$ and 2 . **(6 marks)**

d) Solve $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u$ by method of separation of variables. **(5 marks)**

Q2 (a) State the boundedness and Lipschitz conditions. **(5 marks)**

(b) Show that under the stated assumptions on F , the equation $F'(x) = F[x, f(x)], f(x_0) = y_0$ has a unique solution defined in the interval $(x_0 - r, x_0 + r)$

$$\text{where } r < \min\left(a, \frac{b}{M}, \frac{1}{K}\right) \quad \textbf{(7 marks)}$$

Q3 (a) Define each of the following:

(i) a gamma function **(2 marks)**

(ii) a beta function **(2 marks)**

(b) Find (i) $\Gamma(\alpha + 1) = \alpha\Gamma(\alpha)$ **(2 marks)**

(ii) $\Gamma(1) = 1$ **(3 marks)**

c) Prove that $(\alpha)_n = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+n)}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$ **(3 marks)**

Q4 (a) Define each of the following:

(i) Hypergeometric functions **(2 marks)**

(ii) Bessel's equation of index ν **(2 marks)**

(b) Show that ${}_2F_1(\alpha, \beta, \beta, x) = (1-x)^{-\alpha}$ **(3 marks)**

c) Find $\int_0^{\pi} J_0(z \cos \theta) \cos \theta d\theta$ **(5 marks)**

Q5 (a) Define a Legendre function? **(2 marks)**

(b)i) State the Rodrigue's formula **(2 marks)**

ii) Find $P_2(x)$ using the Rodrigue's formula **(4 marks)**

c) Prove that $P'_{n+1}(x) = (2n+1)P_n(x) + P'_{n-1}(x)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$ **(4 marks)**

Q6 (a) i) Define a partial differential equation **(1 mark)**

ii) What is the name of each of the following partial differential equation?

I. $\Delta^2 \theta = \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial t^2}$ **(1 mark)**

II. $\Delta^2 \theta + f = 0$ **(1 mark)**

III. $\Delta^2 \theta = 0$ **(1 mark)**

(b) Find the solution of the heat conduction equation $\alpha^2 u_{xx} = u_x$ with boundary condition $u_x(0, t) = 0, u_x(l, t) = 0$ **(8 marks)**