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SCT 102-2 / SCT 105-2 Mathematics I

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Number of questions: Four (04)

Answer **all** questions

Time allocation: **Two (02)** hours

Total marks allocated: 100

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1.

a. Let a function  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  defined on  $[-1, 1]$ .

- i. Draw  $f$  on  $[-1, 1]$ .
- ii. State the domain and the range of  $f$ .
- iii. For which values of  $x$ ,  $f(x)$  is 2?
- iv. On which interval is  $f$  increasing?
- v. On which interval is  $f$  decreasing?

(10 marks)

b. Suppose that the height (in millimeters) of a small corn seedling after  $t$  days from

germination is given by 
$$h(t) = \frac{100}{3 + 5e^{-t}}$$

- i. What is the height of the corn seedling?
- ii. What is the eventual height (the height when  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ) of the plant?

(10 marks)

c. Find the constant  $c$  that makes  $f$  continuous on  $(-\infty, \infty)$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - c^2, & \text{if } x < 4 \\ cx + 20, & \text{if } x \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

(5 marks)

2.

a.

i. State the Intermediate Value Theorem and the Mean Value Theorem.

ii. If  $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 + \ln\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ , show that there is a number  $c$  so that  $f(c) = 0$

iii. Determine all the numbers  $c$  which satisfy the conclusions of the Mean Value

Theorem for the following function.

$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - x ; \text{ on } [-1, 2]$$

(15 marks)

b. If an initial amount  $A_0$  of money is invested at an interest rate  $i$  compounded  $n$  times a

year, the value of the investment after  $t$  years is  $A = A_0 \left(1 + \frac{i}{n}\right)^{nt}$ . Show that  $A = A_0 e^{it}$

when interest is compounding continuously (i.e. let  $n \rightarrow \infty$ )

(10 marks)

3. a. An amount Rs. 15000 is deposited in a bank account at 5% interest, compounded annually.

Then the balance after  $n$  years is found by using the formula

$$a_n = 15000 \left(1 + \frac{5}{100}\right)^n$$

- i. Find the account balance after six years.
- ii. Find the first five terms of the sequence.
- iii. State whether the sequence is increasing or decreasing.
- iv. Is the sequence convergent or divergent?

(10 marks)

- b.
- i. Define sequences and series.
  - ii. What are the difference between a sequence and series.
  - iii. Under which conditions does an alternating series converge?
  - iv. Test the convergence of the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{5(n+1)}{5n+4}\right)^n$$

(15 marks)

4. a. In a study of frost penetration it was found that the temperature  $T$  at time  $t$  at a depth  $x$  can be modeled by the function  $T(x, t) = T_0 + T_1 e^{-\lambda x} \sin(\omega t - \lambda x)$ . Where  $T_0, T_1, \omega$  and  $\lambda$  are positive constants.

- i. Find  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$
- ii. Show that  $T$  satisfies the heat equation  $T_t = k T_{xx}$  for a certain constant  $k$ .

(10 marks)

b. Determine whether the following integrals convergent or divergent. If it is convergent find its value.

i.  $\int_{-2}^2 \frac{1}{x^4} dx$

ii.  $\int_{-2}^2 \frac{1}{x^4+1} dx$

iii.  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x} dx$

iv.  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{1}{x} dx$

(15 marks)