

Candidates should attempt all questions in Section A and three questions in Section B.

Section A

1.(i) 3 people join the queue for a ride at Euro-Disney every two minutes and 5 people leave the queue every four minutes to take the ride. Write down a differential equation for $n(t)$, the number of people in the queue at time t , where the unit of time is one minute. How long does it take for there to be 20 people in the queue, given that initially there were none?

[4 marks]

(ii) A better model takes into account the fact that the rate of arrival of people at the queue is reduced, estimated to be by a factor $(1 - n/180)$, by people not wanting to queue a long time. Write down the new differential equation and, with the same initial condition as above, solve it. What is the maximum possible number of people in the queue?

[8 marks]

2. In a model, a theoretical biologist relates the number $N(m + 1)$ of a species of beetle in year $(m + 1)$ to the number $N(m)$ in year m by the equation:

$$N(m + 1) = (1 + b)N(m) - c,$$

where the term c is due to predation. b, c are positive constants. Find the equilibrium value of N and the value of $N(m)$ in terms of $N(0)$, the value of $N(m)$ in year 0.

[6 marks]

3. On average a female salmon mates with 5 male salmon in a season. Assuming a Poisson distribution for the probability of mating with a number of males, find to 3 significant figures the probability of a female salmon mating with : (i) one male salmon: (ii) five male salmon.

[5 marks]

4. A particle with position vector $\mathbf{r}(t)$ at time t , has velocity

$$\mathbf{i}e^{-t} - 10(3\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k})e^{-5t}.$$

The particle is initially at the origin. Find its position vector at time $t > 0$. At what position does the particle come to rest? Show also that the particle travels in a plane.

[7 marks]

5. A boat of mass m Kg travels in a straight line and its engine exerts a force T Newtons against a resisting force Tv/u Newtons, where v m/s is the velocity and u is a constant. Write down the equation of motion for the boat. Its initial velocity is 0 m/s. Show that its velocity at time t is

$$u(1 - e^{-Tt/mu}).$$

How far does it travel in that time?

[8 marks]

6. A pendulum obeys the equation

$$\ddot{\theta} + 10\dot{\theta} + 169\theta = 0,$$

where θ is the angle of the pendulum to the vertical. At time $t = 0$, $\theta = \pi/12$ and $\dot{\theta} = 0$. Find the value of θ at time t .

[8 marks]

7. A ball is thrown with a speed of 10 m/s, at an angle θ to the horizontal. Write down or derive the equations for the horizontal and vertical distances, x and y respectively, travelled by the ball in t seconds.

[3 marks]

It is supposed to hit an object at a point 9m away horizontally and 0.5m above the point of projection. Find the possible value(s) of θ , leaving your result in the form of an inverse trigonometric function.

(you can take g to be 10m/s^2 . Hint: $\sec^2 \theta = 1 + \tan^2 \theta$.)

[6 marks]

Section B

8. The number $n(t)$, in units of 10^6 , of mackerel in the seas around Britain approximately obeys the equation, for $n \neq 0$:

$$dn/dt = 6n - n^2/2 - f,$$

where f is a constant representing the fishing quota per year allowed by the E.U. For $n = 0$, $dn/dt = 0$. The unit of time is one year. After consultation the E.U. decide that a suitable value of f is $11/2$.

What are the equilibrium values of n ? Sketch the graph of dn/dt against n , and hence describe the way that $n(t)$ varies for various initial populations $n(0)$.

[9 marks]

What is the long term behaviour of $n(t)$?

[2 marks]

Outline the steps you would take to solve the above differential equation. Indicate how you would use the exact solution to verify your conclusions above.

[4 marks]

9. A model for the number $x(t)$ of rat fleas per unit area at time t uses the equation

$$dx/dt = x^2y,$$

where $y(t)$ is the number of rats per unit area at time t . The fleas give the rats a lethal disease. Thus the number of rats is thought to satisfy the equation:

$$dy/dt = y - x^2y.$$

Find the equation for dy/dx and integrate it, given that initially $x = 3/4$ and $y = 5/12$.

[9 marks]

Sketch the graph of y against x , indicating the realistic part of the graph and the direction that x and y change with time. Describe what happens to the two populations.

[6 marks]

10. (i) A car of mass m Kg is travelling at u m/s along a straight road when, at time $t = 0$, it begins to lose power. The force that the engine provides can thus be written as $T - at$ Newtons for $t < T/a$, and 0 otherwise. The friction is T Newtons, when the car is moving.

Write down Newton's equation of motion for $t < T/a$, and for $t > T/a$.

[4 marks]

Find how long it takes for the car to stop when:

(i) $2mua < T^2$?

[4 marks]

(ii) $2mua > T^2$?

[7 marks]

11. A bungee jumper of mass m Kg falls under the force of gravity. The unstretched rope has length l m, which means that he has free fall for this distance. What is his velocity after falling this far?

[3 marks]

After this the rope exerts a force $-mb^2(x - l)$ Newtons, where x is the total distance the jumper falls. Show that

$$v^2 = 2gx - (bx)^2 + 2b^2lx - (bl)^2.$$

where v is the velocity in m/s.

[8 marks]

What is the maximum distance the jumper falls?

[4 marks]