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**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

For The Following Qualifications:-

*B.A. B.Eng. B.Sc. M.Sci.*

**Mathematics A1A: Elementary Mathematics 1**

**COURSE CODE : MATHA01A**

**UNIT VALUE : 0.50**

**DATE : 17-MAY-05**

**TIME : 14.30**

**TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours**

All questions may be attempted but only marks obtained on the best **five** solutions will count.

The use of an electronic calculator is permitted in this examination.

1. Simplify the following:

(a) 
$$\frac{(x - 3y)(x^2 - 4xy)(xy - y^2)(x + 2y)}{x(yx^2 - 6y^3 - xy^2)},$$

(b) 
$$(x + y)^3 - (x - y)^3 + y(x + y)^2 - x(x + y)^2,$$

(c) 
$$(x^{\frac{3}{2}}y\sqrt{z})^3 \frac{y^5}{\sqrt[4]{z^{12}}}.$$

2. Sketch the curve  $y = x^2 - 3x + 2$  giving the coordinates of the points where it crosses the  $x$ -axis.

The line  $L_1$  passes through the points  $(2, -2)$  and  $(3, -4)$ . Find the equation of the line  $L_1$  and the coordinates of the points at which it cuts the curve.

A second line  $L_2$  is perpendicular to  $L_1$  and passes through the point  $(1, 1)$ . Find the equation of the line  $L_2$  and add the lines  $L_1, L_2$  to your sketch. [There is no need to find the coordinates of the points where  $L_2$  cuts the curve.]

3. Write down the formulae for  $\sin(A+B)$  and  $\sin(A-B)$  in terms of  $\sin A, \sin B, \cos A,$  and  $\cos B$ . Apply one formula to

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

to deduce that

$$\sin \frac{7\pi}{12} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}}.$$

Find a similar result for  $\sin \frac{\pi}{12}$ .

Write down the exact values of  $\sin \frac{5\pi}{12}, \sin \frac{13\pi}{12}$  and  $\cos \frac{\pi}{12}$ .

4. Differentiate the following with respect to  $x$ :

(a)  $\frac{x^2 + 1}{x + 1}$ ,

(b)  $x^{\frac{1}{2}}e^{x^2}$ ,

(c)  $\frac{1}{x^3} + \ln(3x^3)$ ,

(d)  $\sin(x \sin x)$ .

5. (a) Two circles, centres  $A$  and  $B$  and each of radius 5cm., have their centres 8cm. apart and intersect along the line  $PQ$ . Find the length  $PQ$ . Denote the angle  $PAB$  by  $\alpha$  and show that  $\cos \alpha = 4/5$ .

Assuming the formula for the area of a circle, show that the area of the sector  $PAQ$  of the circle centre  $A$  is  $(25\alpha)\text{cm}^2$ . Find, as a function of  $\alpha$ , the area common to the two circles.

(b) Sketch the curve  $y = 1/x^2$  and find the equation of the tangent where  $x = 1$ .

6. Write down the formula for the MacLaurin expansion of  $f(x)$  in powers of  $x$ . Apply it to the function  $(1 + x)^n$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer, to show that

$$(1 + x)^n = \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} x^r.$$

Find

(i) the coefficient of  $x^8$  in  $(1 + x^2)^{14}$ ,

(ii) the coefficient of  $x^{-7}$  in  $\left(2 - \frac{3}{x}\right)^{10}$ .

7. (a) Show that the equation  $z^2 + 2z + 3 = 0$  has no real roots.

Find the roots  $z_1, z_2$  and show that they are complex conjugates.

Show that  $z_1 + z_2 = -2$  and that  $z_1 z_2 = 3$ .

Choose either root to be  $z_1$  and write  $z_1/z_2$  in the form  $a + ib$  where  $a, b$  are real numbers.

(b) Write  $1 + i$  in the form  $re^{i\theta}$  and hence write  $(1 + i)^{23}$  in the form  $c + id$  where  $c, d$  are real numbers.