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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
MATHEMATICS**

**KMA 303: INTRODUCTION TO ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL
EQUATIONS**

Date:

Time:

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) By eliminating the constants, A and B find the differential equation whose solution is;

$$y = A e^{2x} + B e^{-3x}, \quad (4 \text{ Marks})$$

- b) State the Order and the degree of a differential equation;

$$5\left(\frac{d^4 b}{d p^4}\right)^5 + 56\left(\frac{d b}{d p}\right)^{10} + b^7 = p \quad (2 \text{ Marks})$$

- c) Verify that $y = 3 e^{-2x} + 4 e^x$ is solution of the equation;

$$\frac{d^3 y}{d x^3} - 3 \frac{d y}{d x} + 2 y = 0 \quad (5 \text{ Marks})$$

- d) Using separation of variable technique to solve;

$$(x^2 + 1) y' + y^2 + 1 = 0 \quad (4 \text{ Marks})$$

- e) Determine whether the equation $2 x y d y + (x^2 + y^2) d y = 0$ is exact. Hence, solve it.

(5 Marks)

- f) Solve the differential equation using method of variation of parameters.

$$y'' - 2y' + y = \frac{e^x}{x^2} \quad (5 \text{ Marks})$$

- g) Radium decays at a rate proportional to the amount present at any time. If the half-life of radium is 6 years, determine the amount present after t years if the initial amount is M_0 .

(5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Find a differential equation associated to a circle of radius 3, and centre (a, b). (6 Marks)

- b) A copper ball is heated to a temperature of 100°C . Then at time $t = 0$ it is placed in water which is maintained at a temperature of 30°C . At the end of 3 minutes the temperature of the ball is reduced to 70°C . Find the time at which the temperature of the ball is reduced to 31°C .

(8 Marks)

- c) Solve the inhomogeneous differential equation $(x + 2y + 1) dx + (4x + 8y + 6) dy = 0$.
(6 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Solve the following differential equation;

$$y' = \frac{x^2 + y^2}{xy} \quad (5 \text{ Marks})$$

- b) Find the particular solution of $3xy' - y = \ln x + 1$ for $x > 0$ satisfying $y(1) = -2$ by the method of integrating factor.
(6 Marks)

- c) Find the orthogonal trajectory of the family of curves $x^2 - y^2 = cx$.
(9 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Solve the Bernoulli's differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + y = xy^4$ (5 Marks)

- b) Find the particular solution of the homogenous differential equation;

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 3 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} - y = 0 \text{ given that } y(0) = 1, y'(0) = -7 \text{ and } y \text{ left } (0 \text{ right}) = -$$

(6 Marks)

- c) Solve the linear system;

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= -x + 6y \\ y' &= x - 2y \end{aligned}$$

Given $x(0) = 2, y(0) = 0$. (9 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Find the general solution of the differential equation;

$$(D^5 - D^4 - D^3 - D^2 + 4D - 2)y = 0. \quad (5 \text{ Marks})$$

- b) The population of Mwhoko shopping center at any time t given by $N(t)$ is assumed to satisfy the logistic growth law;

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{1}{800} N(1200 - N)$$

Show that $N(t) = \frac{12000}{1 + ce^{-15t}}$. (9 Marks)

- c) Obtain the general solution of $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2 \frac{dy}{dx} + y = xe^x$ using the method of undetermined coefficients. (6 Marks)

