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CLASS: I MSc
BRANCH: PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY

SEMESTER : IV
SESSION : SP2023

SUBJECT: MA207R1 MATHEMATICS - IV

TIME: 02 Hours

FULL MARKS: 25

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The question paper contains 5 questions each of 5 marks and total 25 marks.
2. Attempt all questions.
3. The missing data, if any, may be assumed suitably.
4. Tables/Data handbook/Graph paper etc., if applicable, will be supplied to the candidates

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| Q.1(a) Check whether the functions $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = x^2 \log_e x$ are linearly independent or not for $x > 0$. Support your answer with proper reasoning. | [2] | 1 | 2 |
| Q.1(b) Construct the general solution of the following differential equation:
$(D^2 - 4D + 3)y = e^{3x}$
where $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$. | [3] | 1 | 3 |
| Q.2(a) Using proper substitution, transform the following Cauchy - Euler differential equation:
$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 3x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 0, \quad x > 0$ into the form $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + p \frac{dy}{dt} + qy = 0$ with t as the independent variable, where p and q are constants. Determine the values of p and q . | [2] | 1 | 2 |
| Q.2(b) Develop the general solution of the following differential equation with the use of method of variation of parameters :
$y'' - 6y' + 9y = \frac{e^{3x}}{x^2}$ | [3] | 1 | 3 |
| Q.3(a) Identify and classify the singular point(s) of the following differential equation on the $x -$ axis:
$(x-1)y'' + x^2 y' + y = 0$ | [2] | 2 | 1 |
| Q.3(b) For the differential equation:
$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$ Determine its general solution $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$ in the form $y = a_0 y_1(x) + a_1 y_2(x)$, where $y_1(x)$ and $y_2(x)$ are power series, a_0 and a_1 are arbitrary constants. | [3] | 2 | 3 |
| Q.4(a) For the Legendre polynomial $P_n(x)$ of order n , prove that:
i. $P_n(1) = 1$
ii. $P_n'(1) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ where $P_n'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \{P_n(x)\}$ | [2] | 2 | 2 |

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Q.4(b) Define the expression of $J_n(x)$ in terms of gamma function. Hence, derive [3] 2 3

$$\frac{d}{dx} \{x^n J_n(x)\} = x^n J_{n-1}(x)$$

where $J_n(x)$ denotes Bessel's function of first kind of order n .

Q.5(a) State the definition to find the Laplace transform of any function $f(t)$ for all $t \geq 0$. [2] 3 2

Hence, apply it to compute the Laplace transform of $f(t) = e^{2t}$.

Q.5(b) Using properties, determine the Laplace transform of the function $F(t) = (1 + te^{-t})^2$. [3] 3 3

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