

# The University of Nottingham

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

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## **ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS 2**

Time allowed TWO Hours

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*Candidates may complete the front cover of their answer book and sign their desk card but must NOT write anything else until the start of the examination period is announced.*

**Answer ALL Multiple-Choice Questions in Section A. Credit will be given for the best TWO answers in Section B.  
Sections A and B are equally weighted.**

*Only silent, self-contained calculators with a Single-Line Display or Dual-Line Display are permitted in this examination.*

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**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: Formula Sheet, Multiple-Choice Answer Sheet, Instructions for multiple-choice questions**

**INFORMATION FOR INVIGILATORS: Please collect the multiple-choice answer sheets and scripts separately at the end of the exam**

## SECTION A

1. The angle between the lines

$$-x = \frac{y}{2} = \frac{z}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad x = 2y = z$$

is

(a)  $\cos^{-1} \frac{2}{7}$

(b)  $\cos^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{2}{7}}$

(c)  $\sin^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{14}}$

(d)  $\sin^{-1} \frac{1}{7}$

(e) None of the above

2. The points  $A$  and  $B$  have coordinates  $(6, 2, 1)$  and  $(3, -2, 0)$ , respectively. The equation of the plane perpendicular to  $AB$  and passing through  $(2, -1, 0)$  is

(a)  $3x - 2y = 5$

(b)  $6x + 2y + z = 3$

(c)  $3x - 4y - z = -2$

(d)  $3x + 4y + z = 2$

(e) None of the above

3. Consider the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = 3\alpha\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{i} + \alpha^2\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{c} = 3\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{k}$ , for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . The non-zero value of this parameter that makes these vectors coplanar is

(a)  $-8$

(b)  $5$

(c)  $8$

(d)  $48$

(e) None of the above

4. If  $f(x, y) = e^{xy}$ , then the expression  $f_{xx} + f_{yy} + 2f_{xy}$  is equal to

- (a) 0
- (b)  $(x + y)^2 e^{xy}$
- (c)  $(x^2 + y^2) e^{xy}$
- (d)  $(x - y)^2 e^{xy}$
- (e) None of the above

5. The **curl** of the vector field

$$\mathbf{u} = xz^3 \mathbf{i} - 2x^2yz \mathbf{j} + 2yz^4 \mathbf{k}$$

at the point  $(1, -1, 1)$  is

- (a)  $3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$
- (b)  $\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$
- (c)  $4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$
- (d)  $2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k}$
- (e) None of the above

6. A unit normal to the surface

$$(x - 1)^2 + y^2 + (z + 2)^2 = 9$$

at the point  $(3, 1, -4)$  is

- (a)  $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$
- (b)  $\left(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$
- (c)  $\left(-\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}\right)$
- (d)  $\left(\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}\right)$
- (e) None of the above

7. The integrating factor for the first-order linear ordinary differential equation

$$x(x+1) \frac{dy}{dx} - y = 2x^2(x+1), \quad (x > 0),$$

is

(a)  $\frac{x}{x+1}$

(b)  $x(x+1)$

(c)  $\ln x - \ln(x+1)$

(d)  $\frac{x+1}{x}$

(e) None of the above

8. The solution of the initial-value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-y}(2x-4), \quad y(2) = \ln 2,$$

is

(a)  $\ln(x^2 - 4x) + 6$

(b)  $(x^2 - 4x) + \ln y = \ln 2$

(c)  $\ln(x^2 - 4x + 6)$

(d)  $\frac{\ln x}{2x-4} + \ln 2$

(e) None of the above

9. The function  $f(x, y) = -xy e^{-(x^2+y^2)/2}$  has

(a) One stationary point

(b) Two stationary points

(c) Four stationary points

(d) No stationary points

(e) None of the above

10. The Taylor series of the function

$$f(x, y) = \ln \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+y}}$$

about the point  $(1, 1)$ , up to and including second-order terms, is

- (a)  $-\frac{\ln 2}{2} + \frac{3}{4}(x-1) - \frac{1}{4}(y-1) - \frac{7}{16}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{16}(x-1)(y-1) + \frac{1}{16}(y-1)^2 + \dots$
- (b)  $-\frac{\ln 2}{2} + \frac{3}{4}(x-1) - \frac{1}{4}(y-1) - \frac{7}{16}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{8}(x-1)(y-1) + \frac{1}{16}(y-1)^2 + \dots$
- (c)  $-\frac{\ln 2}{2} + \frac{1}{4}(y-1) - \frac{7}{16}(x-1)^2 + \frac{1}{16}(y-1)^2 + \dots$
- (d)  $-\frac{\ln 2}{2} + \frac{3}{4}(x-1) + \frac{1}{4}(y-1) + \frac{1}{8}(x-1)(y-1) + \dots$
- (e) None of the above

11. A possible function  $M(x, y)$  that makes the ordinary differential equation

$$M(x, y) + (\sin x - 4y^3e^y + x^2)\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

an exact equation is

- (a)  $y \sin x + x^2y - 4y^3e^y$
- (b)  $y^4e^y + y \cos x + x^2y$
- (c)  $3x^2e^x + y \cos x + 2xy$
- (d)  $x \sin x - 4xy^3e^y + x^3$
- (e) None of the above

12. The directional derivative of the scalar field

$$\Phi(x, y, z) = 4xz^3 - 3x^2y^2z$$

at the point  $(2, -1, 2)$  in the direction of the vector  $\mathbf{s} = (2, -3, 6)$  is

- (a)  $\frac{3}{5}$
- (b)  $\frac{236}{5}$
- (c)  $\frac{376}{7}$
- (d)  $\frac{197}{7}$
- (e) None of the above

## SECTION B

13. (a) Consider the points

$$A(-1, 0, 2), \quad B(1, 1, 1) \quad C(2, -1, -2).$$

- i) Determine the plane  $\mathcal{P}$  passing through these three points. [6 marks]
- ii) Find the coordinates of the intersection point between  $\mathcal{P}$  and the line described by the equation

$$\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{y}{2} = z-5.$$

[4 marks]

- iii) Calculate the *acute* angle between  $\mathcal{P}$  and the plane with Cartesian equation

$$5x + 2y + 7z - 1 = 0.$$

Express your answer in degrees to 4 significant figures.

[5 marks]

(b) The position vector of a particle at time  $t \geq 0$  is given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (t^2 - 3t + 4)\mathbf{i} + (4t - 3)\mathbf{j} - \frac{1}{6}(2t - 3)^3\mathbf{k}.$$

- i) Determine the velocity vector  $\mathbf{v}(t)$  and the acceleration vector  $\mathbf{a}(t)$  of the particle at a generic time  $t$ . Is it possible for  $\mathbf{v}(t)$  to be parallel to the  $y$ -axis (of the usual Cartesian system of coordinates)? Justify your answer. [4 marks]
- ii) Find the acute angle between  $\mathbf{v}(t)$  and  $\mathbf{a}(t)$  at time  $t = 1$ . [3 marks]
- iii) Calculate the volume of the parallelepiped formed by the three vectors  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}(t)$  and  $\mathbf{a}(t)$  at  $t = 1$ . [3 marks]

14. (a) Consider the vector field  $\mathbf{F}$  and the scalar  $\phi$ , where

$$\mathbf{F}(x, y, z) = 2Axz \mathbf{i} + 3z^2 \mathbf{j} + (x^2 + 6yz) \mathbf{k}, \quad \phi(x, y, z) = xe^z,$$

for some  $A \in \mathbb{R}$ .

i) Find the parameter  $A$  such that  $\mathbf{F}$  is irrotational.

[4 marks]

ii) Calculate  $\nabla\phi$  and  $\nabla^2\phi$ .

[4 marks]

iii) Show by direct calculation that

$$\nabla \cdot (\phi \mathbf{F}) = (\nabla\phi) \cdot \mathbf{F} + \phi (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}).$$

[7 marks]

(b) Show that the ordinary differential equation

$$3x^2e^y + \sin(x) + \cos(y) + (x^3e^y - x \sin(y) + 2y) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0,$$

is exact, and then determine its general solution.

[6 marks]

(c) Find the most general expression of the function  $f(x, y)$  which satisfies

$$\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x} = x^3 \sin y + y^3 \cos x.$$

[4 marks]

15. (a) Consider the function

$$f(x, y) = 3x - \frac{3}{4}xy^2 - x^3.$$

i) Calculate the partial derivative  $f_x$  and  $f_y$ .

[2 marks]

ii) Show that  $f$  has four stationary points and classify them.

[12 marks]

(b) If  $g(x, y) = 2 + \sin(ye^x)$ , then calculate the Taylor series about the point  $(0, \pi)$  up to and including linear terms.

[3 marks]

(c) Two variable resistors  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are connected in parallel so that their combined resistance  $R$  is given by

$$\frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}.$$

If  $R_1 = 100$  ohms  $\pm 5\%$  and  $R_2 = 25$  ohms  $\pm 2\%$ , by approximately what percentage can the calculated value of their combined resistance  $R = 20$  ohms be in error?

[8 marks]