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MAS152 Essential Mathematical Skills and  
Techniques

3 hours

Attempt **ALL** questions.

Each question in Section A carries 3 marks,  
each question in Section B carries 8 marks.

All solutions should be justified in full. Calculators should be relied upon only for simple steps like basic arithmetic and plugging numbers into elementary functions.

### Section A

A1 Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+4}$ . Sketch the curve  $y = f(x)$ .

A2 Let  $f(x) = e^{2x} - 1$ . Find  $f^{-1}(x)$  and state its domain and range.

A3 If  $f(x, y) = 4x^2\sqrt{y} + 5\cos(xy)$ , find  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ .

A4 Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x \tanh x}{\sin 2x} \right)$  using l'Hôpital's Rule.

A5 Find all the complex numbers  $z$  for which  $|z - 1 - i| = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = \operatorname{Im}(z)$ .

**A6** If  $\mathbf{a} = (7, -2, -5)$  and  $\mathbf{b} = (5, 1, 3)$ , evaluate  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ . Find a non-zero vector perpendicular to both  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ .

**A7** Find the definite integral  $\int_0^\pi (x+1) \sin \frac{x}{2} dx$ .

**A8** Find the indefinite integral  $\int x(\cos x^2)^2 dx$ .

**A9** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $A^T$  and  $B^T$  and hence show that  $(AB)^T = B^T A^T$ .

**A10** Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$x \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x}{x^2} - 3y.$$

**A11** Find  $A^{-1}$  for the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Use this to solve the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 4y &= 14 \\ x - 3y &= -8. \end{aligned}$$

**A12** Find the general solution of the equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$$

such that  $y = 0$  when  $x = 0$ .

## Section B

**B1** Find all the stationary points of  $f(x, y) = x^4 + y^4 - 2x^2 + 4xy - 2y^2 - 1$  and show that the stationary points not at  $(0, 0)$  are minima.

**B2** By evaluating all the necessary derivatives of  $y = \ln(1 + x^2)$ , find the first 2 non-zero terms of the Maclaurin Series expansion of  $y$ . Show that this series can also be obtained from the Maclaurin Series of  $y = \ln(1+x)$  given on the Formula Sheet.

**B3** Find the modulus and principal argument of the complex numbers  $z_1 = 1 + i$  and  $z_2 = \sqrt{3} + i$ . Hence find all complex numbers  $z$  that satisfy the equation  $z^6 = \frac{z_1}{z_2}$  and plot them on an Argand diagram.

**B4** The position vector of a particle,  $\mathbf{r}(t)$ , is given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = (2t^2, t^2 - 4t, 3t - 5).$$

- (i) Find the velocity and acceleration vectors of the particle.
- (ii) Find the unit vector in the direction of  $\mathbf{r}$  at  $t = 1$ . Hence show that, in this direction, the component of the velocity is 4 times the component of the acceleration.

**B5** Evaluate the definite integral

$$\int_1^2 \frac{2t^2 + 3t + 1}{t^3 + t} dt$$

writing your answer to 2 decimal places.

**B6** Find the value of  $\alpha$  for which the following system of equations has infinitely many solutions and then find those solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} 4x - y - z &= 2 \\ 2x + \alpha y + z &= 4 \\ x - 2y - 2z &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

For the case  $\alpha = -2$ , without solving the equations state how many solutions you would expect and write down the solution of the corresponding homogeneous system of equations.

**B7** Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ -2 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find all eigenvalues and eigenvectors of  $A$ .

**B8** Using Laplace Transforms or otherwise, find the solution to the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 3\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = \sin t$$

subject to the initial conditions  $y = 0$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$  at  $t = 0$ .

**End of Question Paper**