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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR  
FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER  
MAIN EXAMINATION**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AND  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**COURSE CODE: MAT 421/MAA 412**

**COURSE TITLE: PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION I**

**DATE: 6/12/2023**

**TIME: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a. State the second order linear partial differential equation (P.D.E) in its general form. (2mks)
- b. By citing an appropriate example in each case, distinguish between partial differential equation and ordinary differential equation. (4marks)
- c. State the order and degree of the partial differential equations below.

i) 
$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = z + xy$$

ii) 
$$y \left\{ \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right\} + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 = z \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right) \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

- d. Classify the following partial differential equations as elliptic, parabolic or hyperbolic.

i)  $(x+1)u_{xx} - 2(x+2)u_{xy} + (3+x)u_{yy} = 0 \quad (1\text{mk})$

ii)  $f_{xx} + 2f_{xy} + f_{yy} = 0 \quad (1\text{mk})$

e. Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - a^2 z = 0$  under the conditions:  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = a \sin y$  and  $z = 0$ , when  $x = 0$ . (6mks)

f. Apply Lagrange method to solve  $\left( \frac{y^2 z}{x} \right) p + xzq = y^2 \quad (6\text{mks})$

- g. Form a partial differential equation by eliminating arbitrary constant in the equation

$$z = ax + by + a^2 + b^2 \quad (3\text{mks})$$

- h. Form a partial differential equation whose solution is  $\varphi(x + y + z, x^2 + y^2 - z^2) = 0$

(3mks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

a. Solve  $D^3 - 3D^2 D^1 + 4(D^1)^3 = e^{x+2y} \quad (6\text{mks})$

- b. Form a partial differential equation by eliminating the arbitrary function in the equation

$$y = f(x - at) + F(x + at) \quad (4\text{mks})$$

- c. By choosing appropriate multipliers, solve

$$\frac{y-z}{yz} p + \frac{z-x}{zx} q = \frac{x-y}{xy} \quad (6\text{mks})$$

- d. Solve the non-linear partial differential equation  $p^2 + q^2 = npq \quad (4\text{mks})$

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a. Apply Charpit's method to solve non-linear partial differential equation  
 $px + qy = pq$  (10mks)
- b. Show that the equations:  $xp - yq = 0$  and  $xup + yuq = 2xy$  are compatible. Hence, solve them. (10mks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Find the complete integral of  $z^2 + zu_x - u_x^2 + u^2_y = 0$  by Jacobi method. (5mks)
- b) Solve the equation  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - 2\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 2z = 0$  given  $z = e^x$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$  when  $x = 0$  (10marks)
- c) Solve by direct integration method the equation  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = x + y$  given that  $z = y^2$  when  $x = 0$   
and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$  (5mks)

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Transform the following partial differential equation to canonical form and solve using method of characteristics.  $3u_{xx} + 10u_{xy} + 3u_{yy} = 0$  (10marks)
- b) Solve  $z = px + qy - 2\sqrt{pq}$ . (5mks)
- c) Solve the Pfaffian differential equation  $ydx + xdy + 2zdz = 0$  (5mks)