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(CUCSS)

**Mathematics**

**MT IC 04—ODE AND CALCULUS OF VARIATIONS**

**Time : Three Hours**

**Maximum : 36 Weightage**

**Part A**

*Answer all questions.*

*Each question carries 1 weightage.*

1. Determine the radius of convergence of the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{p(p-1)(p-2)\dots(p-n+1)}{2^n} x^n$
2. Locate and classify the singular points on the x-axis of the differential equation  $x^3 (x-1) y'' - 2(x-1) y' + 3xy = 0$ .
3. The equation  $y'' + p y = 0$ , where  $p$  is a constant has a series solution of the form  $y = \sum a_n x^n$ . Show that the coefficients  $a_n$  are related by the formula  $(n+1)(n+2) a_{n+2} + \left(p + \frac{1}{2}\right) a_n - \frac{1}{4} a_{n-2} = 0$ .
4. Determine the nature of the point  $x = 0$  for Legendre's equation  $(1-x^2) y'' - 2xy' + p(p+1)y = 0$ .
5. Verify that  $P_n(-1) = (-1)^n$  where  $P_n(x)$  is the nth degree Legendre polynomial.
6. Write Bessel's equation of order two and show that  $x = 0$  is a regular singular point of it.
7. Show that  $J_{-\frac{3}{2}}(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi x} \cos x$ .
8. Describe the phase portrait of the system  $\frac{dx}{dt} = x, \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ .

**Turn over**

9. Determine whether the function  $-x^2 - 4xy - 5y^2$  is positive definite, negative definite, or neither.
10. Show that every non-trivial solution of  $y'' + (\sin^{-1} x + 1)y = 0$  has an infinite number of positive zeros.
11. State Picard's theorem.
12. Show that  $f(x, y) = xy^{-1}$  does not satisfy a Lipschitz condition on any strip  $a < x < b$  and  $-a < y < a$ .
13. Find the extremal for  $\int_0^1 (1 - x^2)^2 dx$
14. What is the isoperimetric problem.

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

**Part B**

*Answer any seven questions.  
Each question carries 2 weightage.*

15. Express  $\sin^{-1} x$  in the form of a power series  $\sum a_n x^n$  by solving  $y' = (1 - x^2)^{-1/2}$   $y(0) = 0$ ; in two ways.
16. Find the general solution  $y'' + xy' + y = 0$ .
17. Show that the solutions of the equation  $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + n(n+1)y = 0$ , where  $n$  is a non-negative integer, bounded near  $x = 1$  are precisely constant multiples of  $F\left[-n, n+1, 1, \frac{1}{2}(1-x)\right]$ .
18. Find the first three terms of the Legendre series of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } -1 \leq x < 0 \\ x & \text{if } 0 \leq x \end{cases}$$

Show that between any two positive zeros of  $J_0(x)$  there is a zero of  $J_1(x)$  and that between any two positive zeros of  $J_1(x)$  there is a zero of  $J_0(x)$ .

19. Find the critical points and the differential equation of the paths of the non-linear system :

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2 + 1, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 2xy^2$$

20. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & , 0 \leq x < 1/2 \\ 1/2 & , x = 1/2 \\ 0 & , 1/2 < x \leq 1, \end{cases}$

then show that  $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{J_1 \left( \frac{x}{\lambda_n} \right)}{\lambda_n J_1(\lambda_n)^2} J_0(\lambda_n x)$ , where the  $\lambda_n$ 's are the positive zeros of  $J_0(x)$ .

21. Verify that (0, 0) is a simple critical point of the system

$$\frac{dx}{dy} = x + y - 2xy, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = -2x + y + 3y^2 \text{ and determine its nature and stability properties.}$$

22. State and prove Sturm separation theorem.

23. Find the exact solution of the initial value problem  $y' = y^2$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  : starting with  $y_0(x) = 1$ , apply Picard's method to calculate  $y_1(x)$ ,  $y_2(x)$ ,  $y_3(x)$ , and compare these results with the exact solution.
24. Find the curve of fixed length  $L$  that joins the points (0, 0) and (1, 0), lies above the x-axis and encloses the maximum area between itself and the x-axis.

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

### Part C

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 4 weightage.*

25. Find two independent Frobenius series solutions of the equation  $x^2 y'' - x^2 y' + (x^2 - 2) y = 0$ .
26. Determine the general solution of the hyper geometric equation

$$x(1-x)y'' + [c - (a+b+1)x]y' - aby = 0$$

Turn over

27. Find the general solution of the system  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 7x + 6y$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 2x + 6y$ .
28. Let  $f(x, y)$  be a continuous function that satisfies a Lipschitz condition

$$|f(x, y_1) - f(x, y_2)| \leq k |y_1 - y_2|$$

on a strip defined by  $a \leq x \leq b$  and  $-\infty < y < \infty$ . If  $(x_0, y_0)$  is any point of the strip, then the initial value problem  $y' = f(x, y)$ ,  $y(x_0) = y_0$  has one and only one solution  $y = y(x)$  on the interval  $a < x < b$ .

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)