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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Each question carries 2 marks.

1. Define the characteristic polynomial.
2. Define linearly independent solutions and give an example.
3. Define the Wronskian $W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)$.
4. Give a criterion for the linear independence of the n solutions ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n of $L(y) = 0$ on an interval I in terms of Wronskian.
5. State a necessary and sufficient condition for a differential equation to be exact.
6. Verify that x^2 is a solution of $x^2 y'' + xy' - 4y = 0$.
7. Check whether the equation $(y^2 e^{xy^2} + 4x^3) dx + (2xy e^{xy^2} - 3y^z) dz = 0$ is exact.
8. State Cauchy's problem.

9. Define initial polynomial.
10. Explain the concept of Boundary value problem.

SECTION B — (5 × 6 = 30 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Each question carries 6 marks.

11. (a) Let ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 be two solutions of $L(y)=0$ on an interval I and set x_0 be any point in I . Prove that ϕ_1, ϕ_2 are linearly independent on I if and only if $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) \neq 0$.

Or

- (b) Let ϕ_1, ϕ_2 be any two linearly independent solutions of $L(y)=0$ on an interval I . Prove that every solution ϕ of $L(y)=0$ can be uniquely written as $\phi = c_1 \phi_1 + c_2 \phi_2$ where c_1 and c_2 are constants.

12. (a) Prove that there exist n linearly independent solutions of $L(y)=0$ on I .

Or

- (b) If ϕ_1 is a solution of $L(y) = y'' + a_1(x)y' + a_2(x)y = 0$ on I , and $\phi_1(x) \neq 0$ on I , find a second solution $\phi_2(x)$ on I .

13. (a) Find a basis for the solutions of $x^2 y'' + xy' + y = 0$ for $x \neq 0$.

Or

- (b) Let M, N be two real-valued functions which have continuous first partial derivatives on some rectangle.

$$R : |x - x_0| \leq a, |y - y_0| \leq b$$

If $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ then prove that

$$M(x, y) + N(x, y) y' = 0 \text{ is exact.}$$

14. (a) Reduce the equation into canonical form $(1 - x^2) u_{xx} - (1 - y^2)^2 u_{yy} = 0$.

Or

- (b) Determine the D' Alembert's solution of the one-dimensional wave equation.

15. (a) With the usual notation prove that $g(y) \delta(y - b) = g(b) \delta(y - b)$.

Or

- (b) State the maximum principle and prove it.

SECTION C — (5 × 10 = 50 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Each question carries 10 marks.

16. (a) For any real number x_0 and constants α, β prove that there exists a solution ϕ of the initial value problem $L(y) = 0, y(x_0) = \alpha, y'(x_0) = \beta$.

Or

- (b) If ϕ_1, ϕ_2 are two solutions of $L(y) = 0$ on an interval I containing a point x_0 then prove that

$$W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = e^{-a_1(x-x_0)} w(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0).$$

17. (a) Let ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n be the n solutions of $L(y) = 0$ on I satisfying $\phi_i^{(i-1)}(x_0) = 1, \phi_i^{(j-1)}(x_0) = 0, j \neq i$. If ϕ is any solution of $L(y) = 0$ on I , prove that there are n constants c_1, \dots, c_n such that $\phi = c_1 \phi_1 + \dots + c_n \phi_n$.

Or

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- (b) Let ϕ_1 be a solution of $L(y)=0$ on an interval I , and suppose $\phi_1(x) \neq 0$ on I . If v_1, \dots, v_n is any basis on I for the solutions of $\phi_1 v^{(n-1)} + \dots + [n \phi_1^{(n-1)} + (n-1) \phi_1^{(n-2)} + \dots + \alpha_{n-1} \phi_1] v = 0$, and if $v_k = u'_k$ ($k = 2, \dots, n$), then prove that $\phi_1, u_2 \phi_1, \dots, u_n \phi_1$ is a basis for the solutions of $L(y)=0$ on I .

18. (a) Derive the solution of $x^2 y'' + xy' + y = 0$.

Or

- (b) Let f be a continuous real-valued function on $R: |x - x_0| \leq a, |y - y_0| \leq b, (a, b \geq 0)$, and let $|f(x, y)| \leq m$ for all (x, y) in R . Further suppose that f satisfies a Lipschitz condition with constant K in R . Then prove that the successive approximations

$$\phi_0(x) = y_0$$

$$\phi_{k+1}(x) = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(t, \phi_k(t)) dt \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Converge on the interval $I = |x - x_0| \leq \alpha = \min\{a, b/M\}$ to ϕ .

19. (a) Discuss the solution of one-dimensional heat equation by separation of variables.

Or

- (b) Prove the following :

$$\psi(r) = \frac{1}{r} e^{\pm ikr \pm i k c t}$$

$$\psi(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\sin(Kr)}{Kr} - \cos(Kr) \right] \cos \theta e^{\pm i k c t} \text{ are}$$

particular solution of the wave equation

$$\Delta^2 \psi = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2}.$$

20. (a) State and solve the Neumann problem.

Or

- (b) State and solve the Dirichlet problem.
