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(ONLINE)  
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**INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS  
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- Q1** (a) According to Newton's law of cooling, the rate at which a body cools is given by the equation

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - T_s),$$

where  $T_s$  is the temperature of the surrounding medium,  $k$  is a constant and  $t$  is the time in minutes. If the body cools from  $80^\circ\text{C}$  to  $50^\circ\text{C}$  in 20 minutes with the surrounding temperature of  $10^\circ\text{C}$ , how long does it take for the body to cool from  $80^\circ\text{C}$  to  $30^\circ\text{C}$ ?

(8 marks)

- (b) By using method of variation of parameters, find the solution of the differential equation

$$y'' - 2y' - 3y = \frac{64x}{e^{-x}}.$$

(12 marks)

- Q2** (a) State the difference between the ordinary differential equations and partial differential equations in terms of the independent variable. Give example for each equation. (2 marks)

- (b) Identify the order, the degree and the independent variable of the following differential equation

$$\left(\frac{d^4 r}{dh^4}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{dr}{dh}\right)^5 + r^3 = e.$$

(3 marks)

- (c) The general equation describing the mass-spring system is

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + b \frac{dx}{dt} + kx = F(t).$$

A spring is stretched 0.2 m ( $= \Delta l$ ) when 6 kg of iron ball is attached. The weight is then pulled down an additional 0.3 m and released with an upward velocity of 4.5 m/s. Determine an equation for the position of the spring when the free vibration has a damping constant of 40.

(10 marks)



**Q3** (a) Show that

$$\int_0^{\infty} (3t^2 + t + 2)\delta(3t - 1)dt = \frac{1}{9} \int_0^{\infty} (u^2 + u + 6)\delta(u - 1)du.$$

Hence, compute the integrals.

(5 marks)

(b) Find  $\mathcal{L}\{e^{-t}(\sin(2t) + \cos(2t))^2\}$ .

(7 marks)

(c) A damped force oscillation is given by

$$y'' + 4y' + 4y = f(t), \quad y(0) = 0 \text{ and } y'(0) = 0,$$

where

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & 0 \leq t < 2, \\ e^{-(t-2)}, & t > 2. \end{cases}$$

By using Laplace Transform, solve for  $y(t)$ .

(13 marks)

**Q4** (a) Show that the solutions of the first order differential equation  $y' = 2xy$  by using both

(i) separating variable method and

(ii) power series method,

are the same.

(10 marks)

(b) By using an appropriate power series method, determine the solution to the given equation up to  $x^3$  only.

$$y' + e^{-x}y = x^3, \quad y(0) = 3.$$

(10 marks)

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**Q5** (a) Solve the given system of first order differential equations

$$y_1' = 4y_1 + 2y_2,$$

$$y_2' = 3y_1 + 3y_2.$$

(8 marks)

(b) By using the Laplace transform, find the following system of linear differential equations

$$x' + x - y = 0,$$

$$y' - x + y = 2,$$

subject to initial conditions  $x(0) = 1, \quad y(0) = 2.$

(12 marks)

**- END OF QUESTIONS -**

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