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STATISTICS

Paper: STA0400404

(Mathematical Methods)

Full Marks: 60

Time: 2½ hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

- 1. Answer the following questions as directed: 1×8=8
 - (a) According to L'Hôspital's rule for indeterminate form $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$, under certain conditions imposed upon the functions f(x) and g(x),

if
$$\lim_{x\to a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = l$$
, then the value of

$$\lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$
 is

(i) i

- (ii) $\frac{1}{d}$
- (iii) C
- (iv) None of the above (Choose the correct option)
- (b) Define beta function of first kind.
- (c) If a function f(x) has a maximum or minimum at a point x = a within its domain, then f'(a) =____.

(Fill in the blank)

- (d) Define order of a differential equation.
- (e) State the necessary condition for the convergence of an infinite series $\sum U_n$.
- (f) The value of $\Delta^2 O^3$ is
 - *(i)* 0
 - *(ii)* 1
 - *(iii)* 6
 - (iv) None of the above
 (Choose the correct answer)

- (g) A difference equation is an equation which involves—
 - (i) independent variable
 - (ii) dependent variable
 - (iii) the successive differences of the dependent variable
 - (iv) All of the above

(Choose the correct answer)

(h) The _____ interpolation formula is the average of two Gauss's formulae.

(Fill in the blank)

- 2. Answer any six questions from the following: 2×6=12
 - (a) Determine the order, degree and linearity of the following ordinary differential equation:

$$\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} = 1 + x$$

(b) Evaluate $\Gamma\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right)$.

(c) If
$$x = r \cos \theta$$
, $y = r \sin \theta$,
find $\frac{\delta(x,y)}{\delta(r,\theta)}$

(d) Solve the following differential equation:

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

- (e) State D'Alembert's ratio test for convergence of a series.
- (f) Represent the following function in factorial notation:

$$f(x) = x^4 - 12x^3 + 42x^2 - 30x + 9$$

(g) Solve the difference equation

$$U_{x+1}-3^xU_x=0.$$

(h) Obtain the maxima and minima of the function

$$f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x - 4.$$

- (i) Prove that $\Delta^2 x^{(m)} = m(m-1)x^{(m-2)}$, the interval of differencing being 1.
- (j) Find the value of $\beta\left(\frac{2}{3},\frac{1}{3}\right)$.

- 3. Answer **any four** questions from the following: $5\times4=20$
 - (a) Prove that $\int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{m-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx = \beta(m,n).$
 - (b) Prove that $\Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma(n)$.
 - (c) If $u_1 = \frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1}$, $u_2 = \frac{x_1 x_3}{x_2}$ and $u_3 = \frac{x_1 x_2}{x_3}$ prove that $\frac{\delta(u_1, u_2, u_3)}{\delta(x_1, x_2, x_2)} = 4$.
 - (d) 1+4=5
 - (i) What do you mean by general solution of differential equation?
 - (ii) Find the general solution of the following differential equation:

$$2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 24 = 0$$

(e) Solve the difference equation

$$U_{x+1} - bU_x = ca^x$$

where, c is a period function of period 1,

when (i) $b \neq a$ (ii) b = a.

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- (f) Explain the bisection method of finding the root of a polynomial equation.
- (g) Show that: $\Delta^{n} 0^{m} = n^{m} - {}^{n}C_{1}(n-1)^{m} + {}^{n}C_{2}(n-2)^{m} - \dots$ and deduce that $n! = n^{n} - {}^{n}C_{1}(n-1)^{n} + {}^{n}C_{2}(n-2)^{n} - \dots$
- (h) Show that the series $1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \dots$ is convergent.
- 4. Answer **any two** questions from the following: 10×2=20
 - (a) (i) Show that the necessary and sufficient condition for the differential equation Mdx + Ndy = 0, to be exact is

$$\frac{\delta M}{\delta y} = \frac{\delta N}{\delta x}.$$

- (ii) Solve the differential equation $(3xy-y^2)dx + x(x-y)dy = 0.$ 5
- (b) (i) Show that $\beta(m,n) = \frac{\Gamma(m)\Gamma(n)}{\Gamma(m+n)}$.

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(ii) Prove that
$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

- (c) Deduce Stirling's formula for factorial n.
- (d) (i) State the linear differential equation of order n with constant coefficients.
 - (ii) Solve the following differential equation: 6 $(D^2 2D + 5)y = e^{-x} \quad D = \frac{d}{dx}.$
 - (iii) Obtain a differential equation from the following relation 2 $y = A \sin x + B \cos x$
- (e) (i) Prove that $2^{2m-1}\Gamma(M)\Gamma\left(M+\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}\Gamma(2m).$
 - Show that $\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-ax} x^{p-1} dx = \frac{\Gamma(p)}{a^{p}}$ a, p > 0

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