



UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

SECOND SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (GENERAL) BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION (ARTS)/BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
(ECONOMICS & STATISTICS)**

MATH 121: CALCULUS 1

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: WEDNESDAY [2.30P.M – 4.30P.M] DATE: 17/04/2024

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and Any Other TWO Questions**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

a) Define the following terms

(i) Function

(ii) Image

(iii) Range

(3 Marks)

b) Evaluate the following limits;

(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 3x^2 - 4x + 7$

(2 Marks)

(ii) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 5} \frac{h^2 - 3h - 10}{h - 5}$

(3 Marks)

(iii) $\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4y^3 - 3y^2 + 5y - 9}{5y^3 + 2y^2 - 6y + 3}$

(2 Marks)c) Given $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-1}$ and $g(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-2}$ show that $f \circ g(x) = g \circ f(x) = x$ **(3 Marks)**d) Find the inverse of the function $f(x) = (x-2)^5 + 3$ **(3 Marks)**e) By taking values of x sufficiently close to $a = 2$, show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x - 2} = 12$$

(3 Marks)

f) Differentiate the following functions by the means of the first principles

(i) $y = \sin x$

(3 Marks)

(ii) $y = \sqrt{x}$

(3 Marks)

g) An object moving in a straight line has its displacement s meters from an origin O at time t seconds given by $s = t(t - 3)^2$. Determine

- (i) Time when the object is at the origin (2 Marks)
- (ii) Time when the object is at rest (2 Marks)
- (iii) Distance between $t = 0$ and $t = 2$ (2 Marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Giving the three conditions of continuity, define continuity of a function. Hence discuss the

continuity of the following function $f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x+2}, & x < 2 \\ x^2 - 2, & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 2x, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$

at the point $x = 2$ (10 Marks)

b) Evaluate,

(i) $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{\sqrt{3h+4} - 2}$ (3 Marks)

(ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} (9+x)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ (3 Marks)

c) A student is drinking a soda from a cylindrical can through a straw. The volume of the soda in the can is decreasing at a rate of $0.5 \text{ cm}^3 / \text{s}$. If the radius across the top of the can is 1 cm . How fast is the level of the soda in the can going down. (4 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Define the following types of discontinuity

- i) Removable discontinuity
- ii) Jump discontinuity
- iii) Infinite discontinuity (3 Marks)

- b) Given the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 5, & x < -1 \\ x^2 + 2, & x > -1 \\ 5, & x = -1 \end{cases}$. Determine whether it is continuous or discontinuous and if discontinuous determine which type of discontinuity. **(5 Marks)**
- c) Differentiate the following functions
- i) $f(x) = 7x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x + 2$ **(2 Marks)**
- ii) $f(x) = (1 - 6x^3)(4x^2 - 6x + 2)$ **(2 Marks)**
- iii) $f(x) = (x^2 + 3x)^7$ **(2 Marks)**
- iv) $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-9}$ **(2 Marks)**
- d) Approximate $\sqrt{17}$ using differentials **(4 Marks)**

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Show that the derivative of the function a^x is $a^x \ln a$. Hence find the derivative of $y = x^x$. **(5 Marks)**
- b) Find the equation of the normal to the curve $y = (x^2 + x + 1)(x - 3)$ at the point where it cuts the x - axis **(5 Marks)**
- c) Find the gradient of the curve $x = \frac{t}{1+t}$ and $y = \frac{t^3}{1+t}$ at the point $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$. **(4 Marks)**
- d) Find the Third derivative for $y = 5 + 24x - 9x^2 - 2x^3$ **(3 Marks)**
- e) A spherical balloon is blown up so that its volume increases at a constant rate of $2\text{cm}^3 / \text{sec}$. Find the rate of increase of radius when volume of balloon is 50cm^3 **(3 Marks)**

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Evaluate:

$$\text{i) } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos 3h}{\cos 2h - 1} \quad (3 \text{ Marks})$$

$$\text{ii) } \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(x + y) - \tan x}{y} \quad (3 \text{ Marks})$$

b) The quantity of milk processed in a plant during an 8-hour working day is given by ,

$Q = 120t + 24t^2 - 2t^3$, where t represents hours worked. When is the rate of production at maximum? Use the second derivative test. (5 Marks)

c) Sketch the curve $y = 4x^3 - 3x^4$ (5 Marks)d) Find the slope of the curve $x^2 + 2xy - 2y^2 + x = 2$ at point $(-4,1)$ (4 Marks)