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B.Sc. Honours 3rd Semester Examination, 2020, held in 2021

MTMACOR05T-MATHEMATICS (CC5)

THEORY OF REAL FUNCTIONS

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
All symbols are of usual significance.*

Answer Question No. 1 and any five from the rest

1. Answer any **five** questions from the following: 2×5 = 10

(a) Does $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$ exist?

(b) Evaluate: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \left([x] - \left[\frac{x}{3} \right] \right)$

(c) Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x}$ does not exist.

(d) Examine the continuity of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x & ; 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 3x + 4 & ; x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

at $x = 2$.

(e) Determine $f(0)$ so that the function

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x}{x} \quad ; \quad x \neq 0$$

is continuous at $x = 0$.

(f) Show that $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & ; x \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 1 - x & ; x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$

is continuous only at $\frac{1}{3}$ and discontinuous at all other points.

(g) Examine whether the function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x \cos \frac{1}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is differentiable at $x = 0$.

(h) Examine validity of Rolle's theorem for the function

$$f(x) = x(x+3)e^{-x/2}, \quad x \in [-3, 0].$$

Also, verify the conclusion of Rolle's theorem for this function, if possible.

- (i) Verify Lagrange's mean value theorem for the following function:

$$f(x) = 1 + x^{2/3}, \quad \forall x \in [-8, 1].$$

- (j) Show that $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 24x + 4$ has neither a maximum nor a minimum.

2. (a) Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ where $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and let $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l \neq 0$. Show that there is a neighbourhood N of a so that f has the same sign as l in $(N - \{a\}) \cap D$. 5

- (b) Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x - [x]}{x} = 0$. 3

3. (a) Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. If $f(a)$ and $f(b)$ have opposite signs, then show that there is at least one $c \in (a, b)$ such that $f(c) = 0$. 5

- (b) Show that there exists a root of $x + x \log x - 3 = 0$ in $(1, 3)$. 3

4. (a) Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}, \forall x \in [0, 1]$. Show that f is a constant function on $[0, 1]$. 3

- (b) Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Let 5

$$\sup_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) = M \quad \text{and} \quad \inf_{x \in [a, b]} f(x) = m$$

Show that there is at least one $c \in [a, b]$ such that $f(c) = M$ and there is at least one $d \in [a, b]$ such that $f(d) = m$.

5. (a) Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Show that f is uniformly continuous. 5

- (b) Show that the following function is uniformly continuous: 3

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}, \quad \forall x \in [1, \infty).$$

6. (a) Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where I is an interval in \mathbb{R} . Let $c \in I$. Show that f is differentiable at c if and only if there is a function $\varphi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous at c satisfying. 5

$$f(x) - f(c) = \varphi(x)(x - c), \quad \forall x \in I.$$

Further show that in this case $\varphi(c) = f'(c)$.

- (b) Show that $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x = 0$ but the derived function f' is not continuous at $x = 0$ where 3

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} & , \quad x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , \quad x = 0 \end{cases}$$

7. (a) Let $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that $\text{Image } f \subseteq J$, where I, J are intervals in \mathbb{R} . Let f be differentiable at $c \in I$ and g be differentiable at $f(c) = d \in J$. Show that $g \circ f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable at c and 5

$$(g \circ f)'(c) = g'(f(c)) f'(c)$$

- (b) With proper justification prove that 3

$$\frac{d}{dx} (\sin^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}, \quad \forall x, -1 < x < 1.$$

8. (a) State and prove Rolle's theorem. 1+4
 (b) Show that between any two distinct real roots of $e^x \sin x + 1 = 0$ there is at least one real root of $\tan x + 1 = 0$. 3

9. (a) Is Mean value theorem applicable to the function $f(x) = |x|$ on $[-1, 1]$? 2
 (b) If a real valued function f on an interval I be derivable and bounded on I , then prove that f is uniformly continuous on I . 3
 (c) Use Mean value theorem to prove that 3

$$\frac{1}{x} < \frac{1}{\log(1+x)} < 1 + \frac{1}{x}.$$

- 10.(a) Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function which is differentiable in (a, b) . Prove that if $f'(t) > 0, \forall t \in (a, b)$, then f is strictly increasing on $[a, b]$. 4
 (b) Prove that 4

$$f(x) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^x, \forall x > 1$$

is increasing on $(1, \infty)$.

- 11.(a) State and prove Cauchy's Mean Value theorem. 2+4
 (b) Let f be a continuous function defined on $[0, 1]$ which is differentiable on $(0, 1)$. Show that 2

$$f(1) - f(0) = \frac{f'(x)}{2x}$$

has at least one solution in $(0, 1)$.

- 12.(a) Write with proper justification, Maclaurin's infinite series expansion for 5
 $f(x) = \log(1+x), -1 < x \leq 1$
 (b) Let f, f' be continuous on $[a, b]$ and f'' exist in (a, b) . Show that there exists at least one point $c \in (a, b)$ such that 3

$$f(b) = f(a) + (b-a)f'(a) + \frac{(b-a)^2}{2!} f''(c).$$

- 13.(a) A tangent to the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ meets the major axis and the minor axis at P and Q respectively. Show that the least value of PQ is $a+b$. 5
 (b) Show that the semi-vertical angle of a right circular cone of minimum possible surface and of given volume is $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$. 3

N.B. : Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.

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