



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.Sc. Honours/Programme 1st Semester Examination, 2019

**MTMHGEC01T/MTMGCOR01T-MATHEMATICS (GE1/DSC1)**

**DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS**

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) Evaluate the right hand and left hand limits of the function  $f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x}$  at the point  $x = 0$ . Examine whether the function has a limit at 0.
- (b) Find the points of discontinuity of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{(x^2-1)(x-1)x}$ .
- (c) Verify Rolle's theorem for the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 10$  on  $[2, 3]$ .
- (d) Investigate the extremum for the function  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 15x^2 + 42x + 10$ .
- (e) Show that  $\frac{\sin \alpha - \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha - \cos \beta} = \cot \theta$ , where  $0 < \alpha < \theta < \beta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .
- (f) Show that the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x^{1/3} + y^{1/3}}{x^{1/4} + y^{1/4}}}$  is homogeneous and find its degree.
- (g) Find the points on the curve  $y = x^2 + 3x + 4$ , where the tangents pass through the origin.
- (h) If  $y = \sin(m \sin^{-1} x)$ , show that  $(1-x^2)y_2 - xy_1 + m^2y = 0$ .
2. (a) Show that the limit that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \frac{1}{x}$  does not exist. 2
- (b) If two functions  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous at a point  $c$ , then show that  $f + g$  is also continuous at  $c$ . 3
- (c) Discuss the continuity of the function  $f(x) = |x-3|$  at  $x = 3$  and find  $f'(3)$ , if exists. 2+1

3. (a) If a function  $f$  is differentiable at some point  $c$  in its domain, then prove that it is also continuous at  $c$ . Give a suitable example to show that the converse of the above result is not true. 3
- (b) If  $u = \tan^{-1} \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x - y}$ , then prove that  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \sin 2u$ . 3
- (c) Find the equation of the normal to the curve  $x^2 - y^2 = a^2$  at the point  $(a\sqrt{2}, a)$ . 2
4. (a) If  $y^{1/m} + y^{-1/m} = 2x$ , prove that  $(x^2 - 1)y_{n+2} + (2n + 1)xy_{n+1} + (n^2 - m^2)y_n = 0$ . 4
- (b) State and prove Euler's theorem on homogeneous functions. 4
5. (a) Find the radius of curvature at  $(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$  of the curve  $\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y} = 1$ . 3
- (b) State and prove Lagrange's mean value theorem. Write the geometrical interpretation of this theorem. 4+1
6. (a) Find the Taylor's series expansion of the function  $f(x) = \sin x$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . 5
- (b) Determine the asymptotes of the curve  $x = \frac{2t}{t^2 - 1}$ ,  $y = \frac{(1+t)^2}{t^2}$ . 3
7. (a) Verify Rolle's theorem for the function  $f(x) = x(x+3)e^{-x/2}$  in  $[-3, 0]$ . 4
- (b) If  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function such that  $f'(x) = 0$  everywhere then show that  $f(x)$  is a constant function on  $\mathbb{R}$ . 4
8. (a) If  $f(h) = f(0) + hf'(0) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(\theta h)$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$ , find  $\theta$  when  $h = 1$  and  $f(x) = (1-x)^{3/2}$ . 3
- (b) Discuss maxima and minima of the function  $f(x) = (\frac{1}{x})^x$ ,  $x > 0$ , if there be any. 5
9. (a) If  $u = f(x, y)$ ,  $x = r \cos \theta$ ,  $y = r \sin \theta$ , then prove that 6
- $$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{r^2} \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}\right)^2$$
- (b) If  $f(x, y) = \frac{xy(x^2 - y^2)}{x^2 + y^2}$  for  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$  and  $f(0, 0) = 0$  then find  $f_x(0, 0)$  and  $f_y(0, 0)$ . 1+1

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