



**WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**  
B.Sc. Honours/Programme 1st Semester Examination, 2022-23

**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 Number 1 and any five from the rest**

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

(a) Examine whether the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{[x]}{x}$  exists, where  $[x]$  represents the greatest integer less or equal to  $x$ .

(b)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & \text{when } x \leq 1 \\ 3-ax & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$

For what value of  $a$ , will  $f$  be continuous at  $x = 1$ .

(c) For the function  $f(x) = |x|$ ;  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  show that  $f'(0)$  does not exist.

(d) Show that the function  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 6x - 11$  is increasing at  $x = 4$ .

(e) Find the point on the curve  $y = x^3 - 6x + 7$  where the tangent is parallel to the straight line  $y = 6x + 1$ .

(f) Find the asymptotes of the curve  $xy^2 - yx^2 - (x + y + 1) = 0$ .

(g) Examine the continuity of the function at  $(0, 0)$

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$$

(h) Show that the function  $f(x, y) = \frac{x^{1/4} + y^{1/4}}{x^{1/5} + y^{1/5}}$  is homogeneous in  $x$  and  $y$ . Find its degree.

(i) If  $u = x \log y$ , then show that  $u_{xy} = u_{yx}$ .

2. (a) If  $f$  is an even function and  $f'(0)$  exists, then show that  $f'(0) = 0$ . 4

(b) Discuss the continuity of  $f$  at  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$  where  $f(x) = |x - 1| + |x - 2|$ . 4

3. (a) If  $x + y = e^{x-y}$ , show that  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{4(x+y)}{(x+y+1)^3}$  4

(b) State and prove Lagrange's Mean Value Theorem. 4

4. (a) Find the slope of the curve  $x^{2/3} + y^{2/3} = a^{2/3}$  at the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  and hence obtain the equation of the tangent at that point. 4
- (b) Verify Rolle's theorem for the function  $f(x) = x\sqrt{4-x^2}$  is  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ . 4
5. (a) Expand  $f(x) = \sin x$  as a series of infinite terms. 5
- (b) If  $y = \frac{x}{x+1}$ , show that  $y_5(0) = 5!$ . 3
6. (a) If  $f(x) = \log \frac{\sqrt{a+bx} - \sqrt{a-bx}}{\sqrt{a+bx} + \sqrt{a-bx}}$ , find for what values of  $x$ ,  $\frac{1}{f'(x)} = 0$ . 4
- (b) Prove that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - 2f(a) + f(a-h)}{h^2} = f''(a)$ , provided that  $f''(x)$  is continuous. 4
7. (a) Find the maxima and minima, if any, of  $\frac{x^4}{(x-1)(x-3)^3}$ . 2+2
- (b) Determine the values of  $a, b, c$  so that  $\frac{a \sin x - bx + cx^2 + x^3}{2x^2 \log(1+x) - 2x^3 + x^4}$  may tend to a finite limit as  $x \rightarrow 0$ , and determine this limit. 3+1
8. (a) If  $lx + my = 1$  is a normal to the parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$ , then show that  $al^3 + 2alm^2 = m^2$ . 4
- (b) If the tangent at  $(x_1, y_1)$  to the curve  $x^3 + y^3 = a^3$  meets the curve again in  $(x_2, y_2)$ , show that  $\frac{x_2}{x_1} + \frac{y_2}{y_1} = -1$ . 4
9. (a) Prove that the asymptotes of the curve  $x^2y^2 = a^2(x^2 + y^2)$  form a square of side  $2a$ . 4
- (b) Show that for an ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ , the radius of curvature at an extremity of the major axis is equal to the half of the latus rectum. 4
10. (a) If  $V$  is a function  $r$  alone, where  $r^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ , show that 4
- $$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial z^2} = \frac{d^2 V}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{dV}{dr}.$$
- (b) If  $y = f(x+ct) + \phi(x-ct)$ , show that  $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$ . 4

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