

(For the candidates admitted from 2024–25 onwards)

M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, AUGUST 2025

First Semester

Maths

ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — ($10 \times 2 = 20$ marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. Find all solutions of the equation $y'' + y' - 2y = 0$.
2. State the existence theorem for solutions of a second order initial value problem, with constant coefficients.
3. Define Wronskian of n functions $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$.
4. Define linearly independent homogeneous equation of order n .
5. Write the Riccati equation.
6. Find the value of the Legendre polynomial $P_2(x)$.
7. Define regular singular point.
8. Give a note on indicial equation.
9. Find the solution of $y' = 3y^2/3$.
10. Define Lipschitz constant.

PART B — ($3 \times 5 = 15$ marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

11. Let ϕ_1, ϕ_2 be two solutions of $L(y) = 0$ on an interval I , and let x_0 be any point in I . Then show that ϕ_1, ϕ_2 are linearly independent on I if and only if $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) \neq 0$.
12. Find all real-valued solutions of the equation $y^{(4)} + y = 0$.

13. Find the basis for the solution of the equation $y'' - \frac{2}{x^2}y = 0$ on $0 < x < \infty$.
14. Discuss the Bessel function of zero order of the second kind.
15. Prove the equation $y' = \frac{3x^2 - 2xy}{x^2 - 2y}$ is exact and solve.

PART C — ($5 \times 8 = 40$ marks)

Answer ALL the questions.

16. (a) Find all solution of the equation $y'' - y' - 2y = e^{-x}$.

Or

- (b) If ϕ_1, ϕ_2 are two solutions of $L(y) = 0$ on an interval I containing a point x_0 , then show that $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x) = e^{-a_1(x-x_0)}W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0)$.
17. (a) Let $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$ be n solutions of $L(y) = 0$ on an interval I containing a point x_0 . Then prove that, $W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x) = e^{-a_1(x-x_0)}W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x_0)$.

Or

- (b) Consider the equation with constant coefficients $L(y) = P(x)e^{ax}$, where P is the polynomial given by $P(x) = b_0x^m + b_1x^{m-1} + \dots + b_m$, ($b_0 \neq 0$). Suppose a is a root of the characteristic polynomial p of L of multiplicity j . Then prove that there is a unique solution Ψ of $L(y) = P(x)e^{ax}$ of the form $\Psi(x) = x^j(c_0x^m + c_1x^{m-1} + \dots + c_m)e^{ax}$, where $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_m$ are constants determined by the annihilator method.
18. (a) If $\phi_1 \dots \phi_n$ are n solutions of $L(y) = 0$ on an interval J , prove that they are linearly independent there if, and only if, $W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x) \neq 0$ for all x in I .

Or

- (b) State and prove the Existence theorem for analytic coefficients.
19. (a) Consider the second order Euler equation $x^2y'' + axy' + by = 0$, (a, b constants) and the polynomial q given by $q(r) = r(r-1) + ar + b$. Prove that a basis for the solution of the Euler equation on any interval not containing $x = 0$ is given by $\phi_1(x) = |x|^{r_1}, \phi_2(x) = |x|^{r_2}$, in case r_1, r_2 are distinct roots of q , and by $\phi_1(x) = |x|^{r_1}, \phi_2(x) = |x|^{r_1} \log |x|$, if r_1 is a root of q of multiplicity two.

Or

- (b) Find the solution of the equation $L(y) = x^2 y'' + \frac{3}{2} x y' + x y = 0$, which has a regular singular point at the origin.
20. (a) Prove that the successive approximations ϕ_k , defined by $\phi_0(x) = y_0$, exists as continuous function on $J : |x - x_0| \leq \alpha = \min \left\{ a, \frac{b}{M} \right\}$, and $(x, \phi_k(x))$ is in R for x in I . Indeed, the ϕ_k satisfy $|\phi_k(x) - y_0| \leq M |x - x_0|$ for all x in I .

Or

- (b) State and prove the existence theorem for convergence of the successive approximation.
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