

**B.A. (Honours) Examination, 2023**  
**Semester - I (NEP)**  
**Subject: Economics**  
**Course: MJEC02**  
**(Mathematical Methods for Economics I)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Full Marks: 80**

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin  
*Answer any five (05) of the following questions*

1. (a) Show that if  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = x_0$ , then  $f(x)$  is also continuous at  $x = x_0$ .  
(b) If a function is continuous over the closed interval  $[a, b]$  and differentiable over the open interval  $(a, b)$ , then prove that there exists at least one point  $c \in (a, b)$  such that  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$ .

7+9 = 16
2. (a) Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$ .  
(b) Using the Cauchy's theorem on limit, prove that:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n)^2} \right) = 0$ .

8+8 = 16
3. (a) Find the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree Taylor Polynomial of  $y = \log x$  at  $x = 1$ .  
(b) Using the first principle of differentiation, derive  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  when  $y = x^2 + 1$ .

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4. (a) Find the critical point(s) and the maximum or minimum value of the function  $y = x^2 + 2x + 1$ .  
(b) A rectangular garden has to be built using a brick wall as one side and wire fencing for the other three sides. Given 100 meters of wire fencing, determine the dimensions that creates a garden of maximum area. What is the maximum area?

6+10 = 10
5. (a) Graphically and mathematically interpret a convex combination of two points on a function.  
(b) Differentiate the function  $y = \log x^2$  with respect to  $x$ , using first principle of differentiation.

7+9 = 16
6. (a) Derive  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  from the equations: (i)  $x^3 + y^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 = 0$ ; (ii)  $y = 5x^2 - e^y$   
(b) Verify whether the functions satisfy the Rolle's theorem:  
(i)  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x$ , over  $[-2, 0]$   
(ii)  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 8x + 6$ , over  $[1, 3]$ 

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7. (a) Show that the statement  $P \rightarrow Q$  is equivalent to the statement  $Q$  or Not  $P$ .  
(b) What is wrong with the following argument?  
Tom cats are cats.  
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(c) Which of the following statements are true (for all sets  $A, B$  and  $C$ )  
(i) If  $A \in B$  and  $B \subset C$  then  $A \in C$ .  
(ii) If  $A \in B$  and  $B \subset C$  then  $A \subset C$ .  
(iii) Prove that  $A \cap (B - C) \subset A - (B \cap C)$ 

4+4+4+4 = 16

8. (a) Briefly explain (with diagram) the concept of vector addition and scalar multiplication.  
 (b) Define dot product. Let  $U = (1, -2, 3)$ ,  $V = (4, 5, -1)$  and  $W = (2, 7, 4)$  be the three vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then find which pair of vectors are orthogonal to each other.  
 (c) For a rectangular  $2' \times 3' \times 4'$  box, find the angle that the longest diagonal makes with the  $4'$  side.  
 (d) Define a unit vector. For a vector  $U = (-1, 2, -3)$ , find a vector of length  $2/\sqrt{3}$  which points in the opposite direction.

$$4+4+4+4 = 16$$

9. (a) Define parametric representation of a line with diagram.  
 (b) Transform the following parameterized equation in to the form:  $x_2 = mx_1 + b$ , for  $x_1 = 3$ ,  $x_2 = 5+t$ .  
 (c) Transform  $2x_2 = 3x_1 + 5$  into its parametric form.  
 (d) Draw a plane, and show the path you would traverse, were you to start at  $(-1, 3)$  and then displace yourself first by vector  $(1, -3)$  and then by vector  $(-1, -3)$ .  
 (e) Write the equation of the plane through the point  $(3, 4, 5)$  with normal vector  $(6, 7, 8)$ .

$$3+3+3+4+3 = 16$$

10. (a) State the conditions for a system of two non-degenerate linear equations in two unknowns have (i) one solution (ii) no solution (iii) infinite number of solutions with diagrams.

(b)  $L_1: x - 3y - 2z = 6$ ;  $L_2: 2x - 4y - 3z = 8$ ;  $L_3: -3x + 6y + 8z = -5$

For the above system, find the solution by Gaussian forward elimination and backward substitution method.

$$8+8 = 16$$

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