

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2025
(Second Semester)

Branch - MATHEMATICS

DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS AND LAPLACE TRANSFORMS

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

| Module No. | Question No. | Question | K Level | CO |
|------------|--------------|--|---------|-----|
| 1 | 1 | Newton's Law of cooling is given by ____ a) $\frac{dT}{dt} = k(T - A)$ b) $\frac{dT}{dt} = -k(T - A)$ c) $\frac{dt}{dT} = -k(T - A)$ d) $\frac{dt}{dT} = k(T - A)$ | K1 | CO1 |
| | 2 | A first-order differential equation of the form ____ is called Bernoulli equation. (a) $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)y^n$ (b) $\frac{dy}{dx} - P(x)y = Q(x)y^n$ (c) $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y^n = Q(x)y$ (d) $\frac{dy}{dx} - P(x)y^n = Q(x)y$ | K1 | CO1 |
| 2 | 3 | The Wronskian of $(\cos x, \sin x)$ is ____ a) $\cos x$ b) $\sin x$ c) 1 d) 0 | K1 | CO2 |
| | 4 | The particular solution of $y'' - 4y = 2e^{3x}$ is ____ a) $\frac{2}{3}e^{3x}$ b) $\frac{2}{5}e^{3x}$ c) $\frac{3}{5}e^{3x}$ d) e^{3x} | K2 | CO2 |
| 3 | 5 | A degenerate system may have either no solution or infinitely many ____ solutions. (a) dependent (b) unit (c) independent (d) zero | K2 | CO3 |
| | 6 | A linear first-order system is ____ if the functions are all identically zero. (a) non homogeneous (b) homogeneous (c) independent (d) dependent | K1 | CO3 |
| 4 | 7 | $L(t^{-1/2}) =$ ____ a) $\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s^2}}$ b) $\frac{\pi}{s}$ c) $\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s^2}}$ d) $\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}}$ | K2 | CO4 |
| | 8 | $L[u_a(t)] =$ ____ if $a > 0$ (a) e^{as} (b) $\frac{e^{as}}{s}$ (c) e^{-as} (d) $\frac{e^{-as}}{s}$ | K2 | CO4 |
| 5 | 9 | The basic circuit equation is ____ a) $L \frac{dI}{dt} + RI + \frac{1}{C}Q = E(t)$ b) $L \frac{dI}{dt} - RI + \frac{1}{C}Q = E(t)$ c) $L \frac{dI}{dt} - RI - \frac{1}{C}Q = E(t)$ d) $L \frac{dI}{dt} + RI + \frac{1}{C}Q + E(t) = 0$ | K1 | CO5 |
| | 10 | The convolution process associated with the Laplace Transform in time domain results into ____ a) Simple multiplication in complex frequency domain b) Simple division in complex frequency domain c) Simple multiplication in complex time domain d) Simple division in complex time domain | K2 | CO5 |

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SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 × 7 = 35)

| Module No. | Question No. | Question | K Level | CO |
|------------|--------------|--|---------|-----|
| 1 | 11.a. | Solve the initial value problem $\frac{dy}{dx} = y^2$, $y(1) = 2$ | K2 | CO1 |
| | | (OR) | | |
| | 11.b. | Solve the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x + y + 3)^2$ | | |
| 2 | 12.a. | Evaluate the initial value problem $y'' + 2y' + y = 0$ given $y(0) = 5$, $y'(0) = -3$ | K3 | CO2 |
| | | (OR) | | |
| | 12.b. | Find the general solution of $9y^{(5)} - 6y^{(4)} + y^{(3)} = 0$ | | |
| 3 | 13.a. | Solve the initial value problem $x' = -y$, $y' = (1.01)x - (0.2)y$ with given $x(0) = 0$, $y(0) = 1$ | K2 | CO3 |
| | | (OR) | | |
| | 13.b. | Derive a general solution of the system $(D^2 + 3)x - y = 0$, $-2x + (D^2 + 2)y = 0$ | | |
| 4 | 14.a. | Evaluate $L[\cos(at) \sinh(at)]$ | K3 | CO4 |
| | | (OR) | | |
| | 14.b. | Evaluate the inverse Laplace transform of $\frac{s^2 + 1}{s^3 - 2s^2 - 8s}$ | | |
| 5 | 15.a. | Obtain $L^{-1}\left[\frac{2s}{(s^2 - 1)^2}\right]$ | K2 | CO5 |
| | | (OR) | | |
| | 15.b. | Consider a mass on a spring with $m = k = 1$ and $x(0) = x'(0) = 0$. At each of the instants $t = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, \dots, n\pi, \dots$ the mass is struck a hammer blow with a unit impulse. Determine the resulting motion. | | |

SECTION - C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (3 × 10 = 30)

| Module No. | Question No. | Question | K Level | CO |
|------------|--------------|--|---------|-----|
| 1 | 16 | A 120-gallon (gal) tank initially contains 90 lb of salt dissolved in 90 gal of water. Brine containing 2 lb/gal of salt flows into the tank at the rate of 4 gal/min, and the well-stirred mixture flows out of the tank at the rate of 3 gal/min. How much salt does the tank contain when it is full? | K4 | CO1 |
| 2 | 17 | Find the general solution of $y'' - 4y = 2e^{2x}$ | K3 | CO2 |
| 3 | 18 | Solve the two-dimensional system $x' = -2y$ and $y' = \frac{1}{2}x$ | K3 | CO3 |
| 4 | 19 | Using Laplace Transform, solve the initial value problem $x'' + 4x = \sin 3t$, $x(0) = x'(0) = 0$ | K4 | CO4 |
| 5 | 20 | Consider a mass-spring-dashpot system with $m = 1$, $c = 4$, and $k = 20$ in appropriate units. Suppose that the system is initially at rest at equilibrium ($x(0) = x'(0) = 0$) and that the mass is acted on beginning at time $t = 0$ by an external force $f(t)$ - the square wave with amplitude 20 and period 2π . Find the position function $f(t)$. | K4 | CO5 |