

**PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)**

**MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2025  
(First Semester)**

Branch - MATHEMATICS

**ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**

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	If $b(x)=0$ for all $x$ in $I$ the corresponding equation $L(y)=0$ is called a ____ a) Homogeneous equation      b) Non-Homogeneous equation c) Differential Operator      d) Second order equation	K1	CO1
	2	An ____ for $L(y)=0$ is a problem of finding a solution $\phi$ satisfying $\phi(x_0) = \alpha$ $\phi'(x_0) = \beta$ , where $x_0$ is some real number, and $\alpha, \beta$ are two given constants. a) initial point      b) interval value problem c) initial value problem      d) integral equation	K2	CO1
2	3	If $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$ are polynomials of degree two, then they are linearly dependent on ____ a) $-\infty \leq x \leq \infty$ b) $-\infty < x < \infty$ c) $-\infty \geq x \geq \infty$ d) $-\infty > x > \infty$	K1	CO2
	4	Let $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$ be $n$ solutions of $L(y) = 0$ on an interval $I$ containing a point $x_0$ . Then $W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x) =$ ____ a) $e^{-a_1(x+x_0)}W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x)$ b) $e^{a_1(x+x_0)}W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x_0)$ c) $e^{-a_1(x-x_0)}W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x_0)$ d) $e^{-a_1(x+x_0)}W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x)$	K2	CO2
3	5	A linear differential equation of order $n$ with variable coefficients is an equation of the form $a_0(x)y^{(n)} + a_1(x)y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n(x)y = b(x)$ , Where $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n, b$ are complex-valued functions on some real interval $I$ , the points where $a_0(x) = 0$ are called ____ a) infinite point      b) singular point c) finite point      d) complex-value point	K1	CO3
	6	If the coefficients $a_k$ of $L$ are constants, then $W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x) =$ ____ a) $e^{-a_1(x+x_0)}W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x)$ b) $e^{-a_1(x+x_0)}W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x_0)$ c) $e^{-a_1(x-x_0)}W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x_0)$ d) $e^{a_1(x+x_0)}W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x)$	K2	CO3
4	7	The equation $L(y) = x^k$ has a solution $\psi$ of the form $\psi(x) =$ ____ if $q(k) \neq 0$ . a) $cx^k$ b) $cx^k \log x$ c) $x^k$ d) $cq(k)x^k$	K1	CO4
	8	The polynomial $q$ is called the ____ for $L(y) = x^2y'' + \frac{3}{2}xy' + xy = 0$ a) polynomial      b) lowest power c) complex-value      d) indicial polynomial	K2	CO4
5	9	The function $\phi$ will be a solution of $y' = g(x)/h(x)$ on $I$ , provided ____ for all $x$ in $I$ a) $h(y)dy = g(y)dy$ b) $h(\phi(x)) \neq 0$ c) $h(\phi(x)(\phi'(x))) = g(x)$ d) $h(\phi(x)) = 0$	K1	CO5
	10	If $f$ is continuous and satisfies a ____ on $R$ , then the successive approximations converge to a solution of the initial value problem on $ x - x_0  \leq \alpha$ . a) Lipschitz constant      b) Euler equation c) Lipschitz condition      d) Bessel function	K2	CO5

**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.	Let $a_1, a_2$ be constants, and consider the equation $L(y) = y'' + a_1y' + a_2y = 0$ . If $r_1, r_2$ are distinct roots of the characteristic polynomial $p$ , where $p(r) = r^2 + a_1r + a_2$ , then prove that the functions $\phi_1, \phi_2$ defined by $\phi_1(x) = e^{r_1x}$ , $\phi_2(x) = e^{r_2x}$ , are solutions of $L(y) = 0$ . If $r_1$ is repeated root of $p$ , then the functions $\phi_1, \phi_2$ defined by $\phi_1(x) = e^{r_1x}$ , $\phi_2(x) = xe^{r_1x}$ are solutions of $L(y) = 0$ .	K2	CO1
		(OR)		

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1	11.b.	Let $\phi_1, \phi_2$ be two solutions of $L(y) = 0$ on an interval $I$ , and let $x_0$ be any point in $I$ . Then $\phi_1, \phi_2$ are linearly independent on $I$ if and only if $W(\phi_1, \phi_2)(x_0) \neq 0$ .	K2	CO1
2	12.a.	Let $r_1, \dots, r_s$ be the distinct roots of the characteristic polynomial $P$ , and suppose $r_i$ has multiplicity $m_i$ (thus $m_1 + m_2 + \dots + m_s = n$ ). Then the $n$ functions $e^{r_1 x}, x e^{r_1 x}, \dots, x^{m_1-1} e^{r_1 x}; e^{r_2 x}, x e^{r_2 x}, \dots, x^{m_2-1} e^{r_2 x}; \dots; e^{r_s x}, x e^{r_s x}, \dots, x^{m_s-1} e^{r_s x}$ are solutions of $L(y) = 0$ .	K2	CO2
	12.b.	(OR) The correspondence which associates with each $L = a_0 D^n + a_1 D^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$ its characteristic polynomial $P$ given by $p(r) = a_0 r^n + a_1 r^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$ is a one-to-one correspondence between all linear differential operators with constant coefficients and all polynomials. If $L, M$ are associated with $p, q$ respectively, then prove that $L + M$ is associated with $p + q$ , $ML$ is associated with $pq$ , and $\alpha L$ is associated with $\alpha p$ ( $\alpha$ a constant).		
3	13.a.	Let $b_1, \dots, b_n$ be non-negative constants such that for all $x$ in $I$ $ a_j(x)  \leq b_j$ , ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ ), and define $k$ by $k = 1 + b_1 + \dots + b_n$ . If $x_0$ is a point in $I$ , and $\varphi$ is a solution of $L(y) = 0$ on $I$ , then prove that $\ \varphi(x_0)\  e^{-k x-x_0 } \leq \ \varphi(x)\  \leq \ \varphi(x_0)\  e^{k x-x_0 }$ for all $x$ in $I$ .	K3	CO3
	13.b.	(OR) Let $b$ be continuous on an interval $I$ , and let $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$ be a basis for the solutions of $L(y) = 0$ on $I$ . Every solution $\psi$ of $L(y) = b(x)$ can be written as $\psi = \psi_p + c_1 \phi_1 + \dots + c_n \phi_n$ , Where $\psi_p$ is a particular solution of $L(y) = b(x)$ , and $c_1, \dots, c_n$ are constants. Every such $\psi$ is a solution of $L(y) = b(x)$ . A particular solution $\psi_p$ is given by $\psi_p(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \phi_k(x) \int_{x_0}^x \frac{W_k(t)b(t)}{W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(t)} dt.$		
4	14.a.	Determine a second kind for the Bessel equation of order zero.	K3	CO4
	14.b.	(OR) Compute the indicial polynomials, and their roots, for the following equation: $x^2 y'' + (x + x^2) y' - y = 0$		
5	15.a.	Derive Exact equations.	K3	CO5
	15.b.	(OR) Suppose $S$ is either a rectangle $ x - x_0  \leq a,  y - y_0  \leq b, (a, b > 0)$ , or a strip $ x - x_0  \leq a,  y  < \infty, (a > 0)$ , and that $f$ is a real-valued function defined on $S$ such that $\partial f / \partial y$ exists, is continuous on $S$ , and $ \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(x, y)  \leq K, ((x, y) \text{ in } S)$ , for some $K > 0$ . Then prove that $f$ satisfies a Lipschitz condition on $S$ with Lipschitz constant $K$ .		

**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	State and Prove Existence Theorem.	K3	CO1
2	17	Let $\phi$ be any solution of $L(y) = y^{(n)} + a_1 y^{(n-1)} + \dots + a_n y = 0$ on an interval $I$ containing a point $x_0$ . Then prove that for all $x$ in $I$ $\ \phi(x_0)\  e^{-k x-x_0 } \leq \ \phi(x)\  \leq \ \phi(x_0)\  e^{k x-x_0 }$ , Where $k = 1 +  a_1  + \dots +  a_n $ .	K4	CO2
3	18	If $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$ are $n$ solutions of $L(y) = 0$ on an interval $I$ , they are linearly independent there if, and only if, $W(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n)(x) \neq 0$ for all $x$ in $I$ .	K3	CO3
4	19	Derive Euler equation.	K4	CO4
5	20	Let $M, N$ be two real-valued functions which have continuous first partial derivative on some rectangle $R:  x - x_0  \leq a,  y - y_0  \leq b$ . Then prove that the equation $M(x, y) + N(x, y) y' = 0$ Is exact in $R$ if, and only if, $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial N}{\partial x}$ in $R$ .	K3	CO5

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