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**FACULTY OF SCIENCES**  
**January\February Examination 2018**

**CODE:MTH 311**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**TITLE: CALCULUS OF SEVERAL VARIABLES**

**CREDIT UNIT: 3**

**TOTAL: 70 MARKS**

**INSTRUCTION: QUESTION ONE (1) IS COMPULSORY AND ATTEMPT ANY OTHER 4**

1a) Define the following;

- i) A real-valued function of two variables?
- ii) Partial derivative of a function of two or more variables with respect to one of its variables
- iii) Total derivative of the function  $(x, y, z, \dots, u)$ . Hence evaluate the total derivatives of  $F(x, y, z) = 4x^2y^3 + z^2$  and  $F(x, y, z) = 2x^2y^3 - 3z^2$

b) Let  $f$  be a function defined by  $f(x, y) = (x^2 + y, xy)$ .

Find i)  $f(2,3)$  ii)  $f(3,2)$  iii)  $f(-2, -3)$

c) State the Clairaut's Theorem. Verify the theorem with  $F(x, y) = y^2e^{2x} + \cos 4y$

**18marks**

2) Let  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  be functions defined by  $f(x) = 7x - 3$ ,  $g(x) = x + 2$  and  $h(x) = 3x^2 - 7x - 5$ . Find:

i)  $h(x - 2)$  ii)  $f(g(x))$  iii)  $g(f(x))$  iv)  $(f + g)(x)$  v)  $h(g(f(x)))$  **13marks**

3) Let  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ . What is the Jacobian determinant  $(r, \theta)$ ? **5marks**

Obtain the Jacobian determinant such that

$y_1 = 5x_2$  ;  $y_2 = 4x_1 - 2 \sin(x_2x_3)$  and  $y_3 = x_2x_3$

**8marks**

4a) Find  $f_{xx}, f_{xy}, f_{yx}, f_{yy}$  of the following:

i)  $f = 2x^3 - xy^2 - y^4$

**3marks**

ii)  $f = 3e^{-xy} - y \cos x$

**3marks**

b) Let  $z = e^{\cos x^2}$ . Solve  $\frac{dz}{dx}$  by the chain rule.

**7marks**

5) Find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  for each of the following implicit functions:

i)  $z^2 - 2x^4yz^3 = 3x^3 - y^2$

**6 marks**

ii)  $y \cos(4xz) = 2z^3 - x^2 \sin(2xy)$

**7marks**

**6 a)** Compute a second order Taylor Series expansion around the origin of the function

$$f(x, y) = e^x \log(1 + y)$$

**3.5marks**

**b)** State the i) necessary ii) sufficient conditions for a maxima or minima of the function:

$$z = f(x, y).$$

**5marks**

**c)** Hence find the maxima and minima of the function  $z = 2x^2 + xy - y^2 + y$

**4.5marks**