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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, BACHELOR OF ARTS
AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION WITH INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

MAIN CAMPUS

MMA 106: MATHEMATICS I

Date: 15th January, 2016

Time: 2.30 - 4.30 pm

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.
- Observe further instructions on the answer booklet.



QUESTION 1.**[20 Marks]**

(a) Simplify $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}}$

[3 Marks]

(b) The second term of an AP is 15 and the sixth term is 23. Find the first term, common difference.

[4 Marks](c) (i) Find the quotient when $2x^3 + 7x^2 + 2x - 3$ is divided by $x + 3$ and hence.(ii) Factorize $2x^3 + 7x^2 + 2x - 3$ completely.**[6 Marks]**(d) In the Binomial expansion of $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{2x}\right)^9$, find(i) the coefficient of the term containing x^6 .

(ii) the constant term.

[6 Marks](e) Show that $\frac{\cot A - \tan A}{\operatorname{cosec} A - \sec A} = \cos A + \sin A$ **[4 Marks]**(f) Solve the equation $2^{(2x+1)} - 3 \times 2^{(x+1)} + 4 = 0$ **[5 Marks]**(g) Given that $\log 3 = 0.4771$ and $\log 5 = 0.6990$. Use the law of logarithms to find $\log 45$ to 4 decimal places.**[2 Marks]****QUESTION 2.****[20 Marks]**(a) (i) Show that $\log_b X = \frac{\log_a X}{\log_a b}$.(ii) Solve $3 \log_2 x + 5 \log_x 2 - 16 = 0$.**[10 Marks]**(b) (i) Solve $\sqrt{(2x+7)} - \sqrt{x} = 2$.

(ii) A committee of 5 people one of whom is to be a treasurer is to be chosen from a group of 11 people. If only 3 of the 11 people qualify for

the position of a treasurer, how many such committees can be chosen.

[5Marks]

(c) Find the value of k such that the series below is an A. P. Hence find the sum of the first ten terms. $(k - 1) + (k + 3) + (3k - 1) + \dots$

[5 Marks]

QUESTION 3.

[20 Marks]

(a) (i) Express in factorial form. $n(n - 1)(n - 2)$.

(ii) Find total number of permutations of the letters in the word

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(iii) Solve to 3 decimal places. $3^{2x} - 2(3^{x+1}) + 5 = 0$

[10 Marks]

(b) (i) Expand $(1 - 2x)^{10}$ in ascending powers of x up to the term having x^4

(ii) Using expansion in (i), approximate $(1.002)^{10}$ to 4 decimal places.

[4 Marks]

(c) Consider the series $6 + 18 + 54 + \dots$.

Find the smallest number of terms of the series that will give a total

greater than 6,200,000 .

[6 Marks]

QUESTION 4.

[20 Marks]

(a) Consider the following set of data of marks for eleven candidates scored in a quiz: $40, 45, 60, 53, 71, 60, 53, 62, 48, 60, 70$. Find

(i) the mode. (ii) the median. (iii) the mean score. [7 marks]

(b) For the frequency distribution given below, use the assumed mean of 117 to calculate,

(i) the mean score. (ii) the standard deviation

X	100-104	105-109	110-114	115-119	120-124	125-129	130-134
f	1	15	22	31	8	3	20

[13 Marks]

QUESTION 5.

[29 Marks]

(a) Suppose that $S = \{ E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4, E_5, E_6 \}$ is a sample space where the simple events E_1, E_2, \dots, E_6 are equally likely .

Let $A = \{ E_1, E_3, E_5 \}$ and $B = \{ E_1, E_2, E_3 \}$.

Find the following probabilities;

(i) $P(A)$, (ii) $P(B)$, (iii) $P(A \text{ and } B)$, (iv) $P (A \text{ or } B)$.

[9 Marks]

(b) Two dice were tossed together. What is the probability that the sum of the two upper faces will be 9 or 10 ?

[4 Marks]

(c) Let $\log H = 2 \log t - \log(1 + t^2)$. .

(i) Make t the subject of the formula.

(ii) Show that if $H = \frac{1}{4}$, then $t = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{3}$

[7 Marks]

