



**Thursday 12 June 2014 – Afternoon**

**A2 GCE MATHEMATICS (MEI)**

**4758/01** Differential Equations

**QUESTION PAPER**

Candidates answer on the Printed Answer Book.

**OCR supplied materials:**

- Printed Answer Book 4758/01
- MEI Examination Formulae and Tables (MF2)

**Other materials required:**

- Scientific or graphical calculator

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

These instructions are the same on the Printed Answer Book and the Question Paper.

- The Question Paper will be found inside the Printed Answer Book.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Printed Answer Book. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- **Write your answer to each question in the space provided in the Printed Answer Book.** Additional paper may be used if necessary but you must clearly show your candidate number, centre number and question number(s).
- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **three** questions.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.
- You are permitted to use a scientific or graphical calculator in this paper.
- Final answers should be given to a degree of accuracy appropriate to the context.
- The acceleration due to gravity is denoted by  $g \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . Unless otherwise instructed, when a numerical value is needed, use  $g = 9.8$ .

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

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- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question on the Question Paper.
- You are advised that an answer may receive **no marks** unless you show sufficient detail of the working to indicate that a correct method is being used.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **72**.
- The Printed Answer Book consists of **16** pages. The Question Paper consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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- 1 The displacement,  $x$  m, of a particle at time  $t$  s is given by the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = 30 \cos 2t.$$

- (i) Find the general solution. [9]

The particle is initially at the origin, travelling with velocity  $10 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

- (ii) Find the particular solution. [4]

- (iii) Find the amplitude of the oscillations of the particle for large values of  $t$ . [2]

Consider now the differential equation

$$\frac{d^3x}{dt^3} + 2\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dx}{dt} = 0.$$

- (iv) Show that 0 is a root of the auxiliary equation and write down the other roots. [2]

- (v) Find the particular solution of this differential equation subject to the initial conditions

$$x = 0, \frac{dx}{dt} = 10 \text{ and } \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 4 \text{ when } t = 0. \quad [5]$$

- (vi) Sketch the graph of this solution. [2]

- 2 The population,  $P$ , of a species at time  $t$  hours is to be modelled by a differential equation. The initial population is 100.

At first, the model  $\frac{dP}{dt} - 0.25P = 0$  is used.

- (i) Find  $P$  in terms of  $t$  and comment on the suitability of this model. [4]

To allow for certain environmental effects, the model is refined to

$$\frac{dP}{dt} - 0.25P = -18e^{-0.5t}.$$

- (ii) Write down the complementary function for this differential equation. Find a particular integral and hence state the general solution. [6]

- (iii) Find the solution subject to the given initial condition and comment on the suitability of this refined model. [3]

The following mathematical model for the population is now used.

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = 6 \times 10^{-4}P(400 - P)$$

- (iv) Solve this differential equation subject to the given initial condition, expressing  $P$  in terms of  $t$ . [8]

- (v) Show that the time  $T$  hours at which  $P = 200$  is given by

$$T = \frac{25}{6} \ln 3. \quad [1]$$

- (vi) What does this model predict for the population of the species in the long term? [2]

- 3 (a) The equation of a curve in the  $x$ - $y$  plane satisfies the differential equation

$$(x+1)\frac{dy}{dx} - xy = e^{2x}$$

for  $x > -1$ .

- (i) Show that an integrating factor for this differential equation is  $e^{-x}(1+x)$  and hence find the general solution for  $y$  in terms of  $x$ . [11]

The curve passes through the point  $(0, -2)$ .

- (ii) Find the equation of this curve. [2]

- (b) The differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2}$$

is to be solved approximately, first by using a tangent field and then by Euler's method.

- (i) Show that the isocline for which  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4$  is a circle and state its centre and radius. [2]

- (ii) Sketch the isoclines for the cases  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4$ . Use these isoclines to draw a tangent field. [3]

- (iii) Sketch the solution curve through  $(0, 1)$ . [2]

Euler's method is now used, starting at  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 1$ . The algorithm is given by  $x_{r+1} = x_r + h$ ,  $y_{r+1} = y_r + hy'_r$ .

- (iv) Use a step length of 0.05 to estimate  $y$  when  $x = 0.15$ . [4]

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## 4 The simultaneous differential equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x = 4y + e^{-2t}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + 3x = 5y + 2e^{-2t}$$

are to be solved.

(i) Obtain a second order differential equation for  $x$  in terms of  $t$ . Hence find the general solution for  $x$ . [12]

(ii) Find the corresponding general solution for  $y$ . [4]

When  $t = 0$ ,  $y = -\frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ .

(iii) Find the particular solutions for  $x$  and  $y$ . [5]

(iv) Find the set of values of  $t$  for which  $y > x$ . [3]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**



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