

**ADVANCED GCE**  
**MATHEMATICS (MEI)**  
Differential Equations

**4758/01**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

**OCR Supplied Materials:**

- 8 page Answer Booklet
- Graph paper
- MEI Examination Formulae and Tables (MF2)

**Other Materials Required:**

None

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**Afternoon**

**Duration:** 1 hour 30 minutes



**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that 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 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**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- 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**.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

**1** The differential equation

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 2\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 2$$

is to be solved.

- (i) Write down the auxiliary equation. Show that  $-2$  is a root of this equation and find the other two roots. Hence write down the complementary function. [6]
- (ii) Find the general solution. [3]

When  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$  and when  $x = \ln 2$ ,  $y = 0$ . As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $y$  tends to a finite limit.

- (iii) Show that  $y = -2e^{-2x} + 3e^{-x} - 1$ . [6]
- (iv) Show that  $y = 0$  only when  $x = 0$  or  $\ln 2$ . Show also that the graph of  $y$  against  $x$  has only one stationary point, and determine its coordinates. [5]
- (v) Sketch the graph of the solution for  $x \geq 0$ . [4]

**2** The differential equation

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

is to be solved for  $|x| < \frac{1}{2}\pi$  subject to the condition that  $y = 1$  when  $x = 0$ .

- (i) Find the solution. [10]
- (ii) Sketch the solution curve. [2]

Now consider the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \cos x + y \sin x = x \cos x \sin x$$

for  $|x| < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ , subject to the condition that  $y = 1$  when  $x = 0$ .

- (iii) Use Euler's method with a step length of 0.1 to estimate  $y$  when  $x = 0.2$ . The algorithm is given by  $x_{r+1} = x_r + h$ ,  $y_{r+1} = y_r + hy'_r$ . [6]
- (iv) Use the integrating factor method and the numerical approximation

$$\int_0^{0.2} x \tan x \, dx \approx 0.002688$$

to estimate  $y$  when  $x = 0.2$ . [6]

- 3 An oil drum of mass 60 kg is dropped from rest from a point A which is at a height of 10 m above a lake. The oil drum is modelled as a particle that moves vertically. When it is  $x$  m below A, its speed is  $v$  m s<sup>-1</sup>. Before it enters the water, the forces acting on it are its weight and a resistance force of magnitude  $\frac{1}{4}v^2$  N.

(i) Show that

$$\frac{v}{240g - v^2} \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{240}$$

and hence find  $v^2$  in terms of  $x$ .

[9]

(ii) Show that the speed of the oil drum as it reaches the water is 13.71 m s<sup>-1</sup>, correct to two decimal places.

[1]

After it enters the water, the forces acting on the oil drum are its weight, a resistance force of magnitude  $60v$  N and a buoyancy force of 90g N vertically upwards.

Assume that the initial speed in the water is 13.71 m s<sup>-1</sup> and that the oil drum moves vertically.

(iii) Show that  $t$  seconds after entering the water its speed is given by  $v = 18.61e^{-t} - 4.9$ .

[8]

(iv) Calculate the greatest depth below the surface of the water that the oil drum reaches.

[6]

- 4 The simultaneous differential equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= -3x - y + 7 \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= 2x - y + 2 \end{aligned}$$

are to be solved for  $t \geq 0$ .

(i) Find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  for which  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ .

[2]

(ii) Show that

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dx}{dt} + 5x = 5.$$

[5]

(iii) Find the general solution for  $x$ .

[6]

(iv) Find the corresponding general solution for  $y$ .

[3]

When  $t = 0$ ,  $x = 4$  and  $y = 0$ .

(v) Find the solutions for  $x$  and  $y$ .

[3]

(vi) Sketch the graphs of  $x$  against  $t$  and  $y$  against  $t$ , for  $t \geq 0$ . Explain how your solution to part (i) relates to your graphs.

[5]



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