



**MAR IVANIOS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)**  
**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

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**Second Semester B.A. Degree Examination, June 2015**

**First Degree Programme under CBCSS**

**Complementary Course: Mathematics – II (for Economics)**

**AUMM231.1a: Mathematics for Economics – II**

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

**SECTION – A**

*Answer ALL questions / problems in one or two sentences.*

1. Find the second derivative of  $y = (5x + 9)^3$ .
2. Determine whether the function  $y = 4x - x^2$  is increasing or decreasing at  $x = 1$ .
3. If  $y = \sqrt{5 - x^2}$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .
4. What is the marginal revenue function for the demand  $p = a - bx$ .
5. The total revenue for a firm is  $R = 22q - q^2$ . What is the output at which the total revenue is maximum ?
6. Write down the degree of the homogeneous function  $z = \frac{x^3 + y^3}{x - y}$ .
7. Find the turning point of the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 8$ .
8. Write the function  $x^2 - xz + yz - z = 0$  in explicit form.
9. Define partial derivative of  $z = f(x, y)$  with respect to  $y$  at the point  $(x, y)$ .
10. Find the second order partial derivative with respect to  $y$  of the function  $x^3 + y^3 - 3xy$ .

**(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)**

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## SECTION – B

Answer any **EIGHT** questions / problems, not exceeding a paragraph.

11. Find the minimum value of  $y = 2x - 1 + \frac{1}{x}$  for positive values of  $x$ .
12. Show that  $y = \frac{1}{2x+1}$  is a monotonic function. Illustrate by drawing the graph of the function.
13. If  $xy = 5 - 2x$ , show that  $x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ .
14. If  $f(x) = ax + b$ , find the derivatives of  $xf(x)$  and  $\frac{f(x)}{x}$ .
15. Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  when  $x = ct$ ,  $y = \frac{c}{t}$ .
16. Explain about inflexional value of the function  $f(x)$  at  $x = a$ .
17. Show that the demand curve  $p = \frac{a}{x+b} - c$  is downward sloping and convex from below.
18. If  $z = (x^2 + y^2)^2$ , find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ .
19. State Young's theorem in partial derivatives.
20. Find the first and second order partial derivatives with respect to  $x$  of  $\log \left( \frac{x}{x+y} \right)$ .
21. If  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 4y + 1 = 0$ , find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ .
22. State the complete differential form of the function  $z = f(x, y)$ .

(8 x 2 = 16 Marks)

## SECTION – C

Short essay type problems : Answer any **SIX** questions.

23. Obtain the extreme values of  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 5$ .
24. Evaluate the differential of  $z = x^3 + y^3 - 3xy$ .
25. Show that the perimeter of a rectangle of area 16 square meters is least when the rectangle is a square of side 4 meters.

26. Find  $\frac{dz}{dt}$ , when  $z = x^2 + y^2$ , where  $x = 1 + t$ ,  $y = 1 - t$ .
27. If  $x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz = 0$  defines  $z$  as a function of  $x$  and  $y$ , find  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ .
28. Find  $x$  as a function  $p$  from the demand law  $p = \sqrt{a - bx}$ . Show that the demand curve is an arc of a parabola with its axis parallel to the  $x$  - axis.
29. Show that  $z = 2x + y + x^2 + xy - y^2$  has a single stationary value. Verify that it is a maximum value.
30. Examine the sections of the surface  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$  and show that it is a sphere of radius  $a$ .
31. For inputs  $x$  and  $y$ , let  $P = xy$  be the production function. The budget constraint is  $2x + y = 6$ . How much  $x$  and  $y$  should be bought to obtain maximum output  $P$ .

(6 x 4 = 24 Marks)

**SECTION – D***Long essay type problems : Answer any TWO questions.*

32. i). If  $u = \log(x^2 + y^2)$ , prove that  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$ .
- ii). For the total cost function  $\Pi = ax^2 + bx + c$ , explain about average cost and marginal cost. Give a graphical illustration.
33. i). If  $y = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$ , show that  $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = 0$ .
- ii). A television company produces  $x$  sets per week at a total cost of Rs.  $\left(\frac{1}{25}x^2 + 3x + 100\right)$ . The company is a monopolist and the demand is  $x = 75 - 3p$ , where  $p$  is the price per set. What is the monopoly price? Illustrate this by drawing a graph.
34. i). Show that  $y = x + \frac{1}{x}$  has a maximum and a minimum value. Draw a graph to illustrate.

ii). The average cost function for producing and marketing  $x$  units of a product is

$$AC = 2x - 11 + \frac{50}{x}. \text{ Find the total cost function and the marginal cost function.}$$

35. i). Show that the curve  $y = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1}$  has three points of inflexion separated by a maximum point and a minimum point.

ii). State Euler's theorem on homogenous functions. Verify the theorem for  $z = x^2 - xy + 2y^2$ .

**(2 x 15 = 30 Marks)**

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