



ADVANCED GCE
MATHEMATICS (MEI)
Differential Equations

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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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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 $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$. Before it enters the water, the forces acting on it are its weight and a resistance force of magnitude $\frac{1}{4}v^2 \text{ N}$.

(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^{-1} , 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 $60v \text{ N}$ and a buoyancy force of $90g \text{ N}$ vertically upwards.

Assume that the initial speed in the water is 13.71 m s^{-1} 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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