



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.Sc. Honours 6th Semester Examination, 2023

MTMADSE04T-MATHEMATICS (DSE3/4)

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
All symbols are of usual significance.*

Answer Question No. 1 and any five from the rest

1. Answer any *five* questions from the following: 2×5 = 10
- (a) Show that the equation $x^n + nx^{n-1} + n(n-1)x^{n-2} + \dots + n! = 0$ can not have equal roots.
- (b) If $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are the roots of $x^4 + px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0$ then find the value of $\sum \alpha^2 \beta \gamma$.
- (c) If α is a special root of $x^n - 1 = 0$, then prove that $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ is also a special root of it.
- (d) If α be a imaginary root of the equation $x^n - 1 = 0$, and n be a prime number, then show that $(1 - \alpha)(1 - \alpha^2)(1 - \alpha^3) \dots (1 - \alpha^{n-1}) = n$.
- (e) Find the value of k for which $(x+1)^4 + x^4 + \frac{k}{2} = 0$ is a reciprocal equation.
- (f) If α be a special root of the equation $x^8 - 1 = 0$, prove that
- $$1 + 3\alpha + 5\alpha^2 + \dots + 15\alpha^7 = \frac{16}{\alpha - 1}$$
- (g) Show that for real values of μ , the equation $(x+1)(x-3)(x-5)(x-7) + \mu(x-2)(x-4)(x-6)(x-8) = 0$ has all its roots real and simple.
- (h) Find the equation of fourth degree with real coefficient one root of which is $\sqrt{2+i\sqrt{3}}$.
2. (a) Find the special roots of the equation $x^{24} - 1 = 0$ and hence deduce that 4
 $\cos \frac{\pi}{12} = \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ and $\cos \frac{5\pi}{12} = \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2\sqrt{2}}$.
- (b) A polynomial $f(x)$ leaves the remainders 10 and $2x-3$ when it is divided by 4
 $(x-2)$ and $(x+1)^2$ respectively. Find the remainder when it is divided by $(x-2)(x+1)^2$.

3. (a) Show that the equation $x^4 - 14x^2 + 24x + k = 0$ has two distinct real roots if $-8 < k < 117$. 4
- (b) Applying Sturm's theorem show that the equation $x^4 - 12x^2 + 4 = 0$ has all roots are real and distinct. 4
4. (a) Show that the roots of the equation $\frac{1}{x+a_1} + \frac{1}{x+a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x+a_n} = \frac{1}{x+b}$ are all real, where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n and b are all positive real numbers and $b > a_i$ for all i . 4
- (b) Solve the cubic $x^3 - 27x - 54 = 0$ by Cardan's method. 4
5. (a) Applying Newton's theorem find the sum of 5th powers of the roots of the equation $x^3 + qx + r = 0$. 4
- (b) If the equation $x^5 - 10a^3x^2 + b^4x + c^5 = 0$ has three equal roots, then show that $ab^4 - 9a^5 + c^5 = 0$. 4
6. (a) If the two polynomials $f(x)$ and $g(x)$, both of degree n take equal values for more than n distinct values of x , then $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are identical polynomials. 3
- (b) Solve the equation $x^4 + 5x^3 + x^2 - 13x + 6 = 0$ by Ferrari's method. 5
7. (a) Solve $x^5 - 5x^4 + 9x^3 - 9x^2 + 5x - 1 = 0$. 4
- (b) If n be a prime number prove that the special roots of the equation $x^{2n} - 1 = 0$ are the non real roots of the equation $x^n + 1 = 0$. 4
8. (a) Show that the condition that the sum of two roots of the equation $x^4 + mx^2 + nx + p = 0$ is equal to the product of the other two roots is $(2p - n)^2 = (p - n)(p + m - n)^2$. 4
- (b) Find the values of k for which the equation $x^3 - 9x^2 + 24x + k = 0$ may have multiple roots and solve the equation in each case. 4
9. (a) Find an upper limit of the real roots of the equation $x^4 + 4x^3 - 11x^2 - 9x - 50 = 0$. 4
- (b) If α, β, γ be the roots of $x^3 + qx + r = 0$, prove that $6S_5 = 5S_2S_3$, where $S_r = \sum \alpha^r$. 4

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