

ADVANCED GCE MATHEMATICS (MEI)

Differential Equations

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Candidates answer on the answer booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 8 page answer booklet (sent with general stationery)
- MEI Examination Formulae and Tables (MF2)

Other materials required:

• Scientific or graphical calculator

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Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink. 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

- 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

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 3y = 13\cos 2t$$
 (*)

is to be solved.

- (i) Find the general solution. [9]
- (ii) Find the particular solution, given that when t = 0, y and $\frac{dy}{dt}$ are both zero. [6]

Now consider the differential equation

$$\frac{d^3z}{dt^3} + 4\frac{d^2z}{dt^2} + 3\frac{dz}{dt} = -26\sin 2t.$$

- (iii) Show that the general solution may be expressed as z = y + c where y is the general solution of (*) and c is a constant. [2]
- (iv) When t = 0, z = 2, $\frac{dz}{dt} = 0$ and $\frac{d^2z}{dt^2} = 13$. Use these conditions to find the particular solution. [7]
- 2 (a) A curve in the x-y plane satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} - \frac{2y}{x} = \sqrt{x}$$

for x > 0.

(i) Find the general solution for y in terms of x.

[8]

[2]

The curve passes through (1, 0).

- (ii) Find the equation of this curve.
- (iii) Find the coordinates of the stationary point of this curve and find the values to which y and $\frac{dy}{dx}$ tend as $x \to 0$. Sketch the curve. [6]
- **(b)** The differential equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

is to be solved approximately by using a tangent field.

- (i) Describe the shape of the isocline for which $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$. [2]
- (ii) Sketch, on the same axes, the isoclines for the cases $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$. Use these isoclines to draw a tangent field.
- (iii) Sketch the solution curve through (0, 1). [1]
- (iv) Sketch the solution curve through the origin. [2]

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- 3 (a) A particle of mass 2 kg moves on a horizontal straight line containing the origin O. When its displacement is x m from O, it is subject to a force of magnitude $2k^2x$ N directed towards O, where k is a positive constant.
 - (i) Show that the velocity, $v \,\mathrm{m\,s^{-1}}$, of the particle satisfies the differential equation

$$v\frac{\mathrm{d}v}{\mathrm{d}x} = -k^2x.$$
 [3]

The particle is at rest when x = a, where a is a positive constant.

(ii) Solve the differential equation, subject to this condition. Hence show that, while the particle moves in the negative direction,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = -k\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}.$$
 [6]

[5]

Initially the particle is at x = a.

(iii) Use the standard integral

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} \, \mathrm{d}x = \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + c$$

to find x in terms of t, k and a.

(b) At time t s, the angle, θ rad, that a pendulum makes with the vertical satisfies the differential equation

$$\omega \frac{\mathrm{d}\omega}{\mathrm{d}\theta} = -9\sin\theta$$

where $\omega = \frac{d\theta}{dt}$.

(i) Solve the differential equation for ω in terms of θ subject to the condition $\omega = 0$ when $\theta = \frac{1}{3}\pi$. Hence show that, while θ is decreasing,

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\theta}{\mathrm{d}t} = -3\sqrt{2\cos\theta - 1}.$$
 [6]

(ii) Starting from $\theta = \frac{1}{3}\pi$ when t = 0, use Euler's method with a step length of 0.1 to estimate θ when t = 0.1. The algorithm is given by $t_{r+1} = t_r + h$, $\theta_{r+1} = \theta_r + h\dot{\theta}_r$. State whether this algorithm can usefully be continued, justifying your answer.

[Question 4 is printed overleaf.]

4 The quantities x and y at time t are modelled by the simultaneous differential equations

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = -3x - 2y + 3t,$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = 2x + y + t + 2.$$

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- (i) Show that $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dx}{dt} + x = -5t 1$. [5]
- (ii) Find the general solution for x. [8]
- (iii) Find the corresponding general solution for y. [4]

When t = 0, x = 9 and y = 0.

- (iv) Find the particular solutions. [4]
- (v) Find approximate expressions for x and y in terms of t, valid for large positive values of t. [3]



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