



# **MURANG'A UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

## **SCHOOL OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND ACTUARIAL SCIENCE**

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**2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR  
OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**AMM 410 –PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS 11**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

**DATE:**

**TIME:**

**Instructions to candidates:**

1. Answer question One and Any Other Two questions
2. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.
3. You are not allowed to write on this examination question paper.

**SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

a) Solve the partial differential equation  $xr+p = 9x^2y^3$  where  $r = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$  and  $p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  6mks

b) Classify the second order partial differential equation

$$U_{xx} + 2yU_{xy} + xU_{yy} - U_x + U = 0 \quad 4 \text{ mks}$$

c) Find the characteristics of the partial differential equation

$$xU_{xx} + (x - y)U_{xy} - yU_{yy} = 0 \quad 4 \text{ mks}$$

d) Separate the partial differential equation  $t^3 u_{xx} + x^3 u_{tt} = 0$  into ordinary differential equations of  $x$  and  $t$ . 5mks

e) i. Show that the linear partial differential equation  $\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} = 0$  admits the solution  $U(t, \theta) = \sin \theta \sin t$ . 3mks

ii. Does this solution satisfy the boundary condition  $U(t, \pi) = 0$  and the initial condition  $U(0, \theta) = 0$ ? 2mks

f) Use separation of variables to reduce the partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = c \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}$$

$U(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}(0, t) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial x}(L, t) = 0$  where  $c$  is a constant into ordinary differential equations. 6mks

**SECTION B – ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION**

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

a) Solve the partial differential equations  $s = 2x + 2y$  where  $s = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$  4mks

b) Classify and solve the partial differential equation  $u_{xx} + u_{xy} - 2u_{yy} = 0$  by assuming solutions of the form  $u = f(mx+y)$  6mks

c) Reduce the partial differential equation  $u_{xx} + 5u_{xy} + 6u_{yy} = 0$  to its canonical form and find the general solution 10mks

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Classify the one dimensional wave equation  $U_{tt} - c^2 U_{xx} = 0$  where  $c$  is a constant 4mks
- b) Reduce the equation in 3 (a) to its normal form and find the solution of the one dimensional wave equation 10mks
- c) Use separation of variables to reduce the equation in 3(a) to corresponding ordinary differential equations 6mks

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Given the heat equation  $\frac{\partial U}{\partial t} = k \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2}$   
 $U(x, 0) = f(x), U(0, t) = 0, U(L, t) = 0$ , use separation of variables to reduce it to ordinary differential equations. 6mks
- b) By use of the result in 4 (a) above, find a solution to the one-dimensional heat equation which satisfies the given boundary conditions 14mks