



**BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING IN CIVIL
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SEMESTER TWO

EXAMINATION:

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DURATION: 2 HOURS

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Venue: Main Hall

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 FULL MARKS FOR FOUR QUESTIONS**
- 2 ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**
- 3 A TABLE OF LAPLACE TRANSFORMS IS ATTACHED TO THE END OF THIS PAPER**

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Question 1

- (a) The lateral displacement, $X(t)$, of an object in harmonic motion satisfies the differential equation:

$$\frac{dX}{dt} = 85 \cos\left(20\pi t - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \text{ mm/sec.}$$

The initial condition $X(0) = 15 \text{ mm}$ is also satisfied.

- (i) Find the particular solution to the differential equation. **(6 Marks)**
- (ii) Sketch the graph of one complete cycle of $X(t)$. **(6 Marks)**
- (b) It is known that a body falling in a vacuum is subject to an acceleration of $g = 9.81 \text{ ms}^{-2}$.
- (i) Express this as a differential equation in terms of time, t (seconds), and displacement, s (metres). State any assumptions you make. **(4marks)**
- (ii) Find the general solution to the differential equation. **(4 marks)**
- (iii) Find the particular solution if the initial velocity is $v_0 = 8.50 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ and the initial displacement is $s_0 = 1.50 \text{ m}$. **(5 Marks)**

Question 2

- (a) Use an appropriate integrating factor to find the general solution to the following first-order linear differential equation:

$$\frac{dY}{dt} + 2.50Y = 2.50e^{-4.50t}$$

(7 Marks)

- (b) The difference, θ , between the internal temperature of a building and the external air temperature is modelled by the differential equation:

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} + A\theta = B \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}/\text{hour},$$

where A and B are non-zero positive constants.

- (i) Find the general solution to the differential equation in terms of A and B.

(6 Marks)

- (ii) State the numerical condition that A and B must satisfy if the steady-state temperature difference is not to exceed $6.50 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$.

(3 Marks)

- (iii) Sketch the graph of the general solution under the initial condition $\theta(0) = 0 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$.

(9 Marks)

Question 3

- (a) Use the substitution $z = \frac{dy}{dt} - \omega y$ to reduce the second-order differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 2\omega \frac{dy}{dt} + \omega^2 y = 0$$

to first-order form, where ω is a non-complex real number.

Hence determine the general solution to the differential equation.

(13 Marks)

- (b) The variable y satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 5.00 \frac{dy}{dt} + 6.25y = 0$$

and the initial conditions $y(0) = 1.50$ and $\left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = -3.00$.

Find the particular solution for y .

(12 Marks)

Question 4

- (a) Confirm that $y = \sin(2t)$ is a particular solution to the differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 12\frac{dy}{dt} + 32y = 28\sin(2t) + 24\cos(2t).$$

Hence find the general solution to the differential equation.

(8 Marks)

- (b) The lateral displacement at the mid-point of a vibrating steel cable satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 8.50\frac{dy}{dt} + 86.50y = 24.00\cos(30\pi t) + 15.00\sin(30\pi t).$$

Determine the following quantities:

- (i) The undamped natural frequency ω_n ;
- (ii) The damping ratio ξ ;
- (iii) The damping coefficient α ;
- (iv) The damped natural frequency ω_d ;
- (v) The forcing function

(5 Marks)

- (c) Evaluate the following Laplace Transforms as rational functions in s :

(i) $L(3t^2 - \sin(2t))$;

(6 Marks)

(ii) $L(2e^{-4t} \cos(10\pi t))$.

(6 Marks)

Question 5

- (a) Use the method of partial fractions to simplify the following rational function of s:

$$\frac{6s^2 - 3s + 22}{(s - 2)(s^2 + 6)}$$

(4 Marks)

Hence evaluate the inverse Laplace Transform:

$$L^{-1} \left(\frac{6s^2 - 3s + 22}{(s - 2)(s^2 + 6)} \right)$$

(4 Marks)

- (b) The lateral displacement, y , of a vibrating structural element is modelled by the differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 6.0 \frac{dy}{dt} + 45.0y = 2.0e^{-3.0t},$$

with the initial conditions $y(0) = 0.00$ cm and $y'(0) = 3.00$ cm/sec.

- (i) Find the Laplace Transform of y .

(9 Marks)

- (ii) Use partial fractions and inverse Laplace Transforms to find a formula for y in terms of t .

(8 Marks)

Laplace Transforms of Common functions

$f(t)$	$\mathcal{L}(f)$	$f(t)$	$\mathcal{L}(f)$
1	$\frac{1}{s}$	$\cos(\omega t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2 + \omega^2}$
t	$\frac{1}{s^2}$	$\sin(\omega t)$	$\frac{\omega}{s^2 + \omega^2}$
t^2	$\frac{2!}{s^3}$	$\delta(t)$	1
t^n	$\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}$	e^{-at}	$\frac{1}{s+a}$

Properties of Laplace Transforms:

1. $\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right) = s\mathcal{L}(y) - y(0)$

2. $\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{d^2y}{dt^2}\right) = s^2\mathcal{L}(y) - sy(0) - y'(0)$

3. First Shift Theorem: (i) If $\mathcal{L}(f(t)) = F(s)$ then $\mathcal{L}(e^{-at}f(t)) = F(s+a)$

(ii) $\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F(s+a)) = e^{-at}\mathcal{L}^{-1}(f(s))$