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**THIRD SEMESTER M.Sc. (CBCSS) DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)  
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Mathematics

MTH3C14—PDE AND INTEGRAL EQUATIONS

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**Part A (Short Answer Type Questions)**

*Answer all questions.  
Each question carries a weightage 1.*

1. Define a quasilinear first-order PDE.
2. State the formula for the characteristic curves of the quasilinear equation  
$$a(x, y, u)u_x + b(x, y, u)u_y = c(x, y, u).$$
3. Define the term Eikonal Equation.
4. When an equation

$$L[u] - au_{xx} + 2bu_{xy} + cu_{yy} + du_x + eu_y + fu = g$$

is elliptic. Give an example of an elliptic equation.

5. Let  $u(x, t)$  be the solution of the Cauchy problem

$$u_{tt} - 9u_{xx} = 0, -\infty < x < \infty, t > 0,$$

with initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |x| \leq 2, \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| > 2, \end{cases}$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |x| \leq 2, \\ 0 & \text{if } |x| > 2. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Find } u\left(0, \frac{1}{6}\right).$$

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6. Define Neumann problem.
7. Define linear integral equation. Give an example.
8. Transform the differential equation with initial conditions :

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = f(x), \\ y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

into an integral equation.

(8 × 1 = 8 weightage)

### Part B (Paragraph Type Questions)

*Answer any two questions from each module.*

*Each question carries a weightage 2.*

#### MODULE I

9. Use the method of characteristics to solve the equation  $u_x + 2u_y = u^2$ .
10. Prove the following :

$$u_x = c_0 u + c_1$$

where  $c_0$  is a constant and  $c_1$  is a function of  $x$  and  $y$  has infinitely many solutions when  $c_1 = 0$  and

$$u(x, 0) = 2e^{c_0 x}.$$

11. Reduce the equation  $u_{xx} + 5u_{xy} + 6u_{yy} = 0$  to its canonical form.

#### MODULE II

12. Solve the problem :

$$u_{tt} - 4u_{xx} = 0 \quad x < 1, t > 0,$$

with boundary conditions

$$u_x(0, t) = u_x(1, t) = 0, t \geq 0,$$

and initial conditions

$$u(x, 0) = f(x) = \cos^2(\pi x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1,$$

$$u_t(x, 0) = g(x) = \sin^2(\pi x) \cos(\pi x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

13. Describe the method of separation of variables as applied to the heat equation with homogeneous boundary conditions.

14. State and prove the Maximum Principle for the heat equation.

## MODULE III

15. Prove that :

$$\overbrace{\int_a^x \dots \int_a^x}^{n \text{ times}} f(x) \overbrace{dx \dots dx}^{n \text{ times}} = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_a^x (x-\xi)^{n-1} f(\xi) d\xi.$$

16. Transform :

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \lambda y = 0, \\ y(0) = 0, y(l) = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

to an integral equation.

17. Prove that :

$$y(x) = \lambda \int_0^1 (1 - 3x\xi) y(\xi) d\xi$$

has only the trivial solution if and only if  $\lambda \neq \pm 2$ .

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

### Part C (Essay Type Questions)

*Answer two questions.*

*Each question carries a weightage 5.*

18. (a) State and prove the formula for the solution of the Cauchy problem for the one-dimensional nonhomogeneous wave equation.

(b) Illustrate the concepts of the domain of dependence and region of influence.

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19. Classify the second-order linear equation :

$$u_{xx} + bu_{xy} + cu_{yy} + du_x + eu_y + fu = g$$

based on the sign of  $b^2 - 4ac$  and discuss the reduction to the canonical form for the parabolic case.

20. Derive the solution of the heat equation  $u_t = ku_{xx}$  for a rod of length L with homogeneous boundary conditions  $u(0, t) = 0$ ,  $u(L, t) = 0$  and initial condition  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ , using the method of separation of variables.

21. Prove that the relation :

$$y(x) = \int_a^b G(x, \xi) \Phi(\xi) d\xi \quad (1.48)$$

where

$$G(x, \xi) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{A} u(x) v(\xi) & \text{when } x < \xi, \\ -\frac{1}{A} u(\xi) v(x) & \text{when } x > \xi, \end{cases}$$

implies the differential equation

$$Ly + \Phi(\xi) = 0.$$

(2 x 5 = 10 weightage)