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**B.Sc. Prog./B.Sc. (Hons.)/I** **J**  
**M.A. 107-B – MATHEMATICS**  
**(For Life Sciences)**  
**(NC – Admission of 2008 onwards)**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 75**

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There are three Sections in this question paper.

Attempt any **two** questions from each Section.

Students are allowed to use calculators.

**Section – I**

1. (a) Consider a spherical cell of volume  $V$  and surface  $S$ . Express  $V$  as a function of  $S$ . Is it a linear function ? **4**
- (b) A culture of bacteria initially weighs 1 gm and is doubling in size every hour. How long will it take to reach a weight of 3 gms **4**

- (c) The weight of a certain stock of fish is given by  $W = nw$ , where  $n$  is the size of the stock and  $w$  the average weight of each fish. If  $n$  and  $w$  change with time  $t$  according to the formulas  $n = (2t^2 + 3)$  and  $w = (t^2 - t + 2)$ , find the rate of change of  $W$  w.r.t. time  $t$ . 4½

2. (a) Assume that a population of size 25000 (at time  $t = 0$ ) grows according to the formula  $N = 25000 + 45t^2$  where the time  $t$  is measured in days. Find the average growth rate in the time intervals from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 2$ . 4½

(b) Find :

(i)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4 - h}{2 + 7h}$

(ii)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4 - (2 + h)^2}{1 - (1 - h)^2}$  4

(c) Show that for Fibonacci numbers

$$a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = a_{n+2} - 1$$
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3. (a) Integrate

(i)  $\int (3x - 7)^5 dx$

$$(ii) \int \sin(5 - 3x) dx$$

$$(iii) \int \frac{\log x}{x} dx. \quad 7\frac{1}{2}$$

- (b) An individual suffering from a certain disease is administered an amount  $x$  of a suitable drug. His probability of being cured is  $\frac{\sqrt{x}}{3(1+x)}$ .

Find the value of  $x$  that gives him the maximum probability of being cured. 5

### Section - II

4 (a) If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B^T = (a \ b \ c \ d)$

when T stands for Transpose

Calculate

(i)  $A(B^T)^T$  (ii)  $B^T A^T$ , and show that

$$(AB)^T = B^T A^T. \quad 4$$

- (b) A signal operated by a laboratory mouse has only two faces : R = red, Y = yellow. At each trial the mouse may or may not change the signal. Suppose that the following transition probabilities are given :

$$R \longrightarrow R \cdot p_{11} = 0.8$$

$$R \longrightarrow Y \cdot p_{12} = 0.2$$

$$Y \longrightarrow R \cdot p_{21} = 0.6$$

$$Y \longrightarrow Y \cdot p_{22} = 0.4$$

Assume further that each trial is independent of past experience. Then the outcomes of each trial form a Markov chain with two states (R and Y). Establish the transition matrix with the above probabilities. Also, calculate the probabilities for two-step transitions keeping into mind the fact that under the assumption of Markov chains the multiplication rule holds. 4½

(c) If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $C = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Find out  $A(B + C)$  in two ways according to the distributive law 4

5. (a) If  $Q = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$ , verify that

$$\frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{Q} \quad 4$$

- (b) Some biological rhythms are described by the second order differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + kx = 0 \quad (k > 0)$$

Show that  $x = A \cos wt + B \sin wt$  is the solution of the differential equation where

$$w^2 = k \quad 4\frac{1}{2}$$

- (c) If  $z = ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2$ , verify that

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y \partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \quad 4$$

- 6 (a) Show that  $y = \frac{c}{x} + d$  is a solution of the

$$\text{differential equation } \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{c}{x^2} = 0$$

Further, plot this solution for  $c = 1, d = 0$

and  $c = -1, d = 0$ , take  $x > 0$  6 $\frac{1}{2}$

- (b) Assume that a population grows in such a way that the specific growth rate  $\frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dt}$  remains constant. Let  $N_1$  be the number of individuals at the time instant  $t_1$ . Find  $N = N(t)$  6

### Section - III

7. (a) The following are the weights (kg) of the 6 subjects in the sample studied by a scientist

83.9, 99.0, 63.8, 71.3, 65.3, 79.6

Compute the mean and standard deviation. 6½

- (b) Suppose that over a period of several years the average number of deaths from a certain non-contagious disease has been 10. If the number of deaths from this disease follows the Poisson distribution, what is the probability that during the current year

- (i) exactly seven people will die from the disease
- (ii) ten or more people will die from the disease (Given  $e^{-10} = 0.000045$ ) 6

- 8 (a) The heights of a certain population of individuals are normally distributed with a mean of 70 inches and a standard deviation of 3 inches. What is the probability that a person picked at random from the group will be between 65 and 74 inches tall?

(Area under the standard normal curve from 0 to 1.33 = 0.4082)

Area under the standard normal curve from 0 to 1.67 = 0.4525) 6½

- (b) Find the equations of regression lines for the following values of  $x$  and  $y$

$x$	1	2	3	4	5
$y$	2	5	3	8	7

Also estimate  $y$  for  $x = 10$  6

9. (a) In a health survey of school children, the mean haemoglobin level of 55 boys was found to be 10.2 g per 100 ml with a standard deviation 2.1 g. Can it be considered that this group of boys is identified from a population with a mean of 11.0 g / 100 ml 6

(b) Hearing levels in two groups of school children with normal hearing in frequency of 500 cycles per second was found as follows .

	No of Children	Hearing ( $\bar{x}$ ) threshold	S D. ( $\sigma$ )
Group I	62	15.5 dB	6.5 dB
Group II	76	20 dB	7.1 dB

Test at 5% level of significance if there is any difference between hearing levels recorded in two groups. 6½

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