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**2023/2024 SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**Course Code:** ECO 104

**Course Title:** Mathematics for Economists I

**Course Credit:** 3

**Time:** 2 and ½ hours

**Instructions:** Answer question 1 and any other 3 questions

**Question 1**

a. Given the following set of equations, find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

i.  $y = x^3 - 4x$  **4 marks**

ii.  $y = (5x^3 + 1)^4$  **4 marks**

iii.  $y = f(u) = u^2 - 2u + 1$  and  $u = g(x) = x^2 - 1$  **4 marks**

iv.  $y = e^{2x+3}$  **3 marks**

1b. Find the relative extrema of the functions below and determine the nature of the points (local maximum or minimum points)

i.  $Y = g(x) = 2x^3 + 6x^2 - 18x + 4$  **5 marks**

ii.  $y = g(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2$  **5 marks**

**25 marks**

**Question 2**

a. Find the solution to the system of equations below using any rule of your choice **10 marks**

$$7x_1 - x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

$$10x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = 8$$

$$6x_1 + 3x_2 - 2x_3 = 7$$

b. State any two economic applications of matrices **5 marks**

**15 marks**

**Question 3**

a. The total cost  $C$  of a firm per day is a function of its daily output  $Q$ :  $C = 150 + 7Q$ . The firm has a capacity limit of 100 units of output per day. What are the domain and range of the cost  $f(x)$ ? **5 marks**

b. If the domain of the function  $y = 5 + 3x$  is the set  $\{x \mid 1 \leq x \leq 4\}$ , find the range of the function **5 marks**

c. Given three relations R, S, T from  $A = \{x, y, z\}$  to  $B = \{u, v, w\}$  defined as:

1)  $R = \{(x, u), (z, v)\}$ ,

2)  $S = \{(x, u), (y, v), (z, w)\}$  and

3)  $T = \{(x, u), (x, v), (z, w)\}$ .

Identify which of the given relations is/are function(s)

5 marks

15 marks

#### Question 4

Differentiate between any three of the following terms

a. mathematical and non-mathematical economic

5 marks

b. Mathematics and Econometrics

5 marks

c. Rational and irrational numbers

5 marks

d. Relations and functions

5 marks

#### Question 5

Using diagrammatic representation and an equation explain any three of the following

a. Constant function

5 marks

b. linear function

15 marks

c. quadratic function

5 marks

d. third-degree polynomial function

5 marks

e. non-algebraic function

5 marks

#### Question 6

a. Solve the polynomial

i.  $\frac{x^{1/2} \cdot x^{1/3}}{x^{2/3}}$

4 marks

ii.  $\frac{x^3}{x^{-3}}$

4 marks

b. if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $B = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 6 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$

Find

i. AB

3 marks

ii. Inverse of A

4 marks

15 marks