

# Ordinary Differential Equations (ODE)

Previous year Questions  
from 2025 to 1992

# 2025

1. Solve  $\left(1 - y^2 + \frac{y^4}{x^2}\right) \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 - 2\frac{y}{x} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y^2}{x^2} = 0$ . [10 Marks]
2. Form the differential equation of all ellipses whose axes coincide with coordinate axes. [10 Marks]
3. If  $F(s)$  and  $G(s)$  are Laplace transforms of  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  respectively, then prove that  $\mathcal{L} \left[ \int_0^t f(x)g(t-x) dx \right] = F(s)G(s)$ . Using this result, solve the equation  $y(t) = t + \int_0^t y(x) \sin(t-x) dx$ . [15 Marks]
4. Find the general solution and singular solution of the differential equation  $\left(1 + \frac{dy}{dx}\right)^3 = \frac{27}{8a}(x+y) \left(1 - \frac{dy}{dx}\right)^3$ . [10 Marks]
5. Find the complete solution of  $x^3 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 3x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = x \log x$ . [10 Marks]
6. Solve the differential equation  $(x+2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - (2x+5) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = (1+x)e^x$  by the method of variation of parameters. [15 Marks]

# 2024

7. Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family of curves  $r = c(\sec \theta + \tan \theta)$ , where  $c$  is a parameter. [10 Marks]
8. Solve the integral equation  $y(t) = \cos t + \int_0^t y(x) \cos(t-x) dx$  using Laplace transform. [10 Marks]
9. Find the second solution of the differential equation  $xy'' + (x-1)y' - y = 0$  using  $u(x) = -e^{-x}$  as one of the solutions. [10 Marks]
10. Find the general solution of the differential equation  $x^2y'' - 2xy' + 2y = x^3 \sin x$  by the method of variation of parameters. [10 Marks]
11. State uniqueness theorem for the existence of unique solution of the initial value problem  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ ,  $y(x_0) = y_0$  in the rectangular region  $R : |x - x_0| \leq a$ ,  $|y - y_0| \leq b$ . Test the existence and uniqueness of the solution of  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\sqrt{y}$ ,  $y(1) = 0$  in a suitable rectangle  $R$ . If more than one solution exist, then find all the solutions. [15 Marks]
12. Using Laplace transform, solve the initial value problem  $y'' + 2y' + 5y = \delta(t-2)$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ , where  $\delta(t-2)$  denotes the Dirac delta function. [15 Marks]

# 2023

13. Obtain the solution of the initial-value problem  $\frac{dy}{dx} - 2xy = 2$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  in the form  $y = e^{x^2}[1 + \sqrt{\pi} \operatorname{erf}(x)]$ . [10 Marks]
14. Given that  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t); p\} = F(p)$ , show that  $\int_0^\infty \frac{f(t)}{t} dt = \int_0^\infty F(x) dx$ . Hence evaluate  $\int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-t} - e^{-3t}}{t} dt$ . [10 Marks]
15. Solve the differential equation  $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - 3\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = e^x + \cos x$ . [15 Marks]
16. Find the solution of the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2xy^3 + 2}{3x^2y^2 + 8e^{4y}}$ . [10 Marks]
17. Reduce the equation  $x^2p^2 + y(2x+y)p + y^2 = 0$  to Clairaut's form by the substitution  $y = u$  and  $xy = v$ . Hence solve the equation and show that  $y + 4x = 0$  is a singular solution of the differential equation. [10 Marks]
18. Solve the following initial value problem by using Laplace transform technique:  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 4\frac{dy}{dt} + 3y(t) = f(t)$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ , where  $f(t)$  is a given function of  $t$ . [15 Marks]

# 2022

19. Show that the general solution of the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q$  can be written in the form  $y = \frac{Q}{P} - e^{-\int P dx} \left\{ C + \int e^{\int P dx} d\left(\frac{Q}{P}\right) \right\}$ , where  $P, Q$  are non-zero functions of  $x$  and  $C$  is an arbitrary constant. [10 Marks]
20. Show that the orthogonal trajectories of the system of parabolas  $x^2 = 4a(y + a)$  belong to the same system. [10 Marks]
21. Solve the following differential equation by using the method of variation of parameters:  $(x^2 - 1)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = (x^2 - 1)^2$ , given that  $y = x$  is one solution of the reduced equation. [15 Marks]
22. Solve the following initial value problem by using Laplace's transformation:  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} - 3\frac{dy}{dt} + 2y = h(t)$ , where  $h(t) = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 < t < 4, \\ 0, & t > 4, \end{cases}$   $y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0$ . [15 Marks]
23. Find the general and singular solutions of the differential equation  $(x^2 - a^2)p^2 - 2xyp + y^2 + a^2 = 0$ , where  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$ . Also give the geometric relation between the general and singular solutions. [10 Marks]
24. Solve the following differential equation:  $(3x + 2)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 5(3x + 2)\frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = x^2 + x + 1$ . [10 Marks]

# 2021

25. Solve the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2y = x^2 e^{3x} + e^x \cos 2x$ . [10 Marks]
26. Solve the initial value problem  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4y = e^{-2x} \sin 2x$ ,  $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$  using Laplace transform method. [10 Marks]
27. Solve the equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (\tan x - 3 \cos x)\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \cos^2 x = \cos^4 x$  completely by demonstrating all the steps involved. [15 Marks]
28. Find all possible solutions of the differential equation  $y^2 \log y = xy \frac{dy}{dx} + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2$ . [15 Marks]
29. Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family of confocal conics  $\frac{x^2}{a^2 + \lambda} + \frac{y^2}{b^2 + \lambda} = 1$ , where  $a > b > 0$  are constants and  $\lambda$  is a parameter. Show that the given family of curves is self-orthogonal. [10 Marks]
30. Find the general solution of the differential equation  $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x(1+x)\frac{dy}{dx} + 2(1+x)y = 0$ . Hence, solve  $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x(1+x)\frac{dy}{dx} + 2(1+x)y = x^3$  by the method of variation of parameters. [10 Marks]

# 2020

31. Solve the following differential equation:  $x \cos\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)(ydx + xdy) = y \sin\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)(xdy - ydx)$  [10 Marks]
32. Find the orthogonal trajectories of the family of circles passing through the points  $(0, 2)$  and  $(0, -2)$  [10 Marks]
33. Using the method of variation of parameters, solve the differential equation  $y'' + (1 - \cot x)y' - y \cot x = \sin^2 x$  if  $y = e^{-x}$  is one solution of CF. [20 Marks]
34. Using Laplace transform, solve the initial value problem  $ty'' + 2ty' + 2y = 2$ ; and  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0)$  is arbitrary. Does this problem have a unique solution? [10 Marks]
35. Solve the following differential equation:  $(x+1)^2 y'' - 4(x+1)y' + 6y = 6(x+1)^2 + \sin \log(x+1)$  [10 Marks]
36. Find the general and singular solutions of the differential equation  $9p^2(2+y)^2 = 4(3-y)$  where  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$  [10 Marks]

# 2019

37. Solve the differential equation  $(2y \sin x + 3y^4 \sin x \cos x)dx - (4y^3 \cos^2 x + \cos x)dy = 0$  [10 Marks]
38. Determine the complete solution of the differential  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 3x^2 e^{2x} \sin 2x$  [10 Marks]
39. Solve the differential equation  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + (3 \sin x - \cot x) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \sin^2 x = e^{-\cos x} \sin^2 x$  [10 Marks]
40. Find the Laplace transforms of  $t^{-1/2}$  and  $t^{-1/2}$ . Prove that the Laplace transform of  $t^{\frac{n+1}{2}}$ , where  $n \in N$  is  $\frac{\Gamma\left(n+1+\frac{1}{2}\right)}{s^{n+1+\frac{1}{2}}}$  [10 Marks]
41. Find the linearly independent solutions of the corresponding homogeneous differential equation of the equation  $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = x^3 \sin x$  and then find the general solution of the given equation by the method of variation of parameters. [15 Marks]
42. Obtain the singular solution of the differential equation  $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 \cot^2 \alpha - 2\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 \operatorname{cosec}^2 \alpha = 1$ . Also find the complete primitive of the given differential equation. Give the geometrical interpretations of the complete primitive and singular solutions [15 Marks]

# 2018

43. Solve:  $y'' - y = x^2 e^{2x}$  [10 Marks]
44. Solve:  $y''' - 6y'' + 12y' - 8y = 12e^{2x} + 27e^{-x}$  [10 Marks]
45. (i) Find the Laplace transform of  $f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$ . [10 Marks]
- (ii) Find the Inverse Laplace transform of  $\frac{5s^2 + 3s - 16}{(s-1)(s-2)(s+3)}$

46. Solve:  $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 y + 2\frac{dy}{dx}x - y = 0$  [13 Marks]
47. Solve:  $y'' + 16y = 32\sec 2x$  [13 Marks]
48. Solve:  $(1+x)^2 y'' + (1+x)y' + y = 4\cos(\log(1+x))$  [13 Marks]
49. Solve the initial value problem  
 $y'' - 5y' + 4y = e^{2t}; y(0) = \frac{19}{12}, y'(0) = \frac{8}{3}$  [13 Marks]
50. Find  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that  $x^\alpha y^\beta$  an integrating factor of  $(4y^2 + 3xy)dx - (3xy + 2x^2)dy = 0$  and solve the equation. [12 Marks]
51. Find  $f(y)$  such that  $(2xe^y + 3y^2)dy + (3x^2 + f(y))dx = 0$  is exact and hence solve. [12 Marks]

## 2017

52. Find the differential equation representing the entire circle in the  $xy$ -plane. [10 Marks]
53. Solve the following simultaneous linear differential equations:  $(D+1)y = z + e^x$  and  $(D+1)z = y + e^x$  where  $y$  and  $z$  are functions of independent variable  $x$  and  $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$ . [8 Marks]
54. If the growth rate of the population of bacteria at time  $t$  is proportional to the amount present at the time and population doubles in one week, then how much bacteria's can be expected after 4 weeks? [8 Marks]
55. Consider the differential equation  $xyp^2 - (x^2 + y^2 - 1)p + xy = 0$  where  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$  substituting  $u = x^2$  and  $v = y^2$  reduce the equation to Clairaut's form in terms of  $u, v$  and  $p' = \frac{dv}{du}$  hence or otherwise solve the equation. [10 Marks]
56. Solve the following initial value differential equations  $20y'' + 4y' + y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 3.2$ ,  $y'(0) = 0$ . [7 Marks]
57. Solve the differential equation:  $x\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 4x^3y = 8x^3\sin(x^2)$  [9 Marks]
58. Solve that following differential equation using method of variation of parameters  
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 44 - 76x - 48x^2$ . [8 Marks]
59. Solve the following initial value problem using Laplace transform:  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 9y = r(x)$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 4$  where  $r(x) = \begin{cases} 8\sin x & \text{if } 0 < x < \pi \\ 0 & \text{if } x \geq \pi \end{cases}$ . [17 Marks]

## 2016

60. Find a particular integral of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y = e^{x/2} \sin \frac{x\sqrt{3}}{2}$  [10 marks]
61. Show that the family of parabolas  $y^2 = 4cx + 4c^2$  is self-orthogonal. [10 marks]
62. Solve  $\{y(1 - x \tan x) + x^2 \cos x\}dx - xdy = 0$  [10 marks]
63. Using the method of variation of parameter solve the differential equation  
 $(D^2 + 2D + 1)y = e^{-x} \log(x)$ ,  $\left[D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}\right]$  [15 marks]

64. Find the general solution of the equation  $x^2 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 4x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 6 \frac{dy}{dx} = 4$  [15 marks]
65. Using Laplace transformation solves the following:  $y'' - 2y' - 8y = 0, y(0) = 3, y'(0) = 6$  [10 marks]

## 2015

66. Solve the differential equation:  $x \cos x \frac{dy}{dx} + y(x \sin x + \cos x) = 1$  [10 Marks]
67. Solve the differential equation:  $(2xy^4 e^y + 2xy^3 + y)dx + (x^2 y^4 e^y - x^2 y^2 - 3x)dy = 0$  [10 Marks]
68. Find the constant  $a$  so that  $(x + y)^a$  is the integrating factor of  $(4x^2 + 2xy + 6y)dx + (2x^2 + 9y + 3x)dy = 0$  and hence solve the differential equation [12 Marks]
69. (i) Obtain Laplace Inverse transform of  $\left\{ \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{s^2} \right) + \frac{s}{s^2 + 25} e^{-5s} \right\}$   
 (ii) Using Laplace transform, solve  $y'' + y = t, y(0) = 1, y'(0) = -2$  [6+6=12 Marks]
70. Solve the differential equation  $x = py - p^2$  where  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$  [13 Marks]
71. Solve  $x^4 \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + 6x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 4x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} - 4y = x^2 + 2 \cos(\log_e x)$  [13 Marks]

## 2014

72. Justify that a differential equation of the form:  $[y + xf(x^2 + y^2)]dx + [yf(x^2 + y^2) - x]dy = 0$  where  $f(x^2 + y^2)$  is an arbitrary function of  $(x^2 + y^2)$ , is not an exact differential equation and  $\frac{1}{x^2 + y^2}$  is an integrating factor for it. Hence solve this differential equation for  $f(x^2 + y^2) = (x^2 + y^2)^2$  [10 Marks]
73. Find the curve for which the part of the tangent cut-off by the axes is bisected at the point of tangency. [10 Marks]
74. Solve by the method of variation of parameters:  $\frac{dy}{dx} - 5y = \sin x$  [10 Marks]
75. Solve the differential equation:  $x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 3x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + 8y = 65 \cos(\log_e x)$  [20 Marks]
76. Solve the following differential equation:  $x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2(x+1) \frac{dy}{dx} + (x+2)y = (x-2)e^{2x}$ , when  $e^x$  is a solution to its corresponding homogeneous differential equation. [15 Marks]
77. Find the sufficient condition for the differential equation  $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = 0$ , to have an integrating factor as a function of  $(x + y)$ . What will be the integrating factor in that case? Hence find the integrating factor for the differential equation of  $(x^2 + xy)dx + (y^2 + xy)dy = 0$  and solve it. [15 Marks]
78. Solve the initial value problem  $\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + y = 8e^{-2t} \sin t, y(0) = 0, y'(0) = 0$  by using Laplace transform. [20 Marks]

# 2013

79. If  $y$  is a function of  $x$ , such that the differential coefficient  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is equal to  $\cos(x+y) + \sin(x+y)$ .  
Find out a relation between  $x$  and  $y$ , which is free from any derivative / differential. [10 Marks]
80. Obtain the equation of the orthogonal trajectory of the family of curves represented by  $r^n = a \sin n\theta$ ,  $(r, \theta)$  being the plane polar coordinates. [10 Marks]
81. Solve the differential equation  $(5x^3 + 12x^2 + 6x^2)dx + 6xydy = 0$  [15 Marks]
82. Using the method of variation of parameters, solve the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a^2y = \sec ax$  [15 Marks]
83. Find the general solution of the equation  $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = \ln x \sin(\ln x)$  [15 Marks]
84. By using Laplace transform method, solve the differential equation  $(D^2 + n^2)x = a \sin(nt + \alpha)$ ,  
 $D^2 = \frac{d^2}{dt^2}$  subject to the initial conditions  $x = 0$  and  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$ , at  $t = 0$ , in which  $a, n$  and  $\alpha$  are constants. [15 Marks]

# 2012

85. Solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2xye^{(x/y)^2}}{y^2(1 + e^{(x/y)^2}) + 2x^2e^{(x/y)^2}}$  [12 Marks]
86. Find the orthogonal trajectory of the family of curves  $x^2 + y^2 = ax$  [12 Marks]
87. Using Laplace transforms, solve the initial value problem  $y'' + 2y' + y = e^{-t}$ ,  $y(0) = -1$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$  [12 Marks]
88. Show that the differential equation  $(2xy \log y)dx + (x^2 + y^2 \sqrt{y^2 + 1})dy = 0$  is not exact. Find an integrating factor and hence, the solution of the equation [20 Marks]
89. Find the general solution of the equation  $y''' - y'' = 12x^2 + 6x$  [20 Marks]
90. Solve the ordinary differential equation  $x(x-1)y'' - (2x-1)y' + 2y = x^2(2x-3)$  [20 Marks]

# 2011

91. Obtain the solution of the ordinary differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = (4x + y + 1)^2$ , if  $y(0) = 1$  [10 Marks]
92. Determine the orthogonal trajectory of a family of curves represented by the polar equation  $r = a(1 - \cos \theta)$ ,  $(r, \theta)$  being the plane polar coordinates of any point. [10 Marks]
93. Obtain Clairaut's form of the differential equation  $\left(x \frac{dy}{dx} - y\right) \left(y \frac{dy}{dx} + x\right) = a^2 \frac{dy}{dx}$ . Also find its general solution [15 Marks]
94. Obtain the general solution of the second order ordinary differential equation  $y'' - 2y' + 2y = x + e^x \cos x$ , where dashes denote derivatives w.r.t.  $x$  [15 Marks]

95. Using the method of variation of parameters, solve the second order differential equation  
 $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4y = \tan 2x$  [15 Marks]
96. Use Laplace transform method to solve the following initial value problem:  
 $\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} - 2\frac{dx}{dt} + x = e^t$ ,  $x(0) = 2$  and  $\left.\frac{dy}{dt}\right|_{t=0} = -1$  [15 Marks]

## 2010

97. Consider the differential equation  $y' = \alpha x$ ,  $x > 0$  where  $\alpha$  is a constant. Show that  
 (i) If  $\phi(x)$  is any solution and  $\psi(x) = \phi(x)e^{-\alpha x}$ , then  $\psi(x)$  is a constant;  
 (ii) If  $\alpha < 0$ , then every solution tends to zero as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  [12 Marks]
98. Show that the differential equation  $(3y^2 - x) + 2y(y^2 - 3)y' = 0$  admits an integrating factor which is a function of  $(x + y^2)$ . Hence solve the equation [12 Marks]
99. Verify that  $\frac{1}{2}(Mx + Ny)d[\log_e(xy)] + \frac{1}{2}(Mx - Ny)d[\log_e(x/y)] = Mdx + Ndy$ . Hence show that-  
 (i) If the differential equation  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  is homogeneous, then  $(Mx + Ny)$  is an integrating factor unless  $Mx + Ny \equiv 0$ ;  
 (ii) If the differential equation  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  is not exact but is of the form  $f_1(xy)ydx + f_2(xy)xdy = 0$  then  $(Mx - Ny)^{-1}$  is an integrating factor unless  $Mx + Ny \equiv 0$ ;  
 [20 Marks]
100. Use the method of undermined coefficients to find the particular solutions of  $y'' + y = \sin x + (1 + x^2)e^x$  and hence find its general solution. [20 Marks]

## 2009

101. Find the Wronskian of the set of functions:  $\{3x^3, |3x^3|\}$  on the interval  $[-1, 1]$  and determine whether the set is linearly dependent on  $[-1, 1]$  [12 Marks]
102. Find the differential equation of the family of circles in the  $xy$ -plane passing through  $(-1, 1)$  and  $(1, 1)$  [20 Marks]
103. Find the inverse Laplace transform of  $F(s) = 1n\left(\frac{s+1}{s+s}\right)$  [20 Marks]
104. Solve:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2(x-y)}{3xy^2 - x^2y - 4y^3}$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  [20 Marks]

## 2008

105. Solve the differential equation  $ydx + (x + x^3y^2)dy = 0$  [12 Marks]
106. Use the method of variation of parameters to find the general solution of  $x^2y'' - 4xy' + 6y = -x^4 \sin x$  [12 Marks]



107. Using Laplace transform, solve the initial value problem  $y'' - 3y' + 2y = 4t + e^{3t}$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ ,  $y'(0) = -1$  [15 Marks]
108. Solve the differential equation  $x^3 y'' - 3x^2 y' + xy = \sin(\ln x) + 1$  [15 Marks]
109. Solve the equation  $y - 2xp + yp^2 = 0$ , where  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$  [15 Marks]

## 2007

110. Solve the ordinary differential equation  $\cos 3x \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y \sin 3x = \frac{1}{2} \sin 6x + \sin^2 3x$ ,  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$  [12 Marks]
111. Find the solution of the equation  $\frac{dy}{y} + xy^2 dx = -4x dx$  [12 Marks]
112. Determine the general and singular solutions of the equation  $y = x \frac{dy}{dx} + a \frac{dy}{dx} \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $a$  being a constant. [15 Marks]
113. Obtain the general solution of  $[D^3 - 6D^2 + 12D - 8]y = 12 \left( e^{2x} + \frac{9}{4} e^{-x} \right)$ , where  $D \equiv \frac{dy}{dx}$  [15 Marks]
114. Solve the equation  $2x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = x^3$  [15 Marks]
115. Use the method of variation of parameters to find the general solution of the equation  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 2e^x$  [15 Marks]

## 2006

116. Find the family of curves whose tangents form an angle  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with the hyperbolas  $xy = c$ ,  $c > 0$  [12 Marks]
117. Solve the differential equation  $\left( xy^2 + e^{-\frac{1}{x^3}} \right) dx - x^2 y dy = 0$  [12 Marks]
118. Solve:  $(1 + y^2) + (x - e^{-\tan^{-1} y}) \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  [15 Marks]
119. Solve the equation  $x^2 p^2 + py(2x + y) + y^2 = 0$  using the substitution  $y = u$  and  $xy = v$  and find its singular solution, where  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$  [15 Marks]
120. Solve the differential equation  $x^2 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 2x \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{y}{x} = 10 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x^2} \right)$  [15 Marks]
121. Solve the differential equation  $(D^2 - 2D + 2)y = e^x \tan x$ ,  $D \equiv \frac{dy}{dx}$  by the method of variation of parameters. [15 Marks]

# 2005

122. Find the orthogonal trajectory of the family of co-axial circles  $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + c = 0$ , where  $g$  is the parameter. [12 Marks]
123. Solve:  $xy \frac{dy}{dx} = \sqrt{(x^2 - y^2 - x^2 y^2 - 1)}$  [12 Marks]
124. Solve the differential equation:  $\left[ (x+1)^4 D^3 + 2(x+1)^3 D^2 - (x+1)^2 D + (x+1) \right] y = \frac{1}{(x+1)}$  [15 Marks]
125. Solve the differential equation:  $(x^2 + y^2)(1+p)^2 - 2(x+y)(1+p)(x+yp) + (x+yp)^2 = 0$  where  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$ , by reducing it to Clairaut's form by using suitable substitution. [15 Marks]
126. Solve the differential equation  $(\sin x - x \cos x)y'' - x \sin x y' + y \sin x = 0$  given that  $y = \sin x$  is a solution of this equation. [15 Marks]
127. Solve the differential equation  $x^2 y'' - 2xy' + 2y = x \log x$ ,  $x > 0$  by variation of parameters [15 Marks]

# 2004

128. Find the solution of the following differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} + y \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x$  [12 Marks]
129. Solve:  $y(xy + 2x^2 y^2)dx + x(xy - x^2 y^2)dy = 0$  [12 Marks]
130. Solve:  $(D^4 - 4D^2 - 5)y = e^x(x + \cos x)$  [15 Marks]
131. Reduce the equation  $(px - y)(py + x) = 2p$ , where  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$  to Clairaut's equation and hence solve it. [15 Marks]
132. Solve:  $(x+2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - (2x+5) \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = (x+1)e^x$  [15 Marks]
133. Solve the following differential equation:  $(1-x^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4x \frac{dy}{dx} - (1+x^2)y = x$  [15 Marks]

# 2003

134. Show that the orthogonal trajectory of a system of con-focal ellipses is self-orthogonal [12 Marks]
135. Solve:  $x \frac{dy}{dx} + y \log y = xye^x$  [12 Marks]
136. Solve  $(D^5 - D) = 4(e^x + \cos x + x^3)$ , where  $D \equiv \frac{dy}{dx}$  [15 Marks]
137. Solve the differential equation  $(px^2 + y^2)(px + y) = (P+1)^2$ , where  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$ , by reducing it to Clairaut's form using suitable substitutions [15 Marks]
138. Solve  $(1-x^2)y'' + (1+x)y' + y = \sin 2[\log(1+x)]$  [15 Marks]
139. Solve the differential equation  $x^2 y'' - 4x y' + 6y = x^4 \sec^2 x$  by variation of parameters. [15 Marks]

## 2002

140. Solve:  $x \frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = x^3 y^2$  [12 Marks]
141. Find the values of  $\lambda$  for which all solutions of  $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 3x \frac{dy}{dx} - \lambda y = 0$  tend to zero as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . [12 Marks]
142. Find the value of constant  $\lambda$  such that the following differential equation becomes exact.  
 $(2xe^y + 3y^2) \frac{dy}{dx} + (3x^2 + \lambda e^y) = 0$ . Further, for this value of  $\lambda$ , solve the equation. [15 Marks]
143. Solve:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x + y + 4}{x - y - 6}$  [15 Marks]
144. Using the method of variation of parameters, find the solutions of  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2 \frac{dy}{dx} + y = xe^x \sin x$  with  
 $y(0) = 0$  and  $\left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_{x=0} = 0$  [15 Marks]
145. Solve:  $(D-1)(D^2-2D+2)y = e^x$  where  $D \equiv \frac{dy}{dx}$  [15 Marks]

## 2001

146. A continuous function  $y(t)$  satisfies the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \begin{cases} 1 + e^{1-t}, & 0 \leq t < 1 \\ 2 + 2t - 3t^2, & 1 \leq t < 5 \end{cases}$  If  $y(0) = -e$  find  $y(2)$  [12 Marks]
147. Solve:  $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - x \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = x^2 \log_e x$  [12 Marks]
148. Solve:  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} \log_e y = \frac{y(\log_e y)^2}{x^2}$  [15 Marks]
149. Find the general solution of  $\alpha y p^2 + (2x - b)p - y = 0$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  [15 Marks]
150. Solve:  $(D^2 + 1)^2 y = 24x \cos x$  given that  $y = Dy = D^2 y = 0$  and  $D^3 y = 12$  when  $x = 0$  [15 Marks]
151. Using the method of variation of parameters, solve  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4y = 4 \tan 2x$  [15 Marks]

## 2000

152. Show that  $3 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4x \frac{dy}{dx} - 8y = 0$  has an integral which is a polynomial in  $x$ . Deduce the general solution. [12 Marks]
153. Reduce  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + P \frac{dy}{dx} + Qy = R$ , where  $P, Q, R$  are functions of  $x$ , to the normal form. Hence solve  
 $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4x \frac{dy}{dx} + (4x^2 - 1)y = -3e^{x^2} \sin 2x$  [15 Marks]

154. Solve the differential equation  $y = x - 2ap + ap^2$ . Find the singular solution and interpret it geometrically [15 Marks]
155. Show that  $(4x + 3y + 1)dx + (3x + 2y + 1)dy = 0$  represents a family of hyperbolas with a common axis and tangent at the vertex [15 Marks]
156. Solve  $x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = (x - 1) \left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - x + 1 \right)$  by the method of parameters [15 Marks]

## 1999

157. Solve the differential equation  $\frac{xdx + ydy}{xdy - ydx} = \left( \frac{1 - x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right)^{1/2}$  [20 Marks]
158. Solve  $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} - 3\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = e^x + \cos x$  [20 Marks]
159. By the method of variation of parameters solve the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + a^2y = \sec(ax)$  [20 Marks]

## 1998

160. Solve the differential equation:  $xy - \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = y^3 e^{-x^2}$  [20 Marks]
161. Show that the equation:  $(4x + 3y + 1)dx + (3x + 2y + 1)dy = 0$  represents a family of hyperbolas having as asymptotes the lines  $x + y = 0$ ,  $2x + y + 1 = 0$ . [20 Marks]
162. Solve the differential equation:  $y = 3px + 4p^2$  [20 Marks]
163. Solve the differential equation:  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 5\frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = e^{4x}(x^2 + 9)$  [20 Marks]
164. Solve the differential equation:  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = x \sin x$  [20 Marks]
165. Solve the differential equation:  $x^3 \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 2x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2y = 10 \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right)$  [20 Marks]

## 1997

166. Solve the initial value problem  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{x^2y + y^3}$ ,  $y(0) = 0$  [20 Marks]
167. Solve  $(x^2 - y^2 + 3x - y)dx + (x^2 - y^2 + x - 3y)dy = 0$  [20 Marks]
168. Assume that a spherical rain drop evaporates at a rate proportional to its surface area. If its radius originally is 3mm, and one hour later has been reduced to 2 mm. find an expression for the radius of the rain drop at any time. [20 Marks]
169. Solve  $\frac{d^4y}{dx^4} + 6\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 11\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 6\frac{dy}{dx} = 20e^{-2x} \sin x$  [20 Marks]

170. Make use of the transformation  $y(x) = u(x) \sec x$  to obtain the solution of  $y'' - 2y' \tan x + 5y = 0$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = \sqrt{6}$  [20 Marks]
171. Solve  $(1 + 2x)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 6(1 + 2x) \frac{dy}{dx} + 16y = 8(1 + 2x)^2$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 2$  [20 Marks]

## 1996

172. Find the curves for which the sum of the reciprocals of the radius vector and polar sub tangent is constant. [20 Marks]
173. Solve:  $x^2(y - px) = yp^2$ ,  $p \equiv \frac{dy}{dx}$  [20 Marks]
174. Solve:  $y \sin 2x dx - (1 + y^2 + \cos^2 x) dy = 0$  [20 Marks]
175.  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} + 10y + 37 \sin 3x = 0$ . Find the value of  $y$  when  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , if it is given that  $y = 3$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  when  $x = 0$  [20 Marks]
176. Solve:  $\frac{d^4 y}{dx^4} + 2 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} - 3 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} = x^2 + 3e^{2x} + 4 \sin x$  [20 Marks]
177. Solve:  $x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 3x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = x + \log x$  [20 Marks]

## 1995

178. Determine a family of curves for which the ratio of the  $y$ -intercept of the tangent to the radius vector is a constant. [20 Marks]
179. Solve  $(2x^2 + 3y^2 - 7)xdx + (3x^2 + 2y^2 - 8)ydy = 0$  [20 Marks]
180. Test whether the equation  $(x + y)^2 dx - (y^2 - 2xy - x^2)dy = 0$  is exact and hence solve it. [20 Marks]
181. Solve  $x^3 \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + 2x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2y = 10 \left( x + \frac{1}{x} \right)$  [20 Marks]
182. Determine all real valued solutions of the equations  $y''' - iy'' + y' - iy = 0$ ,  $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$  [20 Marks]
183. Find the solution of the equation  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4y = 8 \cos 2x$ , given that  $y = 0$  and  $y' = 2$  when  $x = 0$  [20 Marks]

## 1994

184. Solve:  $\frac{dy}{dx} + x \sin 2y = x^3 \cos^2 y$  [20 Marks]
185. Show that if  $\frac{1}{Q} \left( \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} - \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} \right)$  is a function of  $x$  only, say,  $f(x)$ , then  $F(x) = e^{\int f(x) dx}$  is an integration factor of  $Pdx + Qdy = 0$  [20 Marks]

186. Find the family of curves whose tangent from an angle  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  with the hyperbola  $xy = c$  [20 Marks]
187. Transform the differential equation  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \cos x + \frac{dy}{dx} \sin x - 2y \cos^3 x = 2 \cos^5 x$  into one having  $z$  as independent variable where  $z = \sin x$  and solve it. [20 Marks]
188. If  $\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{b}(x - a) = 0$  ( $a, b$  and  $g$  being positive constants) and  $x = a'$  and  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$  when  $t = 0$ , show that  $x = a + (a' - a) \cos t \sqrt{\frac{g}{b}}$  [20 Marks]
189. Solve  $(D^2 - 4D + 4)y = 8x^2 e^{2x} \sin 2x$  where  $D \equiv \frac{dy}{dx}$  [20 Marks]

## 1993

190. Determine the curvature for which the radius of curvature is proportional to the slope of the tangent. [20 Marks]
191. Show that the system of co focal conics  $\frac{x^2}{a^2 + \lambda} + \frac{y^2}{b^2 + \lambda} = 1$  is self-orthogonal. [20 Marks]
192. Solve  $\left\{ y \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right) + \cos y \right\} dx + (x + \log x - x \sin y) dy = 0$  [20 Marks]
193. Solve  $y \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2 \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 = y^2$  [20 Marks]
194. Solve  $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \omega_0^2 y = a \cos \omega t$  and discuss the nature of solution as  $\omega \xrightarrow{dt^2} \omega_0$  [20 Marks]
195. Solve  $(D^4 + D^2 + 1)y = e^{-x/2} \cos \left( x \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$  [20 Marks]

## 1992

196. By eliminating the constants  $a, b$  obtain the differential equation for which  $xy = ae^x + be^{-x} + x^2$  is a solution. [20 Marks]
197. Find the orthogonal trajectory of the family of semi cubical parabolas  $ay^2 = x^3$ , where  $a$  is a variable parameter. [20 Marks]
198. Show that  $(4x + 3y + 1)dx + (3x + 2y + 1)dy = 0$  represents hyperbolas having the following lines as asymptotes  $x + y = 0$ ,  $2x + y + 1 = 0$  [20 Marks]
199. Solve the following differential equation  $y(1 + xy)dx + x(1 - xy)dy = 0$  [20 Marks]
200. Find the curves for which the portion of  $y$ -axis cut off between the origin and the tangent varies as the cube of the abscissa of the point of contact. [20 Marks]
201. Solve the following differential equation:  $(D^2 + 4)y = \sin 2x$ , given that when  $x = 0$ , then  $y = 0$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2$  [20 Marks]
202. Solve:  $(D^3 - 1)y = xe^x + \cos^2 x$  [20 Marks]
203. Solve:  $(x^2 D^2 + xD - 4)y = x^2$  [20 Marks]