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MATH FOR ECONOMICS (General)

Date : 26/09/2018

Time : 12 noon – 1 pm

Paper : III

Full Marks : 25

[Use a separate Answer Book for each group]

Group – A

Answer **any two** from **Question Nos. 1 to 4** :

[2×4]

1. For the function $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} (x^2 + y^2) \log(x^2 + y^2), & \text{for } (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & \text{for } (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}$

Show that Schwarz's theorem condition's are not satisfied but $f_{xy} = f_{yx}$ at $(0, 0)$

[2+2]

2. a) State Euler's theorem for homogenous function of two variables.

[1]

- b) Let, $u = \sin^{-1} \frac{x+y}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y}}$. Prove that $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = -\frac{\sin u \cos 2u}{4 \cos^3 u}$

[3]

3. a) Are the functions $u = x+y-z$, $v = x-y+z$, $w = x^2+y^2+z^2 - 2yz$ are functionally related?

[2]

- b) Let, $f(x, y) = |x| + |y|$, check the differentiability of the function f at $(0, 0)$

[2]

4. Find the minimum value of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ subject to $ax + by + cz = p$.

[4]

Answer **any one** from **Question Nos. 5 to 6** :

[1×5+]

5. Suppose the marginal rate of substitution of good 1 for good 2 is $\frac{x_1}{x_2}$.

- a) Derive the equation of the indifference curve ? What is the utility function associated with it. What if the marginal rate of substitution of good 1 for good 2 is $K > 0$?

$[1\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 1]$

- b) Test for the concavity or quasi-concavity of the utility functions that are obtained in the part(a).

[1+1]

6. a) i) Prove that diminishing marginal utility is neither necessary nor sufficient for diminishing marginal rate of substitution.

OR

- ii) Show that the CES production function $F(L, K) = A[\alpha L^{-\rho} + (1-\alpha)K^{-\rho}]^{-\frac{1}{\rho}}$ where $A > 0$ and

$0 < \alpha < 1$, approaches to the Cobb-Douglas production function $G(L, K) = AL^\alpha K^{1-\alpha}$ when $\rho \rightarrow 0$

[3]

- b) Find the directional derivative of the function $f(x, y) = x^2 y^3 - 4x$ at the point $(3, 1)$ in the direction

$v = 2i + 5j$ where $i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

[2]

Group – B

Answer question no. 7 and **any two** from **Question Nos. 8 to 11:**

[2+2×5]

7. Determine the order and degree of the differential equation $\left(\frac{d^3y}{dx^3}\right) = 5 \left\{ 1 + \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^2 \right\}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ [1+1]

8. a) Define a first order homogeneous differential equation verify, whether the following differential equation is a homogeneous differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 \log(x+y) - \log(x^3+y^3)$ [1+2]

b) Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{x-y} + x^2 e^{-y}$ [2]

9. a) Define an exact differential equation of order one .State the necessary condition for the ordinary differential equation $M(x,y)dx + N(x,y)dy = 0$ to be an exact differential equation. [2+1]

b) Show that $\frac{1}{x^5}$ is an integrating factor of the differential equation $(x^4 - y^4) dx - xy^3 dy = 0$ [2]

10. Solve: $(x + 2y^3) \frac{dy}{dx} = y$ [5]

11. Find the general and singular solution of the differential equation $y = px + p - p^2$, where $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$ [2+3]

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