

**B. Math. (Hons.) First year  
First Midsemestral examination  
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Analysis I  
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**Each question carries 12 marks.**

**Q 1.**

- (a) Determine the infimum and supremum of the set  $\{\sin(n\pi/3) : n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  and find a sequence from this set that converge to the infimum.  
(b) If  $S, T$  are bounded subsets of real numbers, prove that the supremum of the set  $\{s + t : s \in S, t \in T\}$  equals  $\sup(S) + \sup(T)$ .
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**Q 2.**

- (a) Let  $a, b > 0$ . Find the limit of the sequence  $(a^n + b^n)^{1/n}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  
(b) Prove that the sequence  $\{\sin(n)\}_n$  has an (infinite) subsequence  $\{\sin(n_k)\}_k$  which is completely contained in  $]1/2, 1]$ .
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**Q 3.** Consider the sequence defined recursively by  $x_1 = 1, x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^3 + 1}{4}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .

- (i) Prove that  $\{x_n\}$  is a decreasing, positive sequence bounded below.  
(ii) Deduce that there exists  $c \in (0, 1)$  such that  $|x_{n+1} - x_n| < c/2$  for  $n > 1$ .  
(iii) Deduce that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence.  
(iv) State what the above process yields in terms of roots of the polynomial  $x^3 - 4x + 1$ .

**OR**

For a positive integer  $n$ , consider the arithmetic and geometric means of the  $n + 1$  numbers  $1 + 1/n$  (repeated  $n$  times) and 1 to deduce that the sequence  $a_n = (1 + 1/n)^n$  is monotonically increasing. Similarly, for  $n > 1$ , looking at the arithmetic and geometric means of the  $n + 1$  numbers  $1 - 1/n$  (repeated  $n$  times) and 1, deduce that  $b_n = (1 - 1/n)^{-n}$  is monotonically decreasing. Finally, find a relation between  $b_{n+1}$  and  $a_n$  to deduce that both sequences  $\{a_n\}$   $\{b_n\}$  converge and, converge to the same limit.

**OR**

If  $\{a_n\}$  is a sequence of positive, real numbers such that the sequence  $a_{n+1}/a_n$  converges, prove that the sequence  $a_n^{1/n}$  also converges, and converges to the same limit. Give an example to show that the converse may not be true.

**Q 4.** Prove that the series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \log(n)}$  diverges and that  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n \log(n)^{1.1}}$  converges.

*Hint:* You may prove and use the following result of Cauchy:

If  $a_n > 0$  and  $\{a_n\}$  is decreasing, then

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n 2^k a_{2^k} \leq \sum_{r=1}^n a_r \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^k a_{2^k} + a_{2^n}.$$

**OR**

Consider the series  $\sum_{n \geq 1} a_n$  where  $a_n = 2^{(-1)^n n}$ .

Determine  $\lim inf |a_n|^{1/n}$ ,  $\lim sup |a_n|^{1/n}$ ,  $\lim inf |a_{n+1}/a_n|$ ,  $\lim sup |a_{n+1}/a_n|$ . What does root test give? What does ratio test give?

**OR**

Using root/ratio/Raabe tests or otherwise, determine the convergence or otherwise of each of the following series (don't find the sum!):

(a)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{\binom{2n}{n}}$ ;

(b)  $\sum_{n \geq 1} a_n^3$  where  $a_n = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdots (2n-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdots (2n)}$ .

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**Q 5.**

(a) Define the interior  $S^0$  and closure  $\bar{S}$  of a set  $S \subset \mathbf{R}$ .

(b) If  $S_n (n \geq 1)$  are subsets of  $\mathbf{R}$ , then prove that  $(\bigcap_n S_n)^0 \subseteq \bigcap_n S_n^0$ . Give an example to show that the inclusion could be proper.

(c) For any subset  $S$  of  $\mathbf{R}$ , prove that  $S^0 = (\bar{S}^c)^c$  where  $A^c$  denotes the complement of  $A$ .

**OR**

(a) Write down a set of open intervals  $I_n (n \geq 1)$  which cover  $(0, 1)$  such that finitely many of the  $I_n$ 's do not cover  $(0, 1)$ .

(b) Suppose  $S$  is a set of real numbers such that whenever  $S \subset \bigcup_{n \geq 1} U_n$  with  $U_n$ 's open, there is a positive integer  $n$  such that  $S \subset \bigcup_{m=1}^n U_m$ . Prove that  $S$  must be closed.

*Hint:* Show that  $S^c$  is open.