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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION, 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**  
**(MATHEMATICS)**

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2023  
Time: 8.30am – 10.30am

**KMA 301 - NUMERICAL ANALYSIS 1**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Construct a forward difference table for the following data

x	5	10	15	20	25	30
f(x)	9962	9848	9659	9397	9063	8660

(2 Marks)

- b) Evaluate  $\sqrt{12}$  using Newton Raphson method correct to 4 decimal places.

(3 Marks)

- c) Prove the following results:

i)  $\left(E^{\frac{1}{2}} + E^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right)(1 + \Delta)^{\frac{1}{2}} = 2 + \Delta$

(3 Marks)

ii)  $E\nabla = \nabla E = \Delta$

(2 Marks)

iii)  $\Delta = E - 1$

(2 Marks)

- d) Find the root of the equation  $x^3 - x - 1 = 0$  correct to 3 decimal places using bisection method

(3 Marks)

- e) Solve the following systems of equations using Gauss elimination method

$$2x + 3y - z = 5$$

$$4x + 4y - 3z = 3$$

$$2x - 3y + 2z = 2$$

(3 Marks)

- f) The table given below shows the velocity v of a body during the time t. Find its acceleration at t=1.1.

t	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
v	43.1	47.7	52.1	56.4	60.8

(4 Marks)

g) Construct a divided difference table for the following data

x	1	2	4	7	12
f(x)	22	30	82	106	216

x	1	3	4
y	1	27	64

(2 Marks)

h) Use trapezoidal rule to evaluate  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x} dx$  given  $h=0.125$ .

(3 Marks)

i) Applying Lagrange's formula to obtain the unique polynomial for the following data

(3 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

a) Use Newton divided difference interpolation formula to evaluate  $f(6)$  from the given data

x	1	2	7	8
f(x)	1	5	5	4

(6 Marks)

b) Obtain the first four iterations solutions of the following systems of equations using Jacobi's method.

$$\begin{aligned} 10x + y - 2z &= 7.74 \\ x + 12y + 3 &= 39.66 \\ 3x + 4y + 15z &= 54.8 \end{aligned}$$

(8 Marks)

c) Find the real root of the equation  $x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$  using Newton Raphson method correct to three decimal places.

(6 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

a) Locate and correct the error in the following

1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 26, 42, 64, 93

(6 Marks)

b) Use Simpson's rule to evaluate  $\int_0^6 \frac{dx}{(1+x)^2}$  given the spacing of the values of x is 1

(6 Marks)

c) Using Newton's backward difference interpolation formula, find the population for the year 2012.

Year	1972	1982	1992	2002
Population (in millions)	12	15	20	27

(8 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

a) Locate and correct the error in the following data

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
y	2	5	10	18	26	37	50

(6 Marks)

b) Applying Newton's divided difference formula to find the value of f(8) given the following data:

x	1	3	6	10	11
y	3	31	223	1011	1343

(6 Marks)

c) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  at x=50 from the following data

x	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
y	3.6840	3.7084	3.7325	3.7563	3.7798	3.8030	3.8259

(8 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

a) Use Newton's forward difference formula to obtain the polynomial satisfying the following data:

x	0	1	2	3
y	1	0	1	10

(7 Marks)

b) Find the real root of the equation  $x^3 - 2x - 5 = 0$  using Regula falsi method.

(6 Marks)

c) In an examination, the number of candidates who obtained Marks between certain limits are as follows;

Marks	0-40	40-45	45-50	50-55	55-60	60-65
No. of Candidates	210	43	54	74	32	79

Find the number of candidates who secured more than 45 but less than 48 Marks.

(7 Marks)