



# **MAASAI MARA UNIVERSITY**

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**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE ECONOMICS AND  
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**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER**

**COURSE CODE: ECS 4205**

**COURSE TITLE: NUMERICAL ANALYSIS METHODS**

**DATE: APRIL 2023**

**TIME:**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- **Question ONE is Compulsory**
- **Answer any other TWO questions from the remaining 4 Questions.**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

a] Prove the operator relations  $\delta\mu = \frac{\Delta + \nabla}{2}$  where the numerical symbols have their usual meaning **(5 marks)**

b] Obtain a relation of the form  $y = ab^x$  for given data using the method of least squares.

$x$	2	3	4	5	6
$y$	8.3	15.4	33.1	65.2	127.4

**(5 marks)**

c] Find the root of the equation  $x^3 - 3x - 5 = 0$  using Newton-Raphson method. With  $x_0 = 2$  giving your answer to three decimal places **(5 marks)**

d] Use Lagrange interpolation formula to find a unique polynomial of degree two or less such that  $f(x) = 168,192,336$  at  $x = 1, 7, 15$  respectively, hence evaluate  $f(10)$ .

**(5 marks)**

e] The population of a town in the decimal census was given below

<i>Year</i>	1921	1931	1941	1951	1961
<i>Population in thousands</i>	19.96	39.65	58.81	77.21	94.61

Estimate the population for the year 1963

**(5 marks)**

f] Evaluate  $\int_1^2 \frac{dx}{1+x}$  by trapezoidal rule considering eight sub-intervals

**(5 marks)****QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

a] Show that the equation  $x^3 - x - 11 = 0$  has a root between 2 and 3. Use bisection method to get this root (*give your answer to 3 decimal places*). **(10 marks)**

b] The following table gives corresponding values of  $x$  and  $y$ . By constructing the

difference table, find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  when  $x = 1.1$

$x$	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6
$y$	7.989	8.403	8.781	9.129	9.451	9.750	10.031

**(10 marks)**

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a] Use Gauss-Seidel iteration method to solve the linear systems of equations:

$$5x + 2y + z = 12$$

$$x + 4y + 2z = 15$$

$$x + 2y + 5z = 20$$

carry out four iterations correct to 4 significant figures **(8 marks)**

- b] The following table gives the population of a town during the last six censuses. Estimate the increase in the population during the period from 1955 to 1958.

<i>Year : x</i>	1911	1921	1931	1941	1951	1961
<i>Population : y</i> <i>(thousands)</i>	12	15	20	27	39	52

**(12 marks)****QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a] Use Lagrange's interpolation formula to find the value of
- $f(2)$
- given that:

<i>x</i>	0	1	3	4
<i>f(x)</i>	5	6	50	105

**(10 marks)**

- b] Fit a second-degree polynomial to the following data by the method of least squares:

<i>x</i>	0	1	2	3	4
<i>y</i>	1	1.8	1.3	2.5	6.3

**(10 marks)****QUESTIONS FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a] Use Jacobi's iteration method to solve the linear system of equations given below:

$$5x - y + 3z = 10$$

$$3x + 6y = 18$$

$$x + y + 5z = -10$$

carry out five iterations correct to 3 decimal places with  $(3, 0, -2)$  as initial

approximation to the solution **(8 marks)**

- b] Evaluate
- $\int_4^{5.2} \ln x dx$
- using Simpsons
- $\frac{3}{8}$
- rule with 6 sub-intervals
- (12 marks)**