SIR ARTHUR LEWIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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COURSE CODE	:	**MAT110**
COURSE TITLE	:	**College Algebra**
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DATE	:	**May 7, 2025**
TIME	:	**1 p.m.**
DURATION	:	**2 hours**
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GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

- Students must sign **IN** and **OUT** on the examination class list.
- Write your **ID number** on **the front page** of this question paper.
- This paper has **8** printed pages.
- This examination consists of **4** questions.
- The total marks for this examination = **51**.
- Answer **ALL** questions clearly, neatly and completely, in **PEN**, in the spaces provided. **Calculators** are allowed.

Question #	Student mark	Moderated Mark	Total
1.			13
2.			15
3.			13
4.			10
TOTAL			**51**

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer ALL four questions neatly, clearly and completely IN PEN, in the spaces provided below.

Topic - Higher Order Equations **[Total marks: 13]**

1.

a) Let $f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + x + 2$.

i. Show that $x - 2$ is a factor of $f(x)$. [2]

ii. Hence, use **synthetic division** to completely factorize $f(x)$. [4]

b) Use **long division** to find the quotient and remainder when $6x^3 + 7x^2 + 12x - 5$ is divided by $3x - 1$. [3]

c) A polynomial $p(x)$ is defined, in terms of the constant a, by

$$p(x) = x^3 + 16x^2 + 72x - a.$$

When $p(x)$ is divided by $(x + 3)$ the remainder is $-\mathbf{11}$, determine the value of a.

[4]

Topic – Matrices **[Total Marks: 15]**

2.

a) You are given that if

$$\boldsymbol{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 1 \\ -6 & 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \text{ then } \boldsymbol{A^{-1}} = \frac{1}{k}\begin{pmatrix} -3 & -2 & 1 \\ -35 & -15 & 10 \\ 17 & 8 & -4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

i. Show that $k = 5$. [4]

ii. Given the system of equations,

$$\begin{aligned} 4x \quad\quad + z &= 9 \\ -6x + y + z &= 32 \\ 5x + 2y + 5z &= 81 \end{aligned}$$

a. write it in matrix form, [1]

b. and hence, solve the system. [4]

b) Given that

$$\boldsymbol{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 & -1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

i. find the determinant of $\boldsymbol{B}$, using the **cofactor method**. [2]

ii. Hence, using the **diagonal method now** and **Cramer's rule**, find the value of **a only**, in the system $\boldsymbol{B}\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. [4]

Topic – Partial Fractions **[Total Marks: 13]**

3.

a) Given that the rational function (or the algebraic fraction) can be decomposed as follows:

$$\frac{x^2 - 4x + 1}{x(x+1)(1-2x)} = \frac{A}{x} + \qquad + \frac{C}{1-2x}$$

i. Fill in the missing partial fraction above. [1]

ii. Write the main or basic equation, [1]

iii. and solve for $\boldsymbol{C}$ **only**. [4]

b) Given that a possible main (or basic) equation for the decomposition of the rational function (or algebraic fraction), $\frac{5}{(x-2)(x^2+1)}$ is

$$5 \equiv D(x^2 + 1) + (Ex + F)(x - 2)$$

find the values of the three unknowns, D, E and F. [7]

Topic – Functions **[Total Marks: 10]**

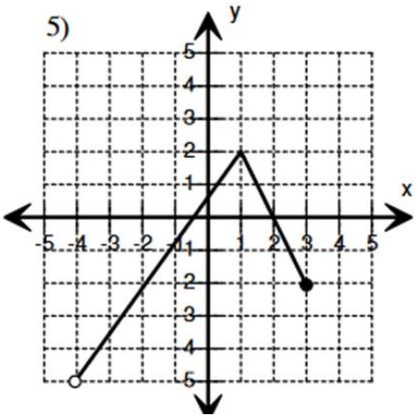
4.

Input	Output
50	50
60	40
70	30
80	50
90	20

a) Does the diagram below represent a function? If not, give a reason and if it represents a function, state whether it is a one-one or a many-one function. [2]

b) State the domain of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x - 10}$, using **set-builder notation**. [2]

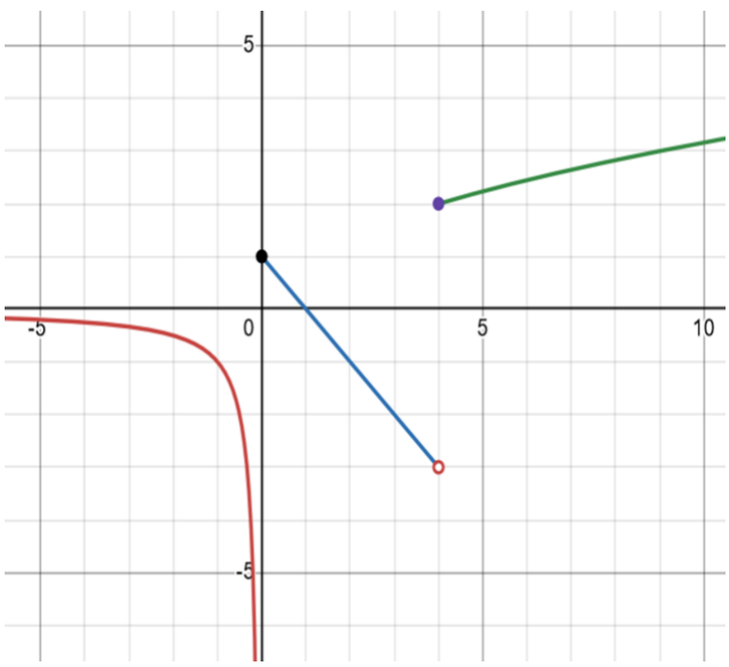
5)



c) State the range of the function graphed on the left, using **interval notation**. [2]

d) Below is the graph of the piecewise function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} & if\ x \square 0 \\ g(x) & if\ \ 0 \leq x < 4 \\ h(x) & if\ x \geq \square \end{cases}$$



i. Fill in the 2 boxes above. [2]

ii State the function $g(x)$.

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[1]

iii Evaluate $f(9)$.

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[1]