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2025_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PHY313
COURSE TITLE: MATHEMATICAL METHODS FOR PHYSICS II
CREDIT UNIT: 3
TIME ALLOWED: (3 HRS)
INSTRUCTION: Answer question 1 and any other three questions

QUESTION 1

- (A) Using Argand plane, describe the concept of (i) modulus [3 marks]
(ii) Argument of complex number. [3 marks]
(B) Find the modulus of
(i) $\frac{1-i}{1+i}$ [6 marks]
(ii) $\left(\frac{2+i}{3-i}\right)^2$ [6 marks]
(C) Express $f(z) = 4x^2 + i4y^2$ by a formula involving the variable z and $\bar{z}$ [8 marks]

QUESTION 2

- (A) Explain the pole of a complex number [3 marks]
(B) Solve the complex variable z in term of x and y
(i) $\text{Re}(\sin z)$ [6 marks]
(ii) $\cos z$ [6 marks]

QUESTION 3

- (A) What is harmonic function? [3 marks]
(B) Prove that the function $U(x, y) = x^3 - 3xy^2 + 3x^2 - 3y^2 + 1$ satisfy the Laplace equation and determine the function $f(z) = u + iv$ [12 marks]

QUESTION 4

- (A) Explain the residue of a complex number [3 marks]
(B) Determine the residue of the function $f(z) = \frac{z^2}{(z-2)(z^2+1)}$ [12 marks]

QUESTION 5

- (A) Using the Cauchy integral, solve $\oint_C \frac{z}{(2z+1)} dz$, such that C is a simple closed curved enclosing $z=1$ [7 marks]
(B) Given that $f(z) = u + iv$, use Cauchy–Riemann equation to deduced that $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} |f(z)|^2 = 4|f'(z)|^2$ [8 marks]

QUESTION 6

- Evaluate the integral $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \frac{\pi}{2}$ [15 marks]