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Mathematics (Curriculum Economics, Markets and Finance)

Mockup of Partial Examination - 1.4

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In the first partial only three exercises will be set.

Exercise 1. *a)* Compute by parts

$$\int x e^{-x/2} \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

b) Given

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x, & \text{if } x \le 0; \\ x e^{-x/2}, & \text{if } x > 0; \end{cases},$$

compute

$$\int_{-1}^{1} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x.$$

c) Say whether

$$\int_0^{+\infty} f(x) \,\mathrm{d}x$$

converges.

Exercise 2. Given the function

$$f(x) = 2 - \frac{1}{x} - \ln x, \quad x \ge \frac{1}{2},$$

- a) determine the natural domain;
- b) determine the limits at the boundaries of the domain;
- c) determine the intervals where f is increasing/decreasing and maximum and minimum points (if there exists any);
- d) determine the intervals where f is convex/concave and the inflection points;
- e) compute

$$\int f(x) \mathrm{d}x.$$

Exercise 3. Given the function

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x + 4}{x},$$

a) determine the natural domain;

b) determine the limits at the boundaries of the domain;

- c) determine the intervals where f is increasing/decreasing and maximum and minimum points (if there exists any);
- d) determine the intervals where f is convex/concave and the inflection points;
- e) compute

Exercise 4. *a)* Compute the limit

$$\lim_{x\to 0^+} x \ln x,$$

 $\int f(x) \mathrm{d}x.$

using l'Hôpital's rule and observing that

$$x\ln x = \frac{\ln x}{1/x}.$$

b) Given the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x}, & \text{if } x \le 0; \\ x \ln x + a, & \text{if } x > 0; \end{cases}$$

find the value of the parameter a so that the function is continuous.

- c) Say whether the obtained function is differentiable.
- d) Consider the function only in the interval]0,+∞[and find , if there exists any, the maximum, minimum and inflection points.
- e) Compute

$$\int_{1}^{e} f(x) \, \mathrm{d}x$$