

Specific Elements of the Competency (*in italics*)

Standard of Performance: The student must be able to:

1. *Place the development of differential calculus in its historical context.*
 - 1.1 HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT**
 - 1.1.1 describe some of the factors which led to the development of differential calculus.
2. *Recognise and describe the characteristics of algebraic, exponential, logarithmic and trigonometric functions, expressed in symbolic or graphical form.*
 - 2.1 FUNCTIONS**
 - 2.1.1 define a function of real numbers and identify if a given graph is the graph of a function.
 - 2.1.2 find domains and ranges of functions, in particular linear, quadratic, polynomial, algebraic, trigonometric, logarithmic and exponential functions.
 - 2.1.3 know the definitions, basic properties and identities for trigonometric functions.
 - 2.1.4 know the definitions, properties and laws of logs and exponentials.
 - 2.1.5 solve logarithmic and exponential equations.
 - 2.1.6 carry out arithmetic operations on polynomials (including long division and factoring).
 - 2.1.7 find the composition of functions, the inverse of a function.
 - 2.1.8 find x and y intercepts and graph linear, quadratic, absolute value and piecewise functions.
 - 2.1.9 graph basic trig, log and exponential functions.
 - 2.1.10 graph a function satisfying certain conditions.
3. *Analyse the behaviour of a function represented symbolically or graphically using an intuitive approach to the concept of limit.*
 - 3.1 LIMITS AND CONTINUITY**
 - 3.1.1 calculate two-sided and one-sided limits, limits at infinity and infinite limits from the graph of a function.
 - 3.1.2 use the Limit Theorems to calculate limits as above.
 - 3.1.3 explain why a limit does not exist.
 - 3.1.4 for limits of the form $\frac{0}{0}$, evaluate them by factoring, reducing fractions to a common denominator or rationalizing.
 - 3.1.5 evaluate limits of the form $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$, $\infty - \infty$, $0 \cdot \infty$ by algebraic manipulation.
 - 3.1.6 calculate simple trig limits, in particular making use of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}$.
 - 3.1.7 define continuity of a function at a point or on an interval.
 - 3.1.8 state the intervals on which a given function is continuous.
 - 3.1.9 discuss the continuity of the functions named specifically above.
 - 3.1.10 identify removable and essential discontinuities and be able to explain the difference using the definition.
 - 3.1.11 graph a function having certain limit and continuity properties.
 - 3.1.12 state the Intermediate and Extreme Value Theorems and use them in examples.
4. *Define the derivative of a function, give its interpretation and apply techniques of differentiation.*
 - 4.1 DIFFERENTIATION**
 - 4.1.1 give the definition of the derivative of a function.
 - 4.1.2 interpret the derivative as the slope of the tangent line to the function and as a rate of change; in particular, applications such as marginal cost, revenue, profit.
 - 4.1.3 use the definition to calculate derivatives.
 - 4.1.4 find the equations of tangent lines and normal lines to the graphs of given functions.
 - 4.1.5 apply the rules to differentiate a sum, scalar multiple, product, quotient and composition of functions.
 - 4.1.6 find derivatives of algebraic, trig, log and exponential functions.
 - 4.1.7 use algebraic manipulation to simplify derivatives and determine where $f'(x) = 0$, $f'(x) > 0$, $f'(x) < 0$.
 - 4.1.8 find higher order derivatives.
 - 4.1.9 use implicit differentiation to find first and second derivatives.
 - 4.1.10 state the Mean Value Theorem and use it in examples.
 - 4.1.11 use logarithmic differentiation appropriately.
5. *Use differential calculus to analyse the variations of a function and graph it.*
 - 5.1 GRAPH SKETCHING**
 - 5.1.1 find the intervals on which a function is increasing or decreasing.
 - 5.1.2 find critical points where $f'(x) = 0$ and where $f'(x)$ does not exist.
 - 5.1.3 find intervals on which a function is concave up or down.
 - 5.1.4 find points of inflection.
 - 5.1.5 find horizontal and vertical asymptotes (with appropriate limits).
 - 5.1.6 use all the information above to sketch the graph of a function.
6. *Solve optimisation and rate of change problems.*
 - 6.1 APPLICATIONS TO SOCIAL SCIENCE**
 - 6.1.1 formulate a word problem in mathematical terms and solve it — in particular related rates and maximization/minimization problems involving cost analysis..
 - 6.1.2 solve exponential growth and decay problems — in particular problems about population growth, the spread of epidemics and rumours and the continuous compounding of money..