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EXAM 2 - part 1
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Instructions:

- (1) To receive credit, you must work in a logical fashion, show all your work, and when applicable put your answer in the box (or on the line) provided.
- (2) During this test, do not leave your seat. Raise your hand if you have a question. When you finish, turn your exam over, put your pencil down, and raise your hand.
- (3) No “formula sheets” allowed. No calculators allowed.
- (4) The “Mark Box” indicates the problems along with their points. Check that your copy of the exam has all of the problems.

1. a) Find the 4th degree Taylor polynomial $P_4(x)$ and the remainder term $R_4(x)$ about the point $a = 1$ for the function $f(x) = \ln x$.

Answer: $P_4(x) =$

$R_4(x) =$ where z is between and .

- b) In problem 1a), to how many decimal places of accuracy does Taylor’s formula guarantee that $P_4(x)$ approximate $f(x) = \ln x$ for x between .8 and 1.2? Show your work on the back of this page.

Answer: decimal places of accuracy

2. Approximate $\cos 47^\circ$ within 5 decimal places of accuracy. Use Taylor's formula for an appropriate function $y = f(x)$ about an appropriate point a (with $a \neq 0$). Use the appropriate n th-degree Taylor polynomial $P_n(x)$ with the smallest n for which the Taylor Remainder guarantees that the error is within the desired accuracy.

To help us give you more partial credit, fill in the 'summary boxes' below.

I applied Taylor's Formula to the function $f(x) =$ about the point $a =$.

After much work I figured that I need to use the th-degree Taylor polynomial.

My appropriate Taylor Polynomial looks like:

$$P(x) =$$

Evaluating this Taylor Polynomial at the point $x =$, I obtained that

$$\cos 47^\circ \approx$$

Show your work here below and, if necessary, on the back of this page.