

Instructions: Give concise answers, but clearly indicate your reasoning.

**I.** Define what it means to say that a collection of functions  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  is *linearly independent*.  
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**II.** Show that the set of functions  $\{1, \sin^2(x), 2 \cos^2(x)\}$  is linearly dependent.  
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**III.** Given that

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$$\lambda^6 + 2\lambda^4 + 20\lambda^3 + \lambda^2 + 20\lambda + 100 = (\lambda + 2)^2(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 5)^2,$$

write a general solution of the DE

$$y^{(6)} + 2y^{(4)} + 20y^{(3)} + y'' + 20y' + 100y = 0.$$

**IV.** The function  $\sin(x)$  satisfies the DE  $y'' + y' + y = \cos(x)$ . Find a general solution.  
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