

**Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur**  
**Department of Mathematics**  
**I Semester B.Tech. First Sessional Examinations**  
**Mathematics (MAL 101)**

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Duration: 1 hour ( 9.00 AM – 10.00 AM)

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2. A twice differentiable function  $f(x)$  defined on  $[a, b]$ , such that  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$ ,  $f(c) > 0$  for all  $a < c < b$ , prove that there exist at least one value  $\epsilon$  in  $(a, b)$  such that  $f''(\epsilon) < 0$ .
3. Using Taylor's theorem prove that  $1 - \frac{x^2}{2} \leq \cos x \leq 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{24}$ , for any  $x$ .
4. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x^2}}$ .
5. Determine the radius of curvature of the curve  $r^n = a^n \sin n\theta$  at any point  $(r, \theta)$ .
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