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MATHEMATICS

Paper 1

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Solutions

Question	Answer
1	$x - 4 = \frac{2}{x - 3}$
	$(x - 4)(x - 3) = 2$
	$x^2 - 7x + 12 = 2$
	$x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0$
	$(x - 2)(x - 5) = 0$
	$x = 2$ or 5
	When $x = 2, y = -2$
	When $x = 5, y = 1$
	Length = $\sqrt{(2 - 5)^2 + (-2 - 1)^2}$ = 4.24 unit
2a	$-90^\circ < \tan^{-1} p < 90^\circ$ or $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \tan^{-1} p < \frac{\pi}{2}$
2b	$\pi - x$
3	$3x^2 + 15x + 20 = 3(x^2 + 5x) + 20$
	$= 3[(x + 2.5)^2 - (2.5)^2] + 20$
	$= 3(x + 2.5)^2 + 1.25$
	Since $3(x + 2.5)^2 + 1.25 \geq 1.25$, $3x^2 + 15x + 20$ cannot be smaller than 1.

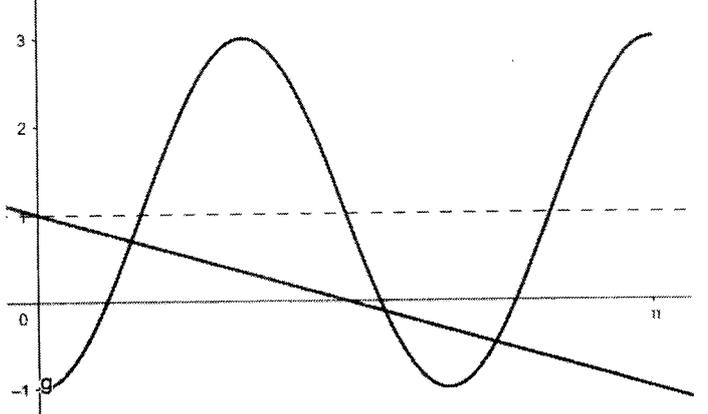
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4a	$\frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2(2x+1)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x^2} + \frac{C}{2x+1}$
	$x^2+3x+2 = Ax(2x+1) + B(2x+1) + Cx^2$
	When $x = -\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{3}{2} + 2 = C\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$ $C = 3$
	When $x = 0$, $B = 2$
	Comparing coefficients of x^2 , $A = -1$
	$\frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2(2x+1)} = -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{3}{2x+1}$
4b	$\int \frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2(2x+1)} dx = \int -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{3}{2x+1} dx$ $= -\ln x - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{3}{2} \ln(2x+1) + c$
5	$3 \log_5 y - \log_5 5 = 2$
	$3 \log_5 y - \frac{\log_5 5}{\log_5 y} = 2$
	$3 \log_5 y - \frac{1}{\log_5 y} = 2$
	$3(\log_5 y)^2 - 2 \log_5 y - 1 = 0$
	$(3 \log_5 y + 1)(\log_5 y - 1) = 0$
	$\log_5 y = 1$ or $-\frac{1}{3}$
	$y = 5$ or $y = 5^{-\frac{1}{3}} = 0.585$ (3s.f.)
Question	Answer
6a	$\sin(105^\circ) = \sin(60^\circ + 45^\circ)$
	$= \sin 60^\circ \cos 45^\circ + \cos 60^\circ \sin 45^\circ$
	$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
	$= \frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$
	$= \frac{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}}{4}$
6b	$\frac{1}{2}(4)(BC)\sin 105^\circ = 10 + 2\sqrt{3}$

$\frac{1}{2}(4)(BC)\left(\frac{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}}{4}\right)=10+2\sqrt{3}$
$BC=\frac{2(10+2\sqrt{3})}{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}}\times\frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}$
$=\frac{4(5+\sqrt{3})(\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2})}{6-2}$
$=5\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{18}-5\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{6}$
$=4\sqrt{6}+3\sqrt{2}-5\sqrt{2}$
$=4\sqrt{6}-2\sqrt{2}$
$=\sqrt{2}(4\sqrt{3}-2)$

Question	Answer
7a	$9^x + 6^x = 6(4^x)$
	$\frac{9^x}{4^x} + \frac{6^x}{4^x} = 6$
	$\frac{3^{2x}}{2^{2x}} + \left(\frac{6}{4}\right)^x - 6 = 0$
	$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{2x} + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x - 6 = 0$
	When $u = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x$, $u^2 + u - 6 = 0$
7b	$(u+3)(u-2) = 0$
	$u = 2$ or -3 (n.a.)
	$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x = 2$
	$x = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln \frac{3}{2}}$ or $\frac{\lg 2}{\lg \frac{3}{2}} = 1.71$
8	When $x = -2$, $2(-2)^3 + a(-2)^2 + b(-2) + 10 = 0$
	$4a - 2b = 6$
	$2a - b = 3$ -
	eqn 1
	When $x = 3$, $2(3)^3 + a(3)^2 + b(3) + 10 = 10$
	$9a + 3b = -54$
	$3a + b = -18$ -
	eqn 2
eqn 1 + eqn 2:	$5a = -15$
	$a = -3$
	$\therefore b = -9$
Question	Answer
9a	$12t - \frac{3}{2}t^2 = 0$
	$t\left(12 - \frac{3}{2}t\right) = 0$
	$t = 0$ or 8
	$\therefore 8$ s
9b	distance = $\int_0^8 12t - \frac{3}{2}t^2 dx$
	$= \left[6t^2 - \frac{1}{2}t^3\right]_0^8$

	$= [128] - [0]$
	$= 128 \text{ m}$
9c	$a = 12 - 3t$
	When $t = 5$, $a = -3 \text{ m/s}^2$

Question	Answer
10	$y = xe^{-3x}$
	$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-3x}(1) + x(-3e^{-3x})$
	$= e^{-3x}(1-3x)$
	$e^{-3x}(1-3x) = 0$
	$x = \frac{1}{3}$
	$y = \frac{1}{3e}$ or 0.123
	$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = (1-3x)(-3e^{-3x}) + e^{-3x}(-3)$
	When $x = \frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} < 0$
	$\left(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3e}\right)$ is a maximum point.

Question	Answer
11a	
11b	<p>The $2 \cos 3x = \frac{2}{\pi} x$ is equivalent to</p> $-2 \cos 3x + 1 = -\frac{2}{\pi} x + 1$ <p>and so its solutions can be found from the interception points of the two graphs.</p>

Question	Answer
12a	Midpoint of $PQ = \left(\frac{1+9}{2}, \frac{-2+10}{2} \right) = (5, 4)$
	Gradient of $PQ = \frac{-2-10}{1-9} = \frac{3}{2}$
	Gradient of perpendicular bisector = $-\frac{2}{3}$
	$y - 4 = -\frac{2}{3}(x - 5)$
	$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{22}{3}$
12b	$-\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{22}{3} = 8x - 10$
	$-\frac{26}{3}x = -\frac{52}{3}$
	$x = 2$
	$R(2, 6)$
12c	Area = $\frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} 9 & 2 & 1 & 9 \\ 10 & 6 & -2 & 10 \end{vmatrix}$
	$= \frac{1}{2} [(54 - 4 + 10) - (20 + 6 - 18)]$
	$= 26 \text{ unit}^2$

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13b	$\ln M = 2.08$ $M = 8.00$																		
13c	Gradient = -0.2 $k = 0.2$																		

Question	Answer
14a	$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -4\sin(2x + \pi)$
	$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\cos(2x + \pi) + c_1$
	$3 = 2\cos\left[2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \pi\right] + c_1$
	$3 = 2(1) + c_1$
	$c_1 = 1$
	$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\cos(2x + \pi) + 1$
	$y = \sin(2x + \pi) + x + c_2$
	$\pi = \sin\left[2\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + \pi\right] + \frac{\pi}{2} + c_2$
	$c_2 = \frac{\pi}{2}$
	$y = \sin(2x + \pi) + x + \frac{\pi}{2}$
14b	When $x = 3$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2\cos[2(3) + \pi] + 1 = -0.920$
	y is decreasing when $x = 3$.

Question	Answer
15	$y = \frac{16}{(x+1)^2} - 1 = 16(x+1)^{-2} - 1$
	$\frac{dy}{dx} = -32(x+1)^{-3}$
	$-4 = -32(x+1)^{-3}$
	$(x+1)^3 = 8$
	$x = 1$
	At L, $y = \frac{16}{(1+1)^2} - 1 = 3$
	$y - 3 = -4(x - 1)$
	$y = -4x + 7$
	At N, $0 = -4x + 7$
	$x = 1.75$
	At M, $0 = \frac{16}{(x+1)^2} - 1$
	$x = 3 \text{ or } -5 \text{ (n.a.)}$
	Area = $\left[\int_1^3 16(x+1)^{-2} - 1 \, dx \right] - \int_1^{1.75} -4x + 7 \, dx$
	$= \left[-16(x+1)^{-1} - x \right]_1^3 - \left[-2x^2 + 7x \right]_1^{1.75}$
	$= 2 - 1.125$
	$= 0.875 \text{ unit}^2$



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Paper 2

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Marking Scheme

Question	Answer
1a	$h = 7 + 20t - 5t^2$
	$= -5(t^2 - 4t) + 7$
	$= -5[(t-2)^2 - 4] + 7$
	$= -5(t-2)^2 + 27$
	maximum height = 27
	OR
	$\frac{dh}{dt} = -10t + 20$
	$-10t + 20 = 0$
	$t = 2$
	When $t = 2$, $h = 7 + 20(2) - 5(2)^2 = 27$ m
1b	$x^2 + 6x + k = k(x-1)$
	$x^2 + (6-k)x + 2k = 0$
	$(6-k)^2 - 4(1)(2k) < 0$
	$36 - 12k + k^2 - 8k < 0$
	$k^2 - 20k + 32 < 0$
	$(k-2)(k-18) < 0$
	$\therefore 2 < x < 18$
2a	$\tan A = \frac{4}{3}$
	$\tan 2A = \frac{2\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)}{1 - \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2}$
	$= -\frac{24}{7}$
Question	Answer
2b	$\sin B = \frac{12}{13}$, $\cos B = \frac{5}{13}$
	$\sin\left(B + \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = \sin B \cos \frac{3\pi}{2} + \sin \frac{3\pi}{2} \cos B$
	$= \frac{12}{13} \times 0 + (-1) \times \frac{5}{13}$
	$= -\frac{5}{13}$
	OR
	$\sin\left(B + \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(2\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} + B\right)$

	$= \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2} + B\right) = -\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - B\right)$
	$= -\cos B = -\frac{5}{13}$
2c	$\cos B = 2 \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} - 1$
	$\frac{5}{13} = 2 \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} - 1$
	$2 \cos^2 \frac{B}{2} = \frac{18}{13}$
	$\cos^2 \frac{B}{2} = \frac{9}{13}$
	$\cos \frac{B}{2} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \text{ or } -\frac{3}{\sqrt{13}} \text{ (rej)}$

Question	Answer
3a	$\angle PQC = \angle PSQ$ (Alternate segment theorem)
	$\angle PQC = \angle PBC$ (angles in same segment)
	Hence $\angle PBC = \angle PSQ$
	By alternate angles of parallel lines, BC is parallel to QS
3b	$\angle PQC = \angle PSQ$ (Alternate segment theorem)
	$\angle PMQ = \angle QMS$ (Common angle)
	$\triangle PQM$ is similar to $\triangle QSM$ (AA Similarity Test)
3c	Since $\triangle PQM$ is similar to $\triangle QSM$, $\frac{QM}{SM} = \frac{PM}{QM}$
	$(QM)^2 = PM \times SM$

4a	$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{\cos x}{\sin x}\right)$
	$= \frac{\sin x(-\sin x) - \cos x(\cos x)}{\sin^2 x}$
	$= \frac{-\sin^2 x - \cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x}$
	$= -\frac{1}{\sin^2 x}$
	$= -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x \text{ (Shown)}$
	OR
	$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\tan x)^{-1}$
	$= -(\tan x)^{-2}(\sec^2 x)$
	$= -\left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x}\right)^{-2}\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 x}\right)$
	$= -\left(\frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin^2 x}\right)\left(\frac{1}{\cos^2 x}\right)$
	$= -\frac{1}{\sin^2 x}$
	$= -\operatorname{cosec}^2 x \text{ (Shown)}$
4b	$\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} -\cot^2 x \, dx = \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} 1 - \operatorname{cosec}^2 x \, dx$
	$= \left[x + \cot x\right]_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}}$
	$= \left[\frac{\pi}{3} + \cot \frac{\pi}{3}\right] - \left[\frac{\pi}{4} + \cot \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$
	$= \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{\pi}{4} - 1$
	$= \frac{\pi}{12} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - 1 \text{ or } -0.161$

Question	Answer
5a	$\text{General term} = \binom{8}{r} x^{8-r} \left(-\frac{k}{x^3}\right)^r$ $= \binom{8}{r} x^{8-r} (-1)^r k^r (x^{-3})^r$ $= \binom{8}{r} (-1)^r k^r x^{8-4r}$ <p>When $8 - 4r = 0$, $r = 2$</p> $\binom{8}{2} (-1)^2 k^2 x^{8-4(2)} = 7$ $28k^2 = 7$ $k^2 = \frac{1}{4}$ $k = \frac{1}{2}$
5b	<p>When $8 - 4r = -4$, $r = 3$</p> $T_4 = \binom{8}{3} (-1)^3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 x^{-4}$ $= -7x^{-4}$ $(1+x^4) \left(x - \frac{k}{x^3}\right)^8 = (1+x^4) (\dots + 7 - 7x^{-4} + \dots)$ $= \dots + 7 - 7 + \dots = \dots + 0 + \dots$ <p>There is no constant term in the expansion. (Shown)</p>

Question	Answer
6a	$AM = 2 \cos \theta$
	$BM = 2 \sin \theta$
	$BC = 4 \sin \theta$
	$\text{Total area} = (4 \sin \theta)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(2 \cos \theta)(4 \sin \theta)$
	$= 16 \sin^2 \theta + 4 \sin \theta \cos \theta$
6b	$16 \sin^2 \theta + 4 \sin \theta \cos \theta$
	$= 8(2 \sin^2 \theta) + 2(2 \sin \theta \cos \theta)$
	$= 8(1 - \cos 2\theta) + 2(\sin 2\theta)$
	$= 2 \sin 2\theta - 8 \cos 2\theta + 8$
6c	$R = \sqrt{2^2 + 8^2} = \sqrt{68}$
	$\tan \alpha = \frac{8}{2}$
	$\alpha = 76.0^\circ$
	$2 \sin 2\theta - 8 \cos 2\theta = \sqrt{68} \sin(2\theta - 76.0^\circ)$
7a	$LHS = \frac{\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x}{1 + 2 \sin x \cos x}$
	$= \frac{\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x}{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x + 2 \sin x \cos x}$
	$= \frac{(\cos x + \sin x)(\cos x - \sin x)}{(\cos x + \sin x)^2}$
	$= \frac{\cos x - \sin x}{\cos x + \sin x}$
	$= \frac{1 - \tan x}{1 + \tan x} = RHS$

Question	Answer
7b	$\frac{1 - \tan x}{1 + \tan x} = \frac{2}{3} \tan x$
	$3(1 - \tan x) = 2 \tan x + \tan^2 x$
	$2 \tan^2 x + 5 \tan x - 3 = 0$
	$(2 \tan x - 1)(\tan x + 3) = 0$
	$\tan x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ or } -3$
	$x = 0.464 \text{ or } 3.61$
	$x = 1.89 \text{ or } 5.03$
8a	$ \begin{array}{r} x^2 - \frac{3x}{2} - 2 \\ 2x - 4 \overline{) 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 2x + 3} \\ \underline{2x^3 - 4x^2} \\ -3x^2 + 2x + 3 \\ \underline{-3x^2 + 6x} \\ 3 - 4x \\ \underline{8 - 4x} \\ -5 \end{array} $

Question	Answer
8b	$2x^3 - 7x^2 + 2x + 3 = 0$
	Let $f(x) = 2x^3 - 7x^2 + 2x + 3$
	When $x = 3$, $f(3) = 2(3)^3 - 7(3)^2 + 2(3) + 3 = 0$
	By factor theorem, $(x - 3)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.
	$(x - 3)(2x^2 - x - 1) = 0$
	$(x - 3)(2x + 1)(x - 1) = 0$
	$x = -\frac{1}{2}, 1$ or 3
8c	$3y^6 + 2y^4 - 7y^2 + 2 = 0$
	$3 + \frac{2}{y^2} - \frac{7}{y^4} + \frac{2}{y^6} = 0$
	$3 + 2\left(\frac{1}{y^2}\right) - 7\left(\frac{1}{y^4}\right) + 2\left(\frac{1}{y^6}\right) = 0$
	$3 + 2\left(\frac{1}{y^2}\right) - 7\left(\frac{1}{y^2}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{1}{y^2}\right)^3 = 0$
	$\therefore x = \frac{1}{y^2}$, Kun Ye is correct

Question	Answer
9a	Height = $3x^2$
	Base = $2x$
	Area = $\frac{1}{2}(2x)(3x^2) = 3x^3$
9b	$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x$
	$\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{dy}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt}$
	$3 = 6x \times \frac{dx}{dt}$
	$3 = 6x \times \frac{dx}{dt}$
	$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{2x}$
	When $x = 4$, $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{8}$
	Rate of change of $PQ = \frac{1}{4}$ unit/s
9c	$\frac{dA}{dx} = 9x^2$
	$\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{dA}{dx} \times \frac{dx}{dt}$
	$\frac{dA}{dt} = 9x^2 \times \frac{1}{8}$
	When $x = 4$, $\frac{dA}{dt} = 18$ unit ² /s

Question	Answer
10a	$y\text{-coordinate of centre} = \frac{-1+9}{2} = 4$
10b	Let the x -coordinate of the centre be a ,
	$(x-a)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 25$
	From the line, $y = \frac{4x+9}{3}$
	$(x-a)^2 + \left(\frac{4x+9}{3} - 4\right)^2 = 25$
	$(x-a)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{3}x - 1\right)^2 = 25$
	$x^2 - 2ax + a^2 + \frac{16}{9}x^2 - \frac{8}{3}x + 1 = 25$
	$\frac{25}{9}x^2 + \left(-2a - \frac{8}{3}\right)x + a^2 - 24 = 0$
	Since the line is a tangent, $b^2 - 4ac = 0$
	$\left(-2a - \frac{8}{3}\right)^2 - 4\left(\frac{25}{9}\right)(a^2 - 24) = 0$
	$4a^2 + \frac{32}{3}a + \frac{64}{9} - \frac{100}{9}a^2 + \frac{2400}{9} = 0$
	$36a^2 + 96a + 64 - 100a^2 + 2400 = 0$
	$-64a^2 + 96a + 2464 = 0$
	$2a^2 - 3a - 77 = 0$
	$(2a+11)(a-7) = 0$
	$a = 7$ or -5.5 (rej)

Question	Answer
10c	$\text{Distance between point and centre} = \sqrt{(7-3)^2 + (4-0)^2}$ $= 5.66 \text{ unit}$ <p>Since the distance is longer than the radius, the point lies outside.</p>
11a	$CX = \sqrt{(30-x)^2 + 20^2}$ $= \sqrt{x^2 - 60x + 1300}$ $T = \frac{x}{4} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{x^2 - 60x + 1300}$
11b	$\frac{dT}{dx} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{2} (x^2 - 60x + 1300)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (2x - 60) \right]$ $= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2x - 60}{4\sqrt{x^2 - 60x + 1300}}$
11c	$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{2x - 60}{4\sqrt{x^2 - 60x + 1300}} = 0$ $\sqrt{x^2 - 60x + 1300} + 2x - 60 = 0$ $\sqrt{x^2 - 60x + 1300} = 60 - 2x$ $x^2 - 60x + 1300 = 3600 - 240x + 4x^2$ $3x^2 - 180x + 2300 = 0$ $x = \frac{180 \pm \sqrt{180^2 - 4(3)(2300)}}{2(3)}$ $x = 41.5 \text{ (rej) or } 18.5$