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FORT STREET HIGH SCHOOL

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PRELIMINARY HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE COURSE  
ASSESSMENT TASK 1

# Mathematics

TIME ALLOWED: 1 HOUR  
PLUS 5 MINUTES READING TIME

Outcomes Assessed	Questions	Marks
Demonstrates the ability to manipulate and simplify numeric and algebraic expressions	1	
Solves problems involving equations and inequalities	2	
Uses appropriate techniques to solve problems involving plane geometry	3	
Solves problems involving indices and logs	4	

Question	1	2	3	4	Total	%
Marks	/14	/14	/13	/14	/55	

## Directions to candidates:

- Attempt all questions
- The marks allocated for each question are indicated
- All necessary working should be shown in every question. Marks may be deducted for careless or badly arranged work.
- Board – approved calculators may be used
- Each Question is to be started in a new booklet.

- a) Mr Fraser bought an antique chair valued at \$980. Each year its value appreciated by 12%. Calculate the value of the chair after 5 years. Answer correct to the nearest 5 cents.

2



- b) Calculate correct to four significant figures:

2

$$\frac{\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^4 \times \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^5}{\left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3}$$

- c) Expand and simplify:

2

$$\frac{12x}{x+1} \div \frac{6x}{x^2+2x+1}$$

- d) Factorise fully:

2

$$y^3 - 64$$

- e) Express the following recurring decimal as a simplest fraction.

3

$$0.\dot{2}9\dot{7}$$

- f) Express as a single fraction with rational denominator. Express your answer in simplest form.

3

$$\frac{2}{6-3\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{3+2\sqrt{3}}$$

- a) Solve for  $a$ : 2

$$\frac{a}{4} - \frac{a+2}{3} = 9$$

- b) Solve for  $x$ : 2

$$\frac{x-3}{7} - \frac{3}{4} \geq 9$$

- c) Solve by completing the square. Answer in exact form. 2

$$x^2 - 10x + 20 = 0$$

- d) Solve for  $x$ : 2

$$x^2 - 11x + 18 > 0$$

- e) Solve for  $x$ : 3

$$|x-2| = 7-2x$$

- f) Solve simultaneously: 3

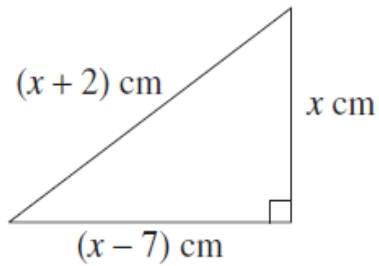
$$a + b = 5$$

$$2a + b + c = 4$$

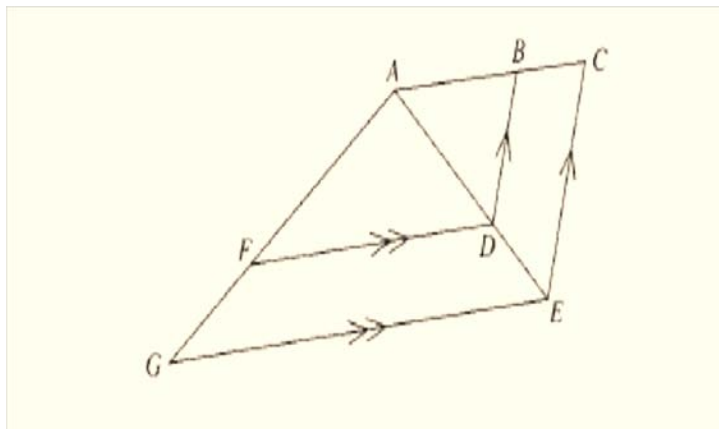
$$a - b - c = 5$$

- a) The interior angles in a regular polygon are  $140^\circ$ . Calculate the number of sides of the polygon. 2

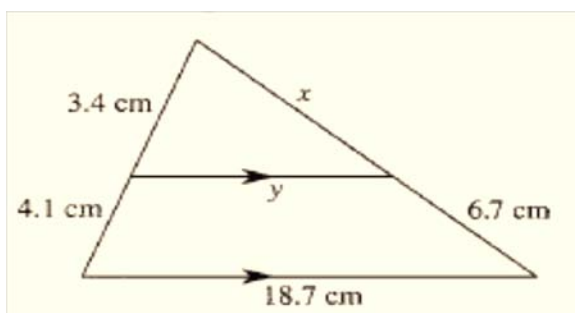
- b) Solve for x: 2



- c) Prove that  $\frac{AF}{AG} = \frac{AB}{AC}$  2



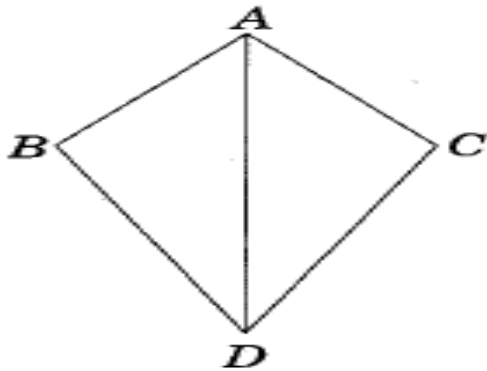
- d) Find the value of the pronumerals.  
(Answer to 1 decimal place) 3



e) Given  $AB = AC$  and  $AD$  bisects  $\angle BAC$ . Prove that 3

i)  $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$ , and

ii) Hence give a reason why  $DB=DC$  1



Question 4 (Logarithms)

14 marks

a) Evaluate: 1

$$\log_6 6\sqrt{6}$$

b) Solve for  $x$ :  $\log_3 x = 5$  1

c) Given  $\log_7 2 = 0.36$  and  $\log_7 5 = 0.83$ , find  $\log_7 70$ . 2

d) Solve  $\log_9 200$  to 1 decimal place. 2

e) Solve:  $3^{x+2} = 81$  2

f) Evaluate:

i)  $\log_5 500 - \log_5 4$  3

ii)  $2\log_3 6 + \log_3 18 - 3\log_3 2$  3

END



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Question 1 (14)

a.  $A = P(1+r)^n$

$A_5 = \$980(1.12)^5$  ✓

(2)

$= \$1727.10$  ✓

b.  $= 0.00589239 \dots$  ✓

(2)

$= 0.005892$  ✓

c.  $\frac{12x}{x+1} \times \frac{x^2 + 2x + 1}{6x}$

$= \frac{\cancel{12}x^2}{\cancel{x+1}} \times \frac{\cancel{(x+1)}(x+1)}{\cancel{6}x}$  ✓ factorised

(2)

$= 2(x+1)$  ✓

d.  $y^3 - 64 = y^3 - 4^3$   
 $= (y-4)(y^2 + 4y + 16)$

(2)

$$e) \quad \text{let } x = 0.297297297\dots \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$1000x = 297.297\dots \quad \text{--- ②} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{②} - \text{①}$$

$$999x = 297$$

$$x = \frac{297}{999} \quad \checkmark$$

③

$$= \frac{11}{37} \quad \checkmark$$

$$f. \quad \frac{2(6+3\sqrt{3})}{(6-3\sqrt{3})(6+3\sqrt{3})} - \frac{(3-2\sqrt{3})}{(3+2\sqrt{3})(3-2\sqrt{3})}$$

$$= \frac{12+6\sqrt{3}}{36-27} - \frac{(3-2\sqrt{3})}{9-12} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{12+6\sqrt{3}}{9} - \frac{(3-2\sqrt{3})3}{-3 \times 3}$$

③

$$= \frac{12+6\sqrt{3} + 9 - 6\sqrt{3}}{9} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{21}{9}$$

\*  $\frac{0}{3}$  not  
x by  
conjugate

$$= \frac{7}{3} \quad (\text{or } 2\frac{1}{3})$$

✓

②



## Question 2

a.  $\left[ \frac{a}{4} - \frac{(a+2)}{3} = 9 \right] 12$

$$3a - 4(a+2) = 108 \quad \checkmark$$

$$-a - 8 = 108$$

$$a = -116 \quad \checkmark$$

(2)

b.  $\left[ \frac{x-3}{7} - \frac{3}{4} \geq 9 \right] 28$

$$4(x-3) - 21 \geq 252$$

$$4x - 12 - 21 \geq 252 \quad \checkmark$$

$$4x \geq 285$$

$$x \geq \frac{285}{4} \quad \checkmark \quad \left( 71 \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

(2)

c.  $x^2 - 10x + (-5)^2 = -20 + 25$

$$(x-5)^2 = 5 \quad \checkmark$$

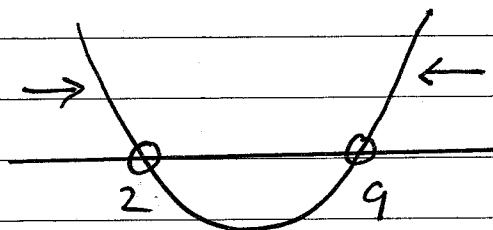
(2)

$$x-5 = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

$$x = 5 \pm \sqrt{5} \quad \checkmark$$

d.  $x^2 - 11x + 18 > 0$

$$(x-9)(x-2) > 0$$



$$x < 2 \quad \text{or} \quad x > 9$$

✓

✓

(3)

e.  $|x - 2| = 7 - 2x$

$$x - 2 = \pm (7 - 2x)$$

Case 1:

$$x - 2 = 7 - 2x$$

$$3x = 9$$

$$x = 3$$

✓

Case 2:  $x - 2 = 2x - 7$

$$x = +5$$

✓

check:

When  $x = 3$

$$\text{LHS} = 1$$

$$\text{RHS} = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

$x = +5$

$$\text{LHS} = 3$$

$$\text{RHS} = -3$$

$$\text{LHS} \neq \text{RHS}$$

③

$\therefore x = 3$  is the only solution. ✓

f.  $a + b = 5$  — ①

$$2a + b + c = 4$$
 — ②

$$a - b - c = 5$$
 — ③

$$\textcircled{2} + \textcircled{3}$$

$$3a = 9$$

$$a = 3$$

✓

Sub  $a = 3$  into ①

$$b = 2$$

✓

③

Sub  $a = 3, b = 2$  into ⑤

$$3 - 2 - c = 5$$

$$c = -4$$

✓

④

### Question 3

a. Interior angle =  $140^\circ$

$\therefore$  Exterior angle =  $40^\circ$

Sum of exterior angles =  $360^\circ$

$\therefore$  number of sides =  $\frac{360^\circ}{40^\circ}$  ✓

= 9 ✓ (2)

b.  $(x+2)^2 = x^2 + (x-7)^2$

~~$x^2$~~  +  $4x + 4 = \cancel{x^2} + x^2 - 14x + 49$

$x^2 - 18x + 45 = 0$  ✓

(2)

$(x-3)(x-15) = 0$

$x = 3$  or  $15$  ✓

c)  $\frac{AF}{AG} = \frac{AD}{AE}$  ✓ ——— (1) ( $\triangle AGE$ )  
Ratio properties of a triangle

Also  $\frac{AD}{AE} = \frac{AB}{AC}$  ——— (2) ( $\triangle ACE$ )  
✓

Sub (1) into (2)

(2)

$\therefore \frac{AF}{AG} = \frac{AB}{AC}$

(5)

d.

$$\frac{x}{3.4} = \frac{6.7}{4.1}$$

$$x = 5.6 \text{ cm}$$

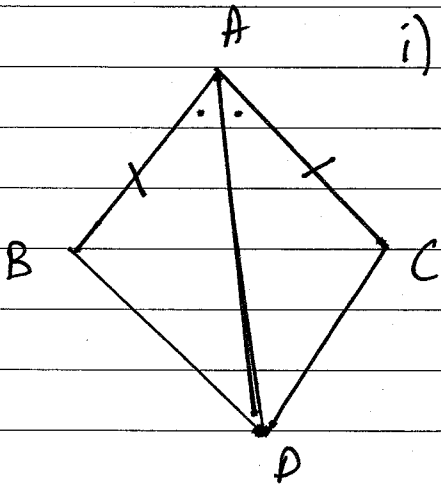
$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{(x+6.7)}{18.7}$$

$$y = \frac{5.6(18.7)}{12.3}$$

$$= 8.5 \text{ cm}$$

(3)

e.



i) In  $\triangle ABD$  and  $\triangle ACD$

$AB = AC$  (given) ✓

$\angle BAD = \angle CAD$  (given) ✓

$AD$  is common ✓

$\therefore \triangle ABD \cong \triangle ACD$  (SAS) ✓

ii)  $\therefore DB = DC$  (Corresponding sides of congruent triangles) ✓

### Question 4

a)  $\log_6 6\sqrt{6} = \log_6 6^{\frac{3}{2}}$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \log_6 6$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \quad \checkmark \text{ (with working) shown} \quad (1)$$

b)  $\log_3 x = 5$

$$x = 3^5$$

$$= 243 \quad \checkmark$$

(1)

c)  $\log_7 70 = \log_7 (7 \times 5 \times 2)$

$$= \log_7 7 + \log_7 5 + \log_7 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 1 + 0.83 + 0.36$$

$$= 2.19 \quad \checkmark$$

(2)

d)  $\log_9 200 = x$

$$9^x = 200$$

$$x = \frac{\ln 200}{\ln 9} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 2.4 \quad \checkmark$$

(2)

(7)

e.  $3^{x+2} = 81$  or  $x+2 = \frac{\ln 81}{\ln 3}$

$3^{x+2} = 3^4$  ✓

$x+2 = 4$

$x = 2$  ✓

(2)

$x+2 = 4$

$x = 2$

f.

i)  $\log_5 500 - \log_5 4$

$= \log_5 \left( \frac{500}{4} \right)$  ✓

$= \log_5 125$  ✓

$= \log_5 5^3$

$= 3 \log_5 5$

$= 3$  ✓

or

$= \frac{\ln 125}{\ln 5}$

$= 3$

(3)

ii)  $\log_3 6^2 + \log_3 18 - \log_3 2^3$

$= \log_3 \left( \frac{36 \times 18}{8} \right)$  ✓

$= \log_3 81$  ✓

$= \log_3 3^4$

$= 4 \log_3 3$

$= 4$  ✓

(3)

END