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Mathematics

Preliminary Assessment Task 1

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General Instructions

- Working Time – 70 minutes.
 - Write using a blue or black pen.
 - Approved calculators may be used.
 - All necessary working should be shown for every question. Marks may be deducted for careless or poorly arranged work.
 - Begin each question on a new page.

Total marks (63)

- Attempt Questions 1-8.
 - All questions are of equal value.
 - Mark values are shown with the questions

Question 1 (8 marks)

- a) Simplify $\sqrt{75} + \sqrt{32} - \sqrt{27}$ 2
- b) Express $0.\overline{125}$ as a fraction in simplest form. 1
- c) Evaluate $\frac{\sqrt{16.98+9.074}}{4.99}$ correct to 3 significant figures 2
- d) Simplify
$$\frac{x^2 + 12x + 36}{x^2 + 6x}$$
 2
- e) Fully factorise $8 - 27d^3$ 1

Question 2 (start a new page) (8 marks)

- a) Solve for x :
- (i) $\frac{2x}{3} - 4 = x + 2$ 2
- (ii) $(x + 3)^2 = 7$ 2
- b) Express $\frac{x+1}{x^2-1} - \frac{x-1}{x+1}$ as a fraction in its lowest terms 3
- c) Express $a^{-3} \times (8a^6)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ in simplest form, without the use of negative indices 1

Question 3 (start a new page) (8 marks)

- a) Solve simultaneously $x - 4y + 12 = 0$ and $y = 3 - 2x$. 3
- b) Solve $2x^2 - 5x - 12 = 0$ 2
- c) Solve and sketch the solution set of $|4 - 3x| < 7$ 3

Question 4 (start a new page) (8 marks)

- a) Sketch the function and state the domain and range of the function

$$y = \frac{1}{2x - 3}$$

- b) When a number is subtracted from its square the result is 56. Write an equation to represent this information and hence find the answer.

- c) Solve for x: $3^x = 9^{x-2}$

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Question 5 (start a new page) (8 marks)

- a) Explain whether $f(x) = x^3 - x$ is an odd function, even function or neither.

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- b) State the domain and range of the function $y = 2^{-x}$

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- c) Draw a neat sketch of $y = x^2 - 7x + 12$ showing x and y intercepts and vertex
Hence state the domain and range.

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Question 6 (start a new page) (8 marks)

- a) Simplify $\frac{m^3 + m^2}{x^2 - x} \div \frac{m+1}{x - x^3}$ as a single fraction in simplest form.

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- b) Fully factorise $w^4 - 16$

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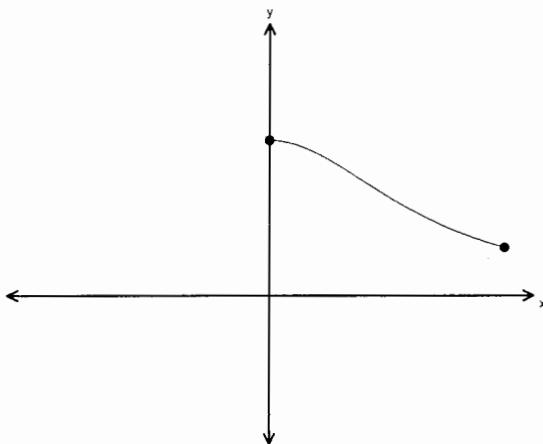
- c) Show that $\frac{3\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}}$ can be expressed in the form $a + b\sqrt{6}$ and find a and b.

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Question 7 (start a new page)

(7 marks)

- a) Solve $x^2 - 3x - 1 = 0$ correct to 2 decimal places. 2
- b) Solve $|2x - 2| = 6x + 10$ Check your solution 3
- c) i) What is the condition for an even function 1
ii) Complete the graph of the function on your answer sheet, so it represents an even function 1

**Question 8 (start a new page)**

(8 marks)

- a) If $f(x) = 3x^2 - 5x + 4$ and $g(x) = 2x + 10$ find:
i) $f(2) + f(-2)$ 1
ii) the values of x for which $f(x) = 6$ 2
iii) the values of x for which $f(x) = g(x)$ 2
- b) Show the region of the number plane where the following hold simultaneously: 3
 $(x - 2)^2 + y^2 \leq 4$
 $y \leq 0$

END OF EXAMINATION



QUESTION 1

$$a) \sqrt{75} + \sqrt{32} - \sqrt{27} = 5\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2} - 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{2\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2}}}$$

$$b) \text{Let } x = 0.125$$

$$10x = 1.25$$

$$1000x = 125.125$$

$$990x = 124$$

$$x = \frac{124}{990}$$

$$\therefore 0.125 = \underline{\underline{\frac{62}{495}}}$$

$$, \underline{\underline{1.02}} \text{ (3 sig fig)}$$

$$d) \frac{(x+6)(x+6)}{x(x+6)} = \underline{\underline{\frac{x+6}{x}}}$$

$$e) 2^3 - (3d)^3 = \underline{\underline{(2-3d)(4+6d+9d^2)}}$$

Question 2

$$a) i) \frac{2x}{3} - 4 = x + 2$$

$$2x - 12 = 3x + 6$$

$$-18 = x$$

$$ii) \frac{(x-11)(x+8)}{(x-11)(x+8)}$$

$$b) \frac{(x+1)}{(x-1)(x+1)} - \frac{(x-1)}{x(x+1)}$$

$$\frac{x(x+1) - (x-1)^2}{x(x-1)(x+1)}$$

$$\frac{x^2 + x - [x^2 - 2x + 1]}{x(x-1)(x+1)}$$

$$\cancel{x^2 + x - x^2 + 2x - 1}$$

$$\frac{3x - 1}{x(x-1)(x+1)}$$

$$c) \frac{x+1}{(x+1)(x-1)} - \frac{x-1}{x+1} = \frac{(x+1)^2 - (x-1)^2}{(x+1)(x-1)}$$

$$= \frac{4x}{(x+1)(x-1)}$$

$$d) a^{-3} \times 2a^2 = \underline{\underline{2a^{-1}}}$$

Question 3

$$a) x - 4(3 - 2x) + 12 = 0$$

$$x - 12 + 8x + 12 = 0$$

$$9x = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0$$

$$y = \underline{\underline{3}}$$

$$b) x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot -12}}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{121}}{4}$$

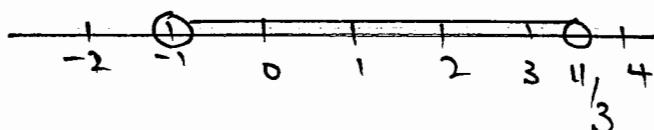
$$x = \underline{\underline{4, -\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$c) 4 - 3x < 7 \quad 4 - 3x > -7$$

$$-3x < 3 \quad -3x > -11$$

$$x > -1 \quad x < \frac{11}{3}$$

$$-1 < x < \frac{11}{3}$$



Question 4

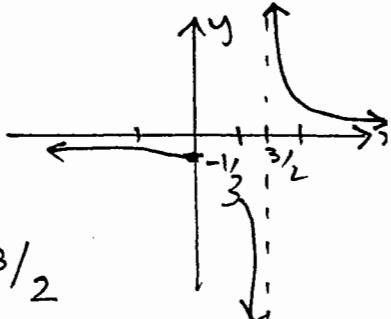
$$a) 2x - 3 = 0$$

$$2x = 3$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore D: x \neq \frac{3}{2}$$

R: all y, y ≠ 0



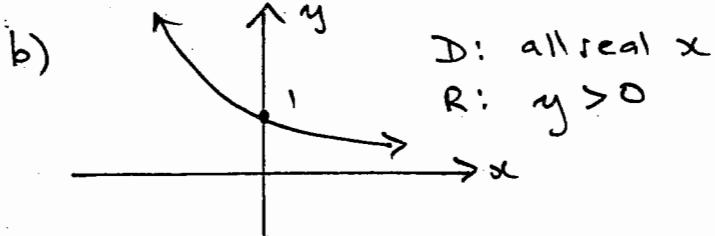
a) Let x be number

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - x &= 56 \\x^2 - x - 56 &= 0 \\(x+7)(x-8) &= 0 \\x = -7, x &= 8\end{aligned}$$

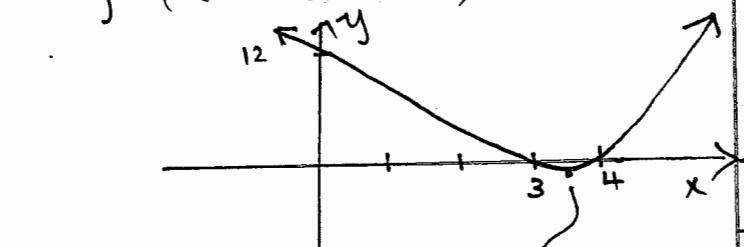
$$\begin{aligned}3^x &= 3^{2(x-2)} \\x &= 2x-4 \\\therefore 4 &= x \\ii \quad \underline{\underline{x=4}}\end{aligned}$$

Question 5

$$\begin{aligned}a) \quad f(x) &= x^3 - x \\f(-x) &= (-x)^3 + x \\&= -x^3 + x \\-f(-x) &= x^3 - x \\\therefore f(x) &= -f(-x) \text{ odd}\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}c) \quad y &= x^2 - 7x + 12 \\y &= (x-3)(x-4)\end{aligned}$$



Question 6

$$\begin{aligned}a) \quad \frac{m^2(m+1)}{x(x-1)} \times \frac{x(1-x^2)}{(m+1)} \\&= \frac{m^2(1-x)(1+x)}{-(1-x)} \\&= \underline{\underline{-m^2(1+x)}}$$

b)

$$\begin{aligned}w^4 - 16 &= (w^2 - 4)(w^2 + 4) \\&= (w-2)(w+2)(w^2 + 4)\end{aligned}$$

$$c) \quad \frac{3\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{3\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}}{3\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\frac{18 - 6\sqrt{6} - 6\sqrt{6} + 12}{6}$$

$$\frac{30 - 12\sqrt{6}}{6}$$

$$5 - 2\sqrt{6}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{a=5 \quad b=-2}}$$

Question 7

$$a) \quad x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 1}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2}$$

$$x = 3.30, -0.30$$

$$b) 2x - 2 = 6x + 10$$

$$-12 = 4x$$

$$x = -3$$

check:

$$|-6 - 2| = -18 + 10$$

$$8 \neq -8$$

$\therefore x = -3$ not solution

$$2x - 2 = -6x - 10$$

$$8x = -8$$

$$x = -1$$

check:

$$|-2 - 2| = -6 + 10$$

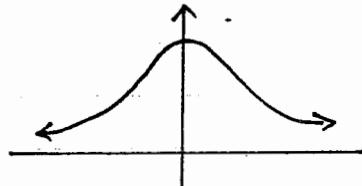
$$4 = 4$$

true

$\therefore \underline{x = -1 \text{ only solution}}$

$$c) i) f(x) = f(-x)$$

ii)



Question 8

$$a) i) f(2) + f(-2)$$

$$= (12 - 10 + 4) + (12 + 10 + 4)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{28}}$$

$$ii) 3x^2 - 5x + 4 = 6$$

$$3x^2 - 5x - 2 = 0$$

$$(3x + 1)(x - 2) = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = -1/3, x = 2}}$$

$$iii) 3x^2 - 5x + 4 = 2x + 10$$

$$3x^2 - 7x - 6 = 0$$

$$(3x + 2)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = -2/3, x = 3}}$$

b)

