

**QUESTION ONE** (9 Marks)

Marks

- (a) Evaluate  $\frac{6.84 + 3.9^3}{\sqrt{15 - 7 + 4}}$ , correct to 4 significant figures. **2**
- (b)
- (i) Write  $645.83 \times 10^{-3}$  as a decimal number **1**
- (ii) Write 3270 000 in scientific notation **1**
- (iii) Evaluate  $\frac{5.4 \times 10^{-7}}{6 \times 10^{-4}}$ . Answer in scientific notation **1**
- (c) Evaluate  $\frac{(x^2)^4}{xy^3}$  when  $x = 6$  and  $y = \frac{1}{2}$  **2**
- (d) Use algebraic techniques to express  $0.\dot{2}\dot{8}$  as a fraction in simplest terms. **2**

**QUESTION TWO** (22 Marks)      **Start a new page**

(a) Expand and simplify the following:

(i)  $6 - 2(a + 4) - 3a$  2

(ii)  $\left(s + \frac{1}{s}\right)^2$  2

(iii)  $(10 + x)(4 - 2x)$  1

(iv)  $(3x + 7)(3x - 7)$  1

(v)  $(2x + 3)^3$  2

(vi)  $(x + y)(x^2 + 6xy + 10)$  2

(b) Factorise:

(i)  $6ab - 4a^2b^2$  1

(ii)  $a(a + 1) - (a + 1)^2$  1

(iii)  $5y - 15 + 10xy - 30x$  2

(iv)  $x^2 - 5x - 24$  1

(v)  $4a^2 - 9$  1

(vi)  $3t^3 - 27t$  2

(vii)  $8x^2 + 18x - 5$  1

(viii)  $a^3 + 64$  1

(ix)  $x^6 - 1$  2

**QUESTION THREE** (14 Marks) **Start a new page**

(a) Simplify:

$$(i) \quad \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}} \times x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x} \quad 2$$

$$(ii) \quad \left(\frac{2f}{f^6g}\right)^3 \quad 2$$

$$(iii) \quad 3abc^2 \times 4b \times -2c \quad 2$$

$$(iv) \quad \frac{10(pq)^2 \times 20p^{20}q^{14}}{(2p^6q^3)^2 \times 5p^5q} \quad 3$$

$$(v) \quad \left(\frac{2x-y}{y+x}\right)^0 \quad 1$$

(b) Write without fractional or negative indices.

$$(i) \quad b^{-2} \quad 1$$

$$(ii) \quad (8y + 2z)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad 1$$

(c) Change to index form.

$$(iii) \quad x\sqrt{x} \quad 1$$

$$(iv) \quad \frac{3}{4(x-y)^7} \quad 1$$

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**QUESTION FOUR** (10 Marks)      **Start a new page**

(a) Simplify the following.

(i)  $\frac{5x+10y}{8x^2+16xy}$  2

(ii)  $\frac{5a}{3} - \frac{a^2+2}{a}$  2

(iii)  $\frac{9a^2-3a-2}{2a^2+9a-5} \div \frac{3a^2-17a+10}{2a^2-11a+5}$  3

(iv)  $\frac{x^2}{4x^2+7x+3} + \frac{3x}{4x+3}$  3

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Question 1

$$a) \frac{6.84 + 3.9^3}{\sqrt{15-7+4}} \div 19.09845823$$

$$= 19.10 \text{ to 4 sig. fig.}$$

$$b) i) 645.83 \times 10^{-3} = 0.64583$$

$$ii) 3270000 = 3.27 \times 10^6$$

$$iii) \frac{5.4 \times 10^{-7}}{6 \times 10^{-4}} = 0.9 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$= 9 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$c) \frac{(x^2)^4}{xy^3} = \frac{x^8}{xy^3}$$

$$= \frac{x^7}{y^3}$$

$$= \frac{6^7}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3}$$

$$= 2239488$$

$$d) \text{ Let } x = 0.\dot{2}\dot{8}$$

$$x = 0.282828\dots \text{--- (1)}$$

$$100x = 28.2828\dots \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\textcircled{2} - \textcircled{1} \quad 99x = 28$$

$$x = \frac{28}{99}$$

$$\therefore 0.\dot{2}\dot{8} = \frac{28}{99}$$

Question 2

$$a) i) 6 - 2(a+4) - 3a = 6 - 2a - 8 - 3a$$

$$= 2 - 5a$$

$$ii) \left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 = \left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)$$

$$= a^2 + 2 + \frac{1}{a^2}$$

$$iii) (10+x)(4-2x) = 40 - 20x + 4x - 2x^2$$

$$= 40 - 16x - 2x^2$$

$$iv) (3x+7)(3x-7) = (3x)^2 - 7^2$$

$$= 9x^2 - 49$$

$$v) (2x+3)^3$$

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

$$= (2x+3)(4x^2+12x+9)$$

$$= 2x(4x^2+12x+9) + 3(4x^2+12x+9)$$

$$= 8x^3 + 24x^2 + 18x + 12x^2 + 36x + 27$$

$$= 8x^3 + 36x^2 + 54x + 27$$

$$vi) (x+y)(x^2+6xy+10)$$

$$= x(x^2+6xy+10) + y(x^2+6xy+10)$$

$$= x^3 + 6x^2y + 10x + x^2y + 6xy^2 + 10y$$

$$= x^3 + 7x^2y + 6xy^2 + 10x + 10y$$

$$b) i) 6ab - 4a^2b^2 = 2ab(3 - 2ab)$$

$$ii) a(a+1) - (a+1)^2 = (a+1)[a - (a+1)]$$

$$= (a+1)(a - a - 1)$$

$$= -1(a+1)$$

$$iii) 5y - 15 + 10xy - 30x$$

$$= 5[y - 3 + 2xy - 6x]$$

$$= 5[(y-3) + 2x(y-3)]$$

$$= 5(y-3)(2x+1)$$

$$iv) x^2 - 5x - 24 = (x-8)(x+3)$$

$$P = -24$$

$$S = -5$$

$$F = -8, 3$$

$$v) 4a^2 - 9 = (2a)^2 - 3^2$$

$$= (2a-3)(2a+3)$$

$$vi) 3t^3 - 27t = 3t(t^2 - 9)$$

$$= 3t(t-3)(t+3)$$

$$vii) P = 8x - 5$$

$$= -40x^2$$

$$S = 18x$$

$$F = 20x, -2x$$

$$8x^2 + 18x - 5 = 8x^2 + 20x - 2x - 5$$

$$= 4x(2x+5) - 1(2x+5)$$

$$= (2x+5)(4x-1)$$

$$viii) a^3 + 64 = a^3 + 4^3$$

$$= (a+4)(a^2 - 4a + 16)$$

$$ix) x^6 - 1$$

$$= (x^3)^2 - 1^2$$

$$= (x^3 - 1)(x^3 + 1)$$

$$= (x-1)(x^2+x+1)(x+1)(x^2-x+1)$$

### Question 3

$$a) i) \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}} \times x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x} = \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}}}{x}$$

$$= \frac{x^1}{x}$$

$$= 1$$

$$ii) \left(\frac{2f}{f^5g}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{2}{f^4g}\right)^3$$

$$= \frac{2^3}{f^{15}g^3}$$

$$= \frac{8}{f^{15}g^3}$$

$$iii) 3abc^2 \times 4b^2x - 2c = 12ab^2c^2x - 2c$$

$$= -24abc^2b^2$$

$$iv) \frac{10(pq)^2 \times 20p^{20}q^{14}}{(2p^6q^3)^2 \times 5p^5q}$$

$$= \frac{10p^2q^2 \times 20p^{20}q^{14}}{4p^{12}q^6 \times 5p^5q}$$

$$= \frac{200p^{22}q^{16}}{20p^{17}q^7}$$

$$= 10p^5q^9$$

$$v) \left(\frac{2x-4}{y+x}\right)^0 = 1$$

$$b) \text{ (i) } b^{-2} = \frac{1}{b^2}$$

$$\text{(ii) } (8y+2z)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{(8y+2z)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) (i) } x\sqrt{x} &= x \times \sqrt{x} \\ &= x^1 \times x^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= x^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &= x^{\frac{1\frac{1}{2}}{2}} \\ &= x^{\frac{3}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii) } \frac{3}{4(x-y)^7} &= \frac{3}{4} \frac{1}{(x-y)^7} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} (x-y)^{-7} \end{aligned}$$

### Question 4

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) } \frac{5x+10y}{8x^2+16xy} &= \frac{5(x+2y)}{8x(x+2y)} \\ &= \frac{5}{8x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) } \frac{5a}{3} - \frac{(a^2+2)}{a} &= \frac{5a^2-3(a^2+2)}{3a} \\ &= \frac{5a^2-3a^2-6}{3a} \\ &= \frac{2a^2-6}{3a} \\ &= \frac{2(a^2-3)}{3a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{iii) } \frac{9a^2-3a-2}{2a^2+9a-5} &\div \frac{3a^2-17a+10}{2a^2-11a+5} \\ &= \frac{(3a-2)(3a+1)}{(2a-1)(a+5)} \div \frac{(3a-2)(a-5)}{(2a-1)(a-5)} \\ &= \frac{(3a-2)(3a+1)}{(2a-1)(a+5)} \times \frac{(2a-1)(a-5)}{(3a-2)(a-5)} \\ &= \frac{(3a+1)}{(a+5)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{iv) } \frac{x^2}{4x^2+7x+3} + \frac{3x}{4x+3} \\ &= \frac{x^2}{(4x+3)(x+1)} + \frac{3x}{(4x+3)} \\ &= \frac{x^2+3x(x+1)}{(4x+3)(x+1)} \\ &= \frac{x^2+3x^2+3x}{(4x+3)(x+1)} \\ &= \frac{4x^2+3x}{(4x+3)(x+1)} \\ &= \frac{x(4x+3)}{(4x+3)(x+1)} \\ &= \frac{x}{(x+1)} \end{aligned}$$