SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL



MATHEMATICS

PRELIMINARY HSC ASSESSMENT TASK JULY 2008

General Instructions

- Working time allowed 70 minutes
- Write using black or blue pen
- Approved calculators may be used
- All necessary working should be shown
- Start each question on a new page
- Attempt all questions
- Questions are not of equal value
- Full marks may not be awarded if working is poorly set out or difficult to read.

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Question	Total							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

QUESTION 1 Marks

a) Factorise
$$x^3 + 64$$

b) Solve
$$|3x + 1| \le 10$$

c) Find integers a and b such that
$$(3 - \sqrt{2})^2 = a - b\sqrt{2}$$

d) Solve
$$\frac{x-5}{3} - \frac{x+1}{4} = 5$$

QUESTION 2

a) Sketch the graph of
$$y = \tan x$$
 for $0^{\circ} \le x \le 360^{\circ}$

b) Find the equation of the line parallel to
$$3x - y + 4 = 0$$
 and also having a y intercept of -2 . Express your answer in general form.

Find the angle that
$$2x + y - 3 = 0$$
 makes with the positive direction of the $x - axis$. (correct to nearest minute)

QUESTION 3

a) Simplify
$$(\csc\theta - 1)(\csc\theta + 1)$$

b) i) If A is acute and
$$\sin A = \frac{4}{7}$$
, find the exact values of $\cos A$ and $\tan A$ 2

ii) Hence show that
$$tan A = \frac{sin A}{cos A}$$

c) Prove the identity
$$\frac{\cos \theta}{1 - \sin \theta} = \sec \theta (1 + \sin \theta)$$

QUESTION 4

Marks

a) Find the exact value of sin (-300)°

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b) Find the shortest distance between the parallel lines

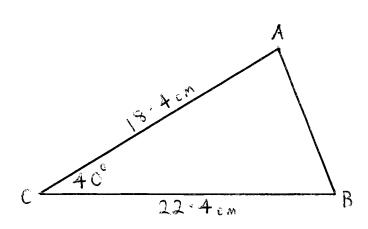
$$2x - 5y + 10 = 0$$
 and $2x - 5y - 3 = 0$

(Hint: Find a point on either line).

c) Solve for $0^{\circ} \le x \le 90^{\circ}$, $\sin 50^{\circ} = \cos(2x - 10)^{\circ}$ 2

QUESTION 5

a)



i) Find the length of side AB correct to one decimal place.

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ii) Find the area of triangle ABC correct to the nearest square centimetre

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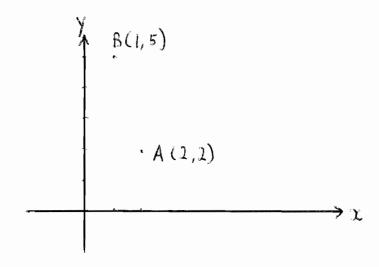
b) Solve $4 \cos \theta = -3$ for $0^{\circ} \le \theta \le 360^{\circ}$. Give answers correct to the nearest degree.

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c) Sketch the region 2x - y + 3 < 0

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a)



Copy the diagram onto your answer sheet

Find the co-ordinates of M, the midpoint of ABi)

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ii) Find the gradient of AB

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Show the equation of the perpendicular bisector of AB is iii) x - 3y + 9 = 0

Find the co-ordinates of C, which lies on the y – axis and is iv) equidistant from A and B.

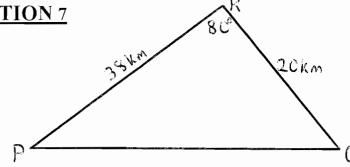
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The point D lies on the intersection of the line y = 5 and the V) perpendicular bisector x - 3y + 9 = 0. Find the co-ordinates of D and mark the position of D on your diagram.

Find the area of the triangle ABD vi)

QUESTION 7



In the diagram, the point Q is due east of P. The bearing of R from Q is 330° T.

What is the size of < PQRi)

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Find the distance PQ (correct to one decimal place) ii)

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What is the bearing of R from P? (nearest degree) iii)

Solve simultaneously: b)

$$x - 2y = 8$$

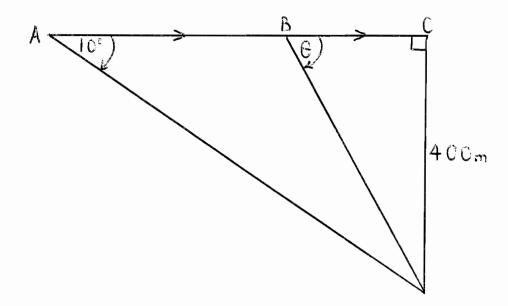
$$2x + y = 1$$

QUESTION 8

If the points (-3k,1) (2,3) and (k,4) are collinear, find the value of k 2 a)

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b)



A helicopter pilot flying horizontally 400m above the ground at a speed of 60km/h, notices a laser gun shone up at him at an angle of depression of 10°. One minute later he has reached point B.

- i) Calculate AB 1
- ii) Calculate AC (nearest metre) 2
- Calculate θ , the angle of depression from B (nearest degree) iii) 1
- From B he radios the police and tells them he will hover directly above iv) the offender at C. How long (correct to the nearest second) does it take to fly from *B* to *C*?

