



2013

YEARLY EXAMINATION

# Preliminary Mathematics

## General Instructions

Reading Time – 5 minutes

Working Time – 2 hours

Write using black or blue pen

Board-approved calculators may be used

All necessary working should be shown in every question.

## Total Marks – 84

Attempt Questions 1 – 7

All questions are of equal value.

At the end of the examination, place your solution booklets in order and place them inside your question paper.

Submit ONE bundle.

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QUESTION	MARK
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Begin each question in a SEPARATE writing booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

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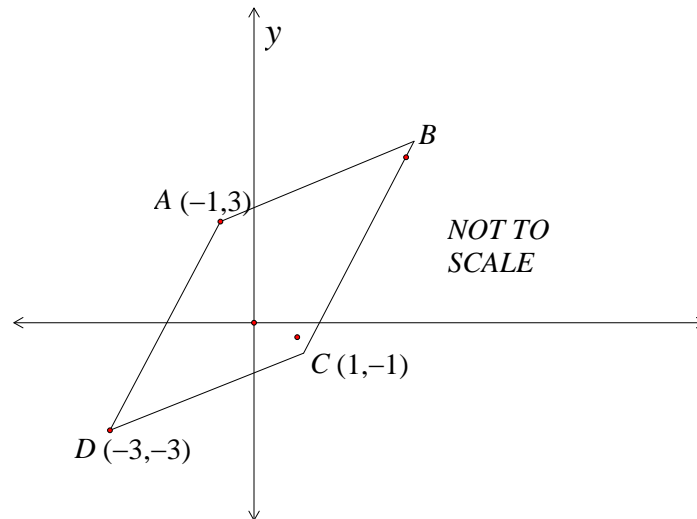
**Question 1 (12 Marks)** Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

- (a) Evaluate  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{1.2 \times 10^4 - 3.3 \times 10^2}{2.48}}$  correct to three significant figures. **2**
- (b) Find  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $(2 - 5\sqrt{3})^2 = a + b\sqrt{3}$ . **2**
- (c) Write  $\frac{3-q}{3} - \frac{2+q}{4}$  as a single fraction in simplest form. **2**
- (d) Write  $\frac{8^x - 18^x}{12^x - 27^x}$  in simplest form. **2**
- (e) Solve  $3x^2 - 7x = 11$ . Leave your answer in exact form. **2**
- (f) Solve  $|x + 2| \geq 5$ . **2**

**Question 2 (12 Marks)** Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

(a) Fully factorise  $8x^3 - 27$ . **2**

(b) In the diagram below,  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram and the points  $A$ ,  $C$  and  $D$ , are  $(-1,3)$ ,  $(1,-1)$  and  $(-3,-3)$  respectively.



(i) Find the length of the interval  $DC$ . **1**

(ii) Show that the equation of the line passing through  $D$  and  $C$  is  $x - 2y - 3 = 0$ . **2**

(iii) Determine the angle of inclination that the line through  $DC$  makes with  $x$ -axis to the nearest minute.. **1**

(iv) Find the midpoint of  $AC$ . **1**

(v) Hence or otherwise, find the co-ordinates of  $B$ . **2**

(vi) Find the perpendicular distance from  $A$  to  $DC$ . **2**

(vii) Find the area of the parallelogram  $DABC$ . **1**

**Question 3 (12 Marks)** Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

(a) Differentiate with respect to  $x$ :

(i)  $2x^3 - 7x + 5$ . **1**

(ii)  $\frac{5}{x^3} - 2\sqrt{x}$ . **2**

(iii)  $(1 - 8x^2)^5$ . **2**

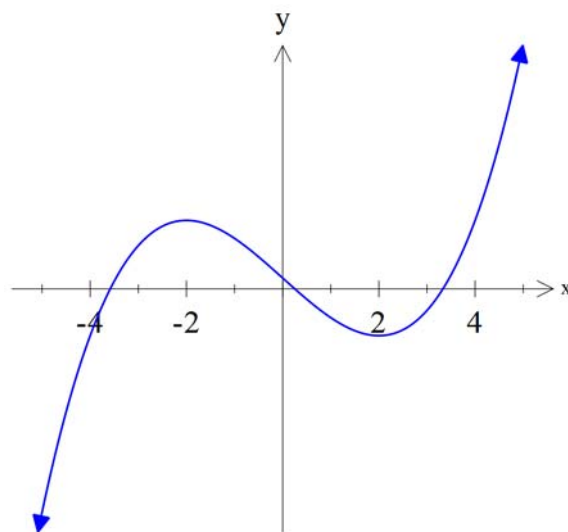
(b) (i) Given  $f(x) = (x+1)(2+3x)^6$  find  $f'(x)$ . **2**

(ii) Find the values for  $x$  for which the tangent is horizontal. **2**

(c) Find the equation of the normal to the curve  $y = 2x^3 + 4x - 5$  at the point where  $x = 1$ . **3**

**Question 4 (12 Marks)** Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

(a) Below is the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .



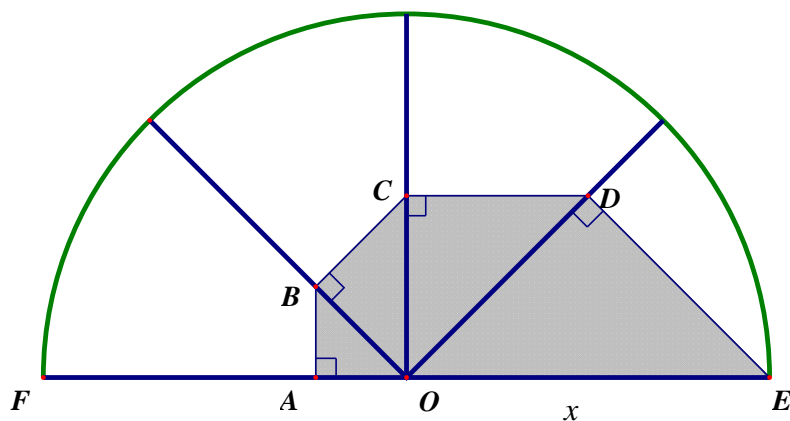
Sketch the graph of  $y = f'(x)$ .

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(b) Solve  $2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 = 0$  for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$ .

3

(c) The diagram below shows a semicircle with radius  $x$ .  
The semicircle is divided into four equal sectors.  
 $ED \perp OD$ ,  $DC \perp OC$ ,  $CB \perp OB$  and  $BA \perp OA$ .



(i) Explain briefly why  $\triangle ODE$  is an isosceles triangle.

1

(ii) Calculate the exact length of  $OD$  in terms of  $x$ .

1

(iii) Prove that  $\triangle ODE \parallel \triangle OCD$ .

2

(iv) Calculate the ratio of the area of  $\triangle OAB$  to the area of the shaded region  $ABCDE$ .

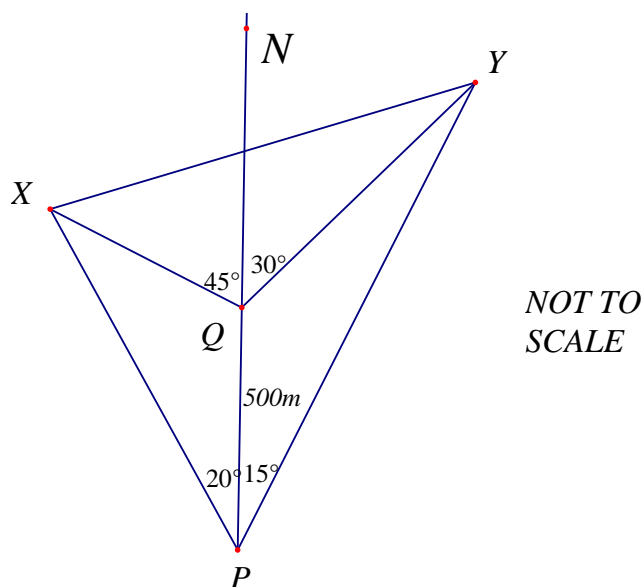
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**Question 5 (12 Marks)** Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

- (a) Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , where  $f(x)$  is defined below. 4

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x}, & \text{for } x < -2 \\ x+1, & \text{for } -2 \leq x < 0 \\ 4-x^2, & \text{for } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

- (b) A sailor at point  $P$  observes two buoys at  $X$  and  $Y$  on a bearing of  $340^\circ$  and  $015^\circ$  respectively.  
He sails due North for 500 m to a point  $Q$  and then observes  $X$  and  $Y$  on a bearing of  $315^\circ$  and  $030^\circ$ .



- (i) Show that  $XP = \frac{250\sqrt{2}}{\sin 25^\circ}$ . 2
- (ii) Show that  $YP = \frac{250}{\sin 15^\circ}$ . 2
- (iii) Find the distance  $XY$  to the nearest metre. 2
- (iv) Find the bearing of  $X$  from  $Y$ . 2

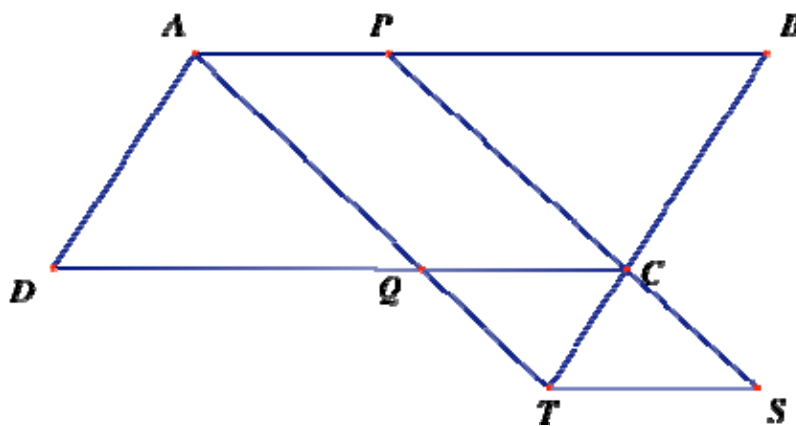
**Question 6 (12 Marks)** Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

- (a) Find the points of intersection of  $2x - y - 5 = 0$  and  $y = \frac{9}{x-3} - 6$  **3**

- (b) Sketch the region of the number plane where the following hold simultaneously: **3**

$$(x-5)^2 + y^2 \leq 25, \quad y < x, \quad \text{and} \quad y \geq 0$$

- (c) In the following diagram  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram.  
 $AD = AQ = PC$ .  $AQ$  and  $BC$  are produced to intersect at  $T$ .  
 $PC$  is produced to  $S$  such that  $\angle PST = \angle SPB$ .



- (i) Prove that  $\triangle DAQ \cong \triangle BCP$ . **3**
- (ii) Show that  $\angle AQD = \angle PCQ$ . **1**
- (iii) Hence, prove that  $APST$  is a parallelogram. **2**

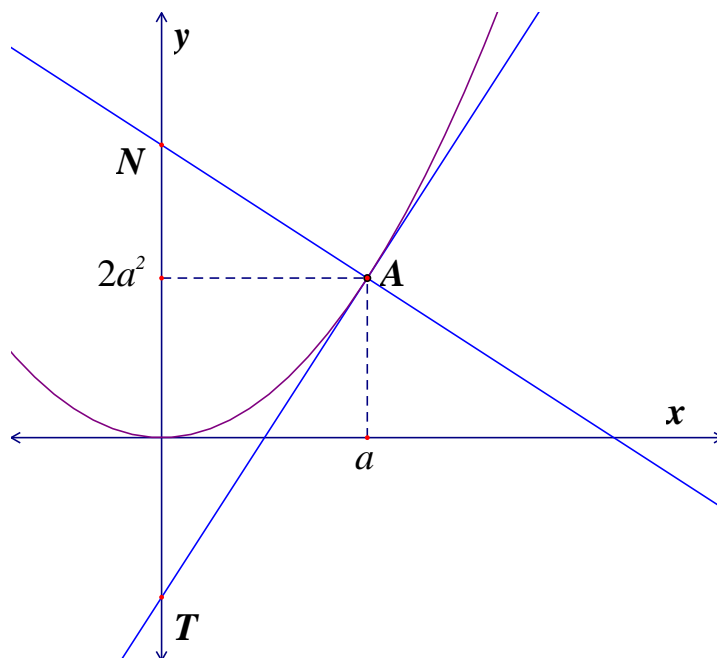
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**Question 7 (12 Marks)** Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

(a) (i) Prove that  $\frac{\tan x}{\sec x + 1} + \frac{\tan x}{\sec x - 1} = 2 \operatorname{cosec} x$ . 2

(ii) Hence solve  $\frac{\tan x}{\sec x + 1} + \frac{\tan x}{\sec x - 1} = 4$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$ . 2

- (b) In the diagram below, the function  $y = 2x^2$  has been drawn with a point  $A(a, 2a^2)$  such that  $a > 0$ .  
The tangent at the point  $A(a, 2a^2)$  intersects the  $y$ -axis at  $T$  and the normal at  $A$  intersects the  $y$ -axis at  $N$ .



(i) Show that the point  $T$  has coordinates  $(0, -2a^2)$ . 2

(ii) Show that the point  $N$  has coordinates  $\left(0, \frac{1+8a^2}{4}\right)$ . 2

(iii) Show that the area of  $\triangle TAN$  is equal to  $\frac{a}{8} + 2a^3$ . 2

(iv) Find the area of  $\triangle TAN$  when it is an isosceles triangle. 2

**End of paper.**



### QUESTION 1

a)

$$\sqrt[3]{\frac{1.2 \times 10^4 - 3.3 \times 10^2}{2.48}}$$

$$= 16.75739056$$

$$= 16.8$$

b)

$$(2 - 5\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$= 2^2 - 2 \times 2 \times 5\sqrt{3} + (5\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$= 4 - 20\sqrt{3} + 75$$

$$= 79 - 20\sqrt{3}$$

$$\therefore a = 79 \quad b = -20$$

c)

$$\frac{3-q}{3} - \frac{2+q}{4}$$

$$\frac{4(3-q) - 3(2+q)}{12}$$

$$= \frac{12 - 4q - 6 - 3q}{12}$$

$$= \frac{6 - 7q}{12}$$

d)

$$\frac{8^x - 18^x}{12^x - 27^x}$$

$$\frac{2^{3x} - (3^{2x})(2^x)}{(2^{2x})(3^x) - (3^{3x})}$$

$$\frac{(2^x)(2^{2x} - 3^{2x})}{(3^x)(2^{2x} - 3^{2x})} = \frac{2^x}{3^x}$$

e)

$$3x^2 - 7x = 11$$

$$3x^2 - 7x - 11 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{(-7)^2 - 4(3)(-11)}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{49 + 132}}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{181}}{6}$$

f)

$$|x + 2| \geq 5$$

$$x + 2 \geq 5 \quad \text{OR} \quad -(x + 2) \geq 5$$

$$x \geq 3 \quad \quad \quad -x - 2 \geq 5$$

$$-x - 2 \geq 5$$

$$-x \geq 7$$

$$x \leq -7$$

### QUESTION 2

a)

$$8x^3 - 27$$

$$(2x - 3)(4x^2 + 6x + 9)$$

b)i)

$$d_{DC} = \sqrt{(-3 - -1)^2 + (-3 - 1)^2}$$

$$d_{DC} = \sqrt{4 + 16} = \sqrt{20} = 2\sqrt{5}$$

b)ii)

$$m_{DC} = \frac{(-3 - -1)}{(-3 - 1)} = \frac{-2}{-4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

### Equation of DC

$$y - (-1) = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$$

$$2y + 2 = x - 1$$

$$0 = x - 2y - 3$$

b)iii)

Let  $\theta$  be angle of inclination.

$$\tan \theta = m_{DC} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2} = \theta$$

$$\theta = 26.56505188$$

$$\theta = 26^\circ 34'$$

b)iv)

Midpoint<sub>AC</sub>

$$\left( \frac{-1 + 1}{2}, \frac{3 + -1}{2} \right)$$

Midpoint is (0,1)

b)v)

Midpoint<sub>AC</sub> = Midpoint<sub>DB</sub>

$$0 = \frac{-3 + x_B}{2}$$

$$x_B = 3$$

$$1 = \frac{-3 + y_B}{2}$$

$$y_B = 5$$

Co-ordinates of B are (3,5)

b)vi)

Equation of DC

$$0 = x - 2y - 3$$

Point A(-1,3)

$$d = \left| \frac{(1)(-1) + (-2)(3) + (-3)}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (-2)^2}} \right|$$

$$d = \left| \frac{-1 - 6 - 3}{\sqrt{5}} \right| = \frac{10}{\sqrt{5}}$$

b)vii)

Area<sub>PARALLELOGRAM</sub> = Perp Height  $\times$  Base

$$\text{Area}_{ABCD} = DC \times \frac{10}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{5} \times \frac{10}{\sqrt{5}} = 20 \text{ units}^2$$

### QUESTION 3

a)

$$i) \frac{d}{dx} 2x^3 - 7x + 5 = 6x^2 - 7$$

$$ii) \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{5}{x^3} - 2\sqrt{x} \right) = \frac{d}{dx} \left( 5x^{-3} - 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

$$= -15x^{-4} - x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= -\frac{15}{x^4} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$iii) \frac{d}{dx} (1 - 8x^2)^5 = 5(1 - 8x^2)^4 (-16x)$$

$$= -80x(1 - 8x^2)^4$$

b)i)

$$f(x) = (x+1)(2+3x)^6$$

$$f'(x) = u'v + v'u$$

$$f'(x) = 1 \times (2+3x)^6 + 6(2+3x)^5 \times 3(x+1)$$

$$f'(x) = (2+3x)^6 + 18(2+3x)^5(x+1)$$

ii)

Horizontal tangent when  $f'(x) = 0$

$$0 = (2+3x)^5 [(2+3x) + 18(x+1)]$$

$$0 = (2+3x)^5 (20+21x)$$

$$x = -\frac{2}{3} \quad x = -\frac{20}{21}$$

c)

$$y = 2x^3 + 4x - 5$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 + 4$$

$$At x = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 6(1)^2 + 4$$

$$= 10$$

$$\therefore m_{Tangent} = 10 \text{ when } x = 1$$

$$\therefore m_{Normal} = \frac{-1}{10} \text{ when } x = 1$$

$$\text{and } y = 2(1)^3 + 4(1) - 5 = 1$$

Equation of Normal

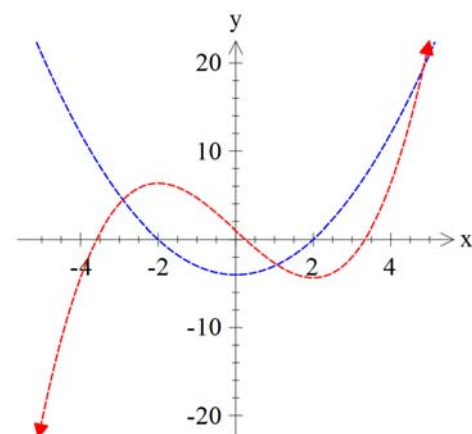
$$y - 1 = -\frac{1}{10}(x - 1)$$

$$10y - 10 = -x + 1$$

$$x + 10y - 11 = 0$$

#### QUESTION 4

a)



b)

$$2 \cos^2 \theta - 1 = 0 \text{ for } 0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ.$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos \theta = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Related angle

$$\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 45^\circ$$

Solutions are in all four quadrants

$$x = 45^\circ$$

$$x = 180^\circ - 45^\circ = 135^\circ$$

$$x = 180^\circ + 45^\circ = 225^\circ$$

$$x = 360^\circ - 45^\circ = 315^\circ$$

c)i)

The semi circle is divided into four equal sectors so

$$\angle EOD = 180 \div 4 = 45^\circ$$

$$\angle EOD + \angle EDO + \angle DEO = 180^\circ$$

(Angle sum of  $\triangle ODE$ )

$$\therefore \angle DEO = 45^\circ$$

$\therefore \triangle ODE$  is an isosceles triangle

(Two equal angles)

c)ii)

$$x^2 = (OD)^2 + (ED)^2$$

$$x^2 = (OD)^2 + (OD)^2$$

$$x^2 = 2(OD)^2$$

$$\frac{x^2}{2} = (OD)^2$$

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} = OD$$

c)iii)

$$\angle EOD = \angle DOE = 180 \div 4 = 45^\circ$$

*The semi circle is divided into four equal sectors*

$$\angle EDO = \angle DCO = 90^\circ$$

( $DC \perp CO$  and  $ED \perp DO$ )

$\therefore \angle EDO \parallel \angle DCO$  (equiangular)

c)iv)

$$\frac{x^2}{2} = 2(OC)^2$$

$$\frac{x^2}{4} = (OC)^2$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = OC$$

$$\text{Similarly } \frac{x}{2\sqrt{2}} = OB \text{ and } \frac{x}{4} = OA$$

Area of  $\triangle ABO$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{4} \right)^2 = \frac{x^2}{32}$$

Area of  $ABCDE$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( \frac{x}{4} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{x}{2\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{x}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( \frac{x^2}{16} \right) + \left( \frac{x^2}{8} \right) + \left( \frac{x^2}{4} \right) + \left( \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \right)$$

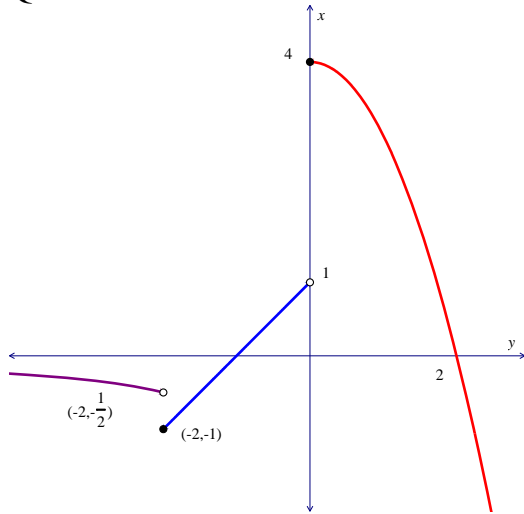
$$= \frac{x^2 + 2x^2 + 4x^2 + 8x^2}{32} = \frac{15x^2}{32}$$

Area of  $ABO$  : Area of  $ABCDE$

$$\frac{x^2}{32} : \frac{15x^2}{32}$$

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QUESTION 5



b)i)

$$\angle XQP = 180^\circ - 45^\circ = 135^\circ$$

$$\angle QXP = 180^\circ - 135^\circ - 20^\circ = 25^\circ$$

Using the sine rule in  $\triangle QPY$

$$\frac{XP}{\sin 135^\circ} = \frac{500}{\sin 25^\circ}$$

$$XP = \frac{500}{\sin 25^\circ} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$XP = \frac{250\sqrt{2}}{\sin 25^\circ}$$

bii)

$$\angle YQP = 180^\circ - 30^\circ = 150^\circ$$

$$\angle QYP = 180^\circ - 150^\circ - 15^\circ = 15^\circ$$

Using the sine rule in  $\triangle QPY$

$$\frac{YP}{\sin 150^\circ} = \frac{500}{\sin 25^\circ}$$

$$YP = \frac{500}{\sin 25^\circ} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$YP = \frac{250}{\sin 25^\circ}$$

b)iii)

$$\angle YPX = 15^\circ + 20^\circ = 35^\circ$$

Using the cosine rule in  $\triangle XPY$

$$(YX)^2 = (YP)^2 + (XP)^2 - 2(XP)(YP)\cos(\angle XPY)$$

$$(YX)^2 = \left(\frac{250}{\sin 15^\circ}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{250\sqrt{2}}{\sin 25^\circ}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{250}{\sin 15^\circ}\right)\left(\frac{250\sqrt{2}}{\sin 25^\circ}\right)\cos(35^\circ)$$

$$(YX)^2 = \left(\frac{250}{\sin 15^\circ}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{250\sqrt{2}}{\sin 25^\circ}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{250}{\sin 15^\circ}\right)\left(\frac{250\sqrt{2}}{\sin 25^\circ}\right)\cos(35^\circ)$$

$$(YX)^2 = 309007.3595$$

$$YX = 555.884304m$$

$$YX \approx 556m$$

b)iv)

Construct  $N_Y S_Y$  through  $Y$  such that

$$N_Y S_Y \parallel PN$$

$$\angle NPY = \angle PYS_Y = 15^\circ (\text{alternate angles})$$

$$\text{Bearing}_{\text{of } X \text{ from } Y} = 180^\circ + 15^\circ + \angle PYX$$

Using the cosine rule in  $\triangle XPY$

$$\frac{(PX)^2 - (XY)^2 - (PY)^2}{2(XY)(PY)} = \cos(\angle PYX)$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{250\sqrt{2}}{\sin 25^\circ}\right)^2 - (556)^2 - \left(\frac{250}{\sin 15^\circ}\right)^2}{2(556)\left(\frac{250}{\sin 15^\circ}\right)} = \cos(\angle PYX)$$

$$\angle PYX = 59^\circ 40'$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bearing}_{\text{of } X \text{ from } Y} &= 180^\circ + 15^\circ + 59^\circ 40' \\ &= 254^\circ 40' \end{aligned}$$

a)

$$y = \frac{9}{x-3} - 6 \text{ and } 2x - y - 5 = 0$$

$$\frac{9}{x-3} - 6 = 2x - 5$$

$$\frac{9}{x-3} = 2x + 1$$

$$9 = (2x + 1)(x - 3)$$

$$9 = 2x^2 - 5x - 3$$

$$0 = 2x^2 - 5x - 12$$

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

$$x = 4 \quad x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

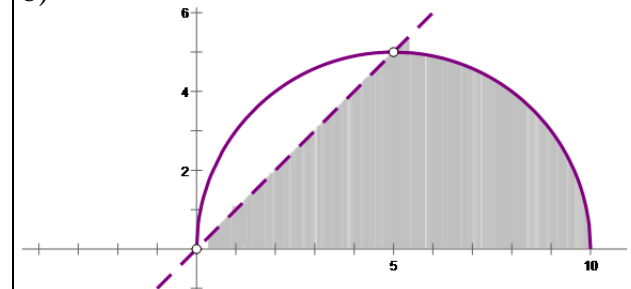
$$y = \frac{9}{4-3} - 6 \quad y = \frac{9}{-\frac{3}{2}-3} - 6$$

$$y = 3 \quad y = -8$$

Points of intersection

$$(4, 3) \text{ and } \left(-\frac{3}{2}, 6\right)$$

b)



*i*

In  $\triangle ADQ$  and  $\triangle BCP$

$AD = BC$  (Opposite sides in quadrilateral)

$\therefore AD = AQ = PC = BC$

$\angle ADQ = \angle CBP$  (Opposite angles in quadrilateral)

$\therefore \angle ADQ = \angle AQD$  (Equal angles opposite equal sides)

$\angle PBC = \angle BPC$  (Equal angles opposite equal sides)

$\therefore \angle BPC = \angle AQD$

$\therefore \triangle ADQ \cong \triangle BCP$  (AAS)

*ii*

$AD = BC$  (Opposite sides in quadrilateral)

$\angle BPC = \angle AQD$  (From part i)

$AB \parallel DC$  (opposite side of quadrilateral)

$\angle BPC = \angle PCQ$  (Alternate angles in parallel lines.)

$\therefore \angle AQD = \angle PCQ$

*iii*)

$\angle AQD = \angle PCQ$  (Part ii)

$\therefore AT \parallel PS$  (Corresponding angles are equal)

$\angle TSP = \angle BPC$  (Given)

$\therefore AB \parallel TS$  (Alternate angles are equal)

$\therefore APST$  is a parallelogram (Opposite sides are parallel)

### QUESTION 7

a)i

$$\frac{\tan x}{\sec x + 1} + \frac{\tan x}{\sec x - 1} = 2 \operatorname{cosec} x$$

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \frac{\tan x}{\sec x + 1} + \frac{\tan x}{\sec x - 1} \\ &= \frac{\tan x(\sec x + 1) + \tan x(\sec x - 1)}{\sec^2 x - 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sec x \tan x}{\tan^2 x}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sec x}{\tan x} = 2 \times \frac{1}{\cos x} \times \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sin x} = 2 \operatorname{cosec} x = RHS$$

a)ii)

$$\frac{\tan x}{\sec x + 1} + \frac{\tan x}{\sec x - 1} = 4$$

$$2 \operatorname{cosec} x = 4$$

$$\operatorname{cosec} x = 2$$

$$\sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$x$  lies in the first and second quadrant

$$x = 30^\circ$$

$$x = 150^\circ$$

b)i)

$$y = 2x^2$$

$$y' = 4x$$

When  $x = a$   $y' = 4a$

Equation of tangent:

$$y - 2a^2 = 4a(x - a)$$

When  $x = 0$

$$y - 2a^2 = 4a(0 - a)$$

$$y = 2a^2 - 4a^2 = -2a^2$$

Co-ordinates of  $T$  are  $(0, -2a^2)$

b)ii)

Equation of normal:

$$m_{NORMAL} = -\frac{1}{4a}$$

$$y - 2a^2 = -\frac{1}{4a}(x - a)$$

When  $x = 0$

$$y - 2a^2 = -\frac{1}{4a}(0 - a)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4} + 2a^2$$

$$y = \frac{1 + 8a^2}{4}$$

Co-ordinates of  $N$  are  $\left(0, \frac{1 + 8a^2}{4}\right)$

b)iii)

Area of  $\Delta NTA$

If the base is  $NT$

then the perpendicular height is  $a$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times NT \times a$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times \left( \frac{1+8a^2}{4} + 2a^2 \right) \times a$$

$$\text{Area} = \left( \frac{1+16a^2}{8} \right) \times a$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{a+16a^3}{8} = \frac{a}{8} + 2a^3$$

b)iii)

First find the value of  $a$  so that  $\Delta NTA$  is isosceles

*Method1*

$\Delta NTA$  is isosceles when

$$\angle NTA = \angle TNA = 45^\circ$$

If  $\angle NTA = 45^\circ$  then  $m_{AT} = \tan 45^\circ = 1$

$$m_{AT} = 4a = 1$$

$$a = \frac{1}{4}$$

*Method2*

$\Delta NTA$  is isosceles when

$$AT = AN$$

$$a^2 + \left( \frac{1+2a^2}{4} - 2a \right)^2 = a^2 + (-2a - 2a)^2$$

$$a^2 + \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^2 = a^2 + (-4a)^2$$

$$a^2 + \frac{1}{16} = a^2 + 16a^4$$

$$\frac{1}{16} = 16a^4$$

$$\frac{1}{256} = a^4$$

$$a = \pm \frac{1}{4}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{4}$$

*Method3*

$\Delta NTA$  is isosceles when

$y$ -value of  $A(a, 2a^2)$  is the midpoint of  $NT$

$$2a^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1+8a^2}{4} - 2a^2 \right)$$

$$4a^2 = \frac{1+8a^2}{4} - 2a^2$$

$$16a^2 = 1+8a^2 - 8a^2$$

$$a^2 = \frac{1}{16}$$

$$a = \pm \frac{1}{4}$$

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