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SCEGGS Darlinghurst

**2009**

**Preliminary Course  
Semester 2 Examination**

# Mathematics

**Outcomes Assessed: P2 – P8  
Task Weighting: 40%**

## General Instructions

- Reading time – 5 minutes
- Working time – 2 hours
- Write using blue or black pen
- Attempt **all** questions and show all necessary working
- Answer all questions on the pad paper provided
- Write your Student Number at the top of each page
- **Begin each question on a new page**
- Marks will be deducted for careless or badly arranged work
- Mathematical templates, geometrical equipment and scientific calculators may be used

**Total marks – 78**

- Attempt Questions 1 – 6

Question	Calc	Comm	Reasoning	Marks
1				/13
2				/13
3				/13
4				/13
5				/13
6				/13
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>/78</b>

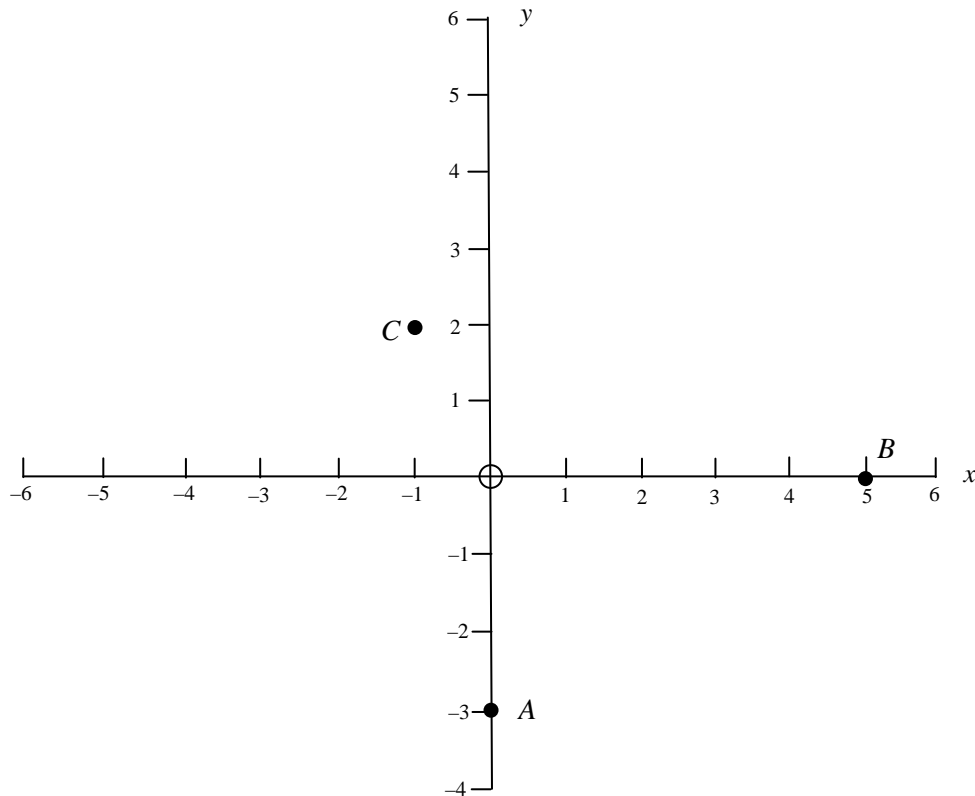
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## Question 1 (13 marks)

- (a) Find the value of  $\sqrt{\frac{5.36 + 31.98}{(4.75)^2}}$  to 3 significant figures. 2
- (b) Factorise  $8x^2 - 10x + 3$ . 1
- (c) Express  $0.\dot{1}8$  in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$ , where  $a, b$  are positive integers. 2
- (d) After a discount of 20% off the original marked price, Jill paid \$160 for a sweater. What was the original price of this sweater? 2
- (e) Rationalise the denominator  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2 + \sqrt{3}}$  2
- (f) Find the exact value of  $\cot 210^\circ$ . 2
- (g) Solve the equation  $\frac{x}{3} - \frac{x+1}{2} = 4$ . 2

Question 2 (13 marks)

(a) On the number plane  $A = (0, -3)$   $B = (5, 0)$   $C = (-1, 2)$ .



- (i) State the co-ordinates of  $D$  such that  $ABCD$  is a parallelogram. 1
- (ii) Find the length of  $AB$  as a surd. 2
- (iii) Show that the equation of  $AB$  is  $3x - 5y - 15 = 0$ . 2
- (iv) Find as a surd the perpendicular distance of  $C$  from  $AB$ . 2
- (v) Hence find the area of this parallelogram. 1

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Question 2 (continued)

- (b) Find a quadratic equation whose roots are  $-5$  and  $2$ . **1**
- (c) Find the domain and range  $y = \frac{2}{x-1}$ . **2**
- (d) Solve  $x^2 > 4$ . **2**

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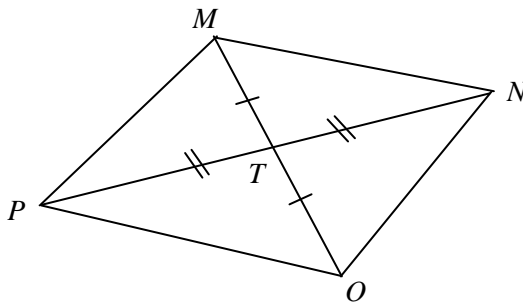
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**Question 3** (13 marks)

- (a) If  $f(x) = 1 - 2x$ :
- (i) find the value of  $f(-3)$ . **1**
  - (ii) for what value of  $x$  does  $f(x) = 5$ ? **1**
- (b) A parabola has equation  $(x - 3)^2 = 16(y + 1)$ .
- Find:
- (i) the vertex. **1**
  - (ii) the focus. **1**
  - (iii) the equation of the directrix. **1**
  - (iv) the equation of the axis of symmetry. **1**
- (c) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 2x + 4 = 0$ , find the value of:
- (i)  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}$  **2**
  - (ii)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$  **2**
  - (iii)  $\frac{2 - \alpha}{1 + \beta} + \frac{2 - \beta}{1 + \alpha}$  **3**

**Question 4** (13 marks)

- (a) The point  $P(x, y)$  moves such that its distance from the point  $A(2, -4)$  is twice its distance from the point  $B(-1, 2)$ .
- (i) Show that the equation of the locus of the point  $P(x, y)$  is  $x^2 + 4x + y^2 - 8y = 0$ . 2
- (ii) Find the centre and radius of this circle. 2
- (b) Find the equation of the normal to the curve  $y = \sqrt{x + 2}$  at the point  $(7, 3)$ . 3
- (c) The diagonals of a quadrilateral  $MNOP$  intersect at  $T$ .  
Given  $MT = OT$  and  $NT = PT$ , prove  $MN = OP$ . 3



- (d) Solve for  $x$  if  $|x - 2| = 2x - 1$ . 3

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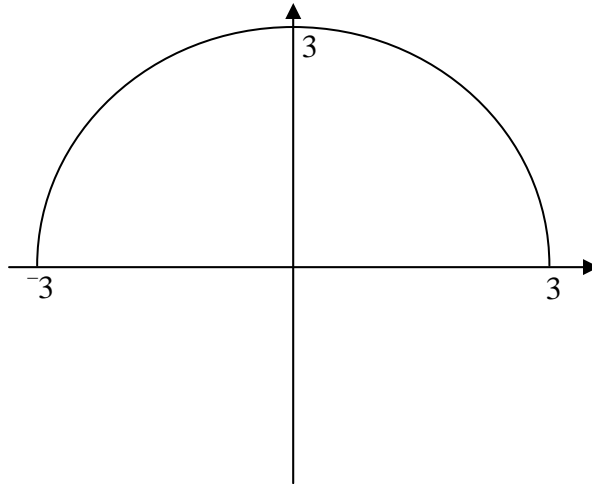
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<b>Question 5</b> (13 marks)	
(a) (i) Write down the discriminant of $2x^2 + 3x + k$ .	<b>1</b>
(ii) For what values of $k$ does $2x^2 + 3x + k = 0$ have no real roots.	<b>1</b>
(b) Differentiate each of the following.	
(i) $y = 3x^2 + 9x - 5$	<b>1</b>
(ii) $y = \frac{3x}{x^2 - 2x}$	<b>2</b>
(iii) $y = (x - 5)^2 (2x + 3)$	<b>2</b>
(c) From a port $P$ a lighthouse $L$ is seen 2.4km away on a bearing of $035^\circ$ . A boat leaves port and sails due East to a point $B$ , 4.2km from the lighthouse.	
(i) Draw a diagram showing this information	<b>1</b>
(ii) Calculate the size of $\angle LBP$ , to the nearest degree.	<b>2</b>
(iii) Hence find the bearing of the boat from the lighthouse.	<b>1</b>
(d) If $\cos x > 0$ and $\sin x = -\frac{8}{17}$ , find the exact value of $\tan x$ .	<b>2</b>



Question 6 (13 marks)

- (a) (i) Write down the equation of this semicircle. 1



- (ii) Prove that this is an even function. 2
- (b) The interior angles of a regular polygon are  $135^\circ$ .  
Find the number of sides in the polygon. 2
- (c) (i) Draw a neat sketch showing the graphs  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  and  $y = 2^x$ . 2
- (ii) Shade the region on your sketch where  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 4$  and  $y \leq 2^x$ . 1
- (d) Solve the equation  $\sin x = -\frac{1}{2}$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$ . 2
- (e) Prove  $\frac{1 + \cot x}{1 + \tan x} = \cot x$ . 3

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