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SCEGGS Darlinghurst

**2010**

**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
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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) Express  $0.8\dot{3}$  in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers. **2**
- (b) The crowd attendance at a football game on the weekend was 15 660 which was a decline of 10% from the previous weekend. How many people attended the previous weekend? **2**
- (c) Factorise fully:  $3x^2 - 7x - 6$ . **2**
- (d) Find the exact value of  $\cos 225^\circ$ . **2**
- (e) Find the value of  $v$  in  $v^2 = u^2 - 2as$  when  $u = 6.4 \times 10^7$ ,  $a = 21.5$  and  $s = 5.7 \times 10^{13}$ . Give your answer to 3 significant figures. **2**
- (f) Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  if  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}-2} = \sqrt{a} + b$ . **3**

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	<b>Marks</b>
<b>Question 2</b> (13 marks)	
(a) Find the size of each interior angle of a regular nonagon (9-sided polygon).	<b>2</b>
(b) Solve each of the following:	
(i) $ 2x - 5  \leq 7$	<b>2</b>
(ii) $3^{2x} - 10 \times 3^x + 9 = 0$	<b>3</b>
(c) Solve $\tan(\theta + 60^\circ) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ for $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$ .	<b>2</b>
(d) $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are the roots of the quadratic equation $x^2 - 2x + 3 = 0$ . Find the values of:	
(i) $\alpha + \beta$	<b>1</b>
(ii) $\alpha^2 \beta^2$	<b>1</b>
(iii) $\alpha^{-2} + \beta^{-2}$	<b>2</b>

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**Marks**

**Question 3** (13 marks)

(a) Differentiate each of the following with respect to  $x$ :

(i)  $5x^3 + \frac{2}{x} - 3$  **2**

(ii)  $x(2x + 3)^9$  **2**

(b) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve  $y = \frac{x}{x+2}$  at the point where  $x = -1$ . Give your answer in general form. **4**

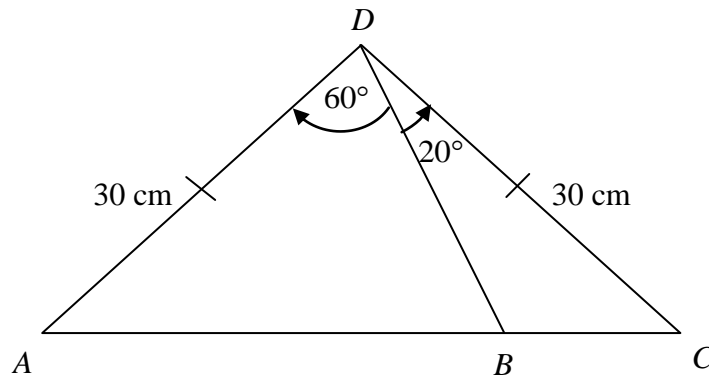
(c) Consider the quadratic function  $y = kx^2 + 6x + k$ .

(i) Show that the function is positive definite when  $k > 3$ . **3**

(ii) Sketch the graph of  $y = 4x^2 + 6x + 4$  clearly showing any intercepts with the axes and the co-ordinates of the vertex. **2**

Question 4 (13 marks)

- (a) In the diagram,  $AD$  and  $DC$  are equal to 30 cm.



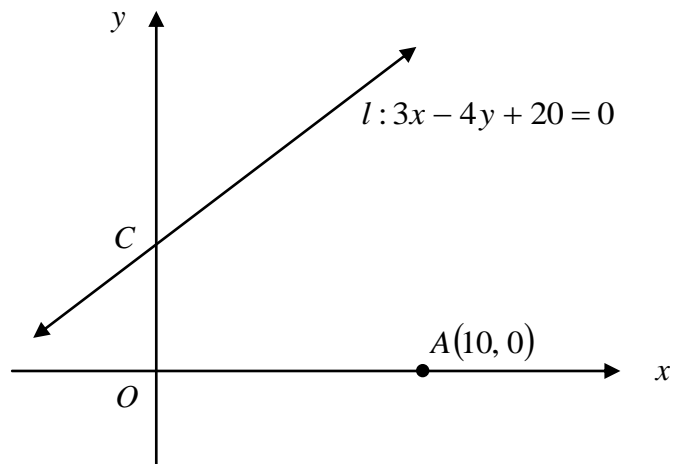
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- (i) Find the size of  $\angle DBA$  giving reasons. 2
- (ii) Hence find the length of  $AB$  to the nearest centimetre. 2

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Question 4 (continued)

(b)



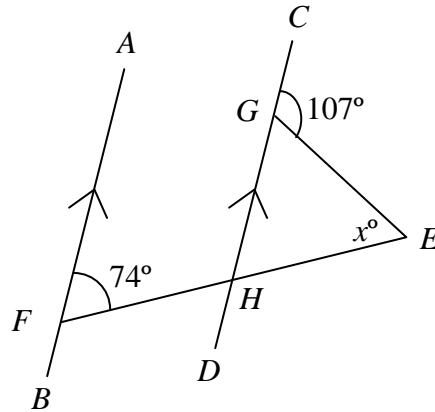
In the diagram  $A$  is the point  $(10, 0)$  and line  $l$  has the equation  $3x - 4y + 20 = 0$ .

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| (i)   | Find the co-ordinates of the point $C$ where $l$ intersects the $y$ axis.                                                               | <b>1</b> |
| (ii)  | $B$ is on the line $l$ such that $AB$ is perpendicular to $l$ .<br>Find the distance $AB$ .                                             | <b>2</b> |
| (iii) | Prove that $\triangle AOC \equiv \triangle ABC$ .                                                                                       | <b>2</b> |
| (iv)  | Find the area of the quadrilateral $OABC$ .                                                                                             | <b>1</b> |
| (v)   | Find the gradient of $AB$ and hence find the angle which $AB$ makes with the positive $x$ axis. Give your answer to the nearest degree. | <b>3</b> |

Question 5 (13 marks)

(a)

2



Find the value of  $x$  giving reasons.

(b) Find  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  such that  $x^2 - x + 3 \equiv a(x + 1)^2 + b(x + 1) + c$ .

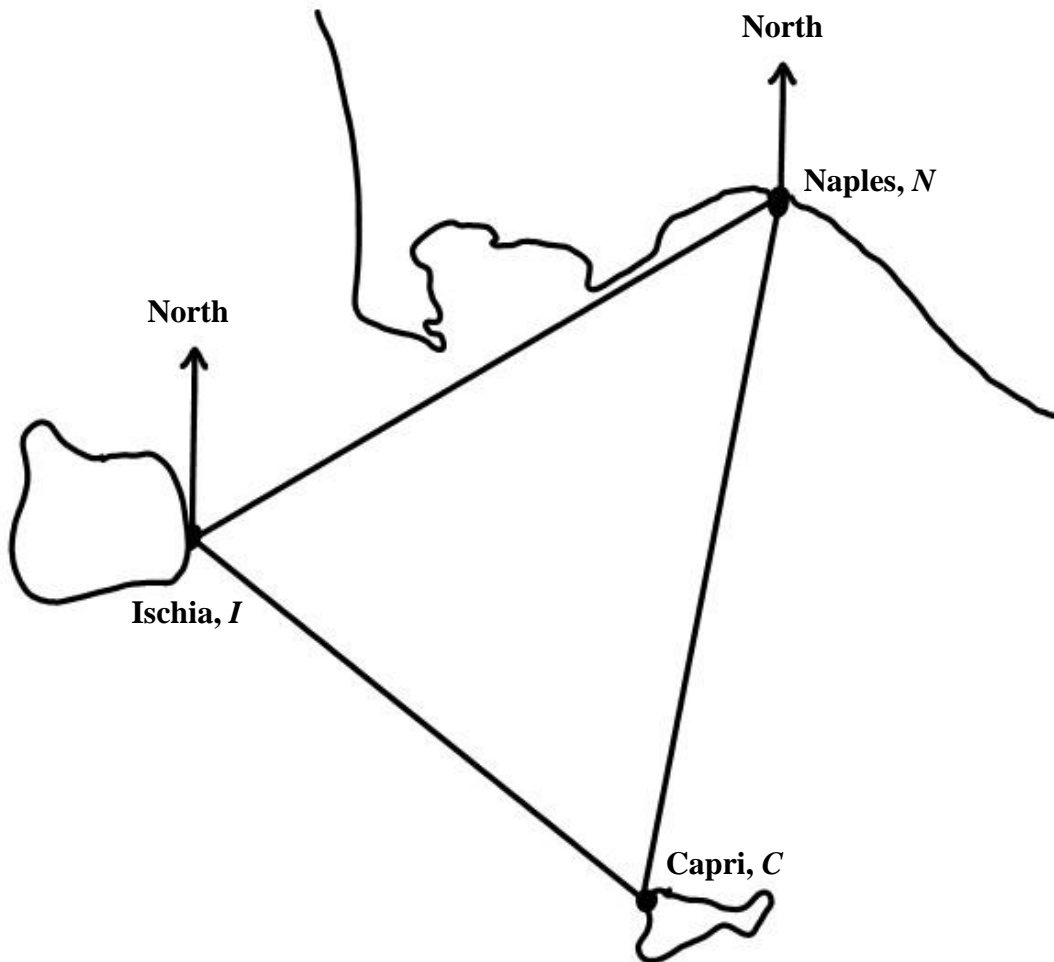
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Question 5 (continued)

- (c) A boat leaves the Island of Ischia and travels 40 km on a bearing of  $060^\circ T$  to Naples. It then turns to travel a further 45 km to the Island of Capri on a bearing of  $200^\circ T$ .

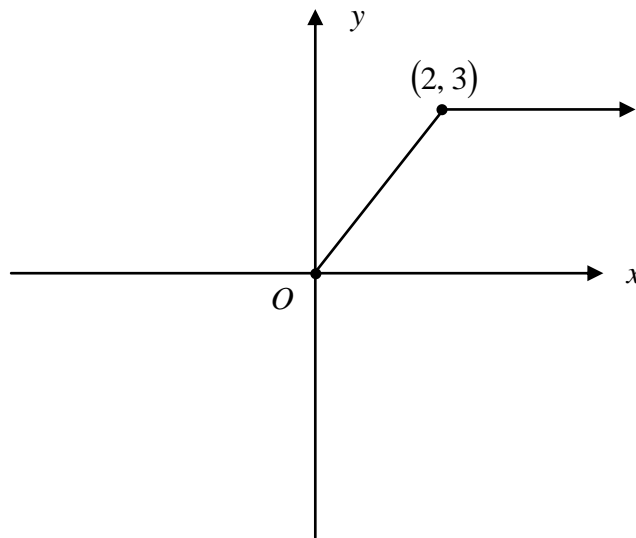


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| (i)   | Find the size of $\angle INC$ .                                                                    | <b>1</b> |
| (ii)  | Find the distance between the islands of Ischia and Capri to the nearest kilometre.                | <b>2</b> |
| (iii) | Find the area of $\triangle INC$ . Give your answer in square kilometres to 2 significant figures. | <b>2</b> |

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Question 5 (continued)

(d)

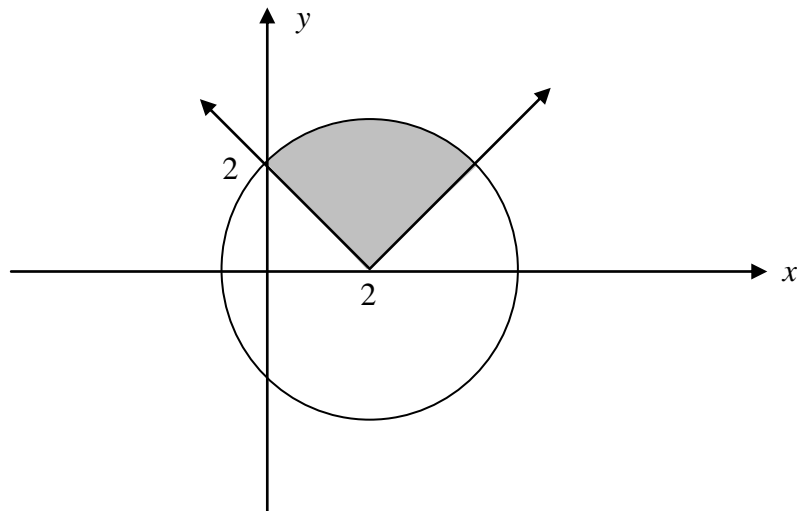


- (i) Copy and complete the sketch so that it is an odd function. 1
- (ii) Write down the equation of the piecewise function drawn in part (i). 2

Question 6 (13 marks)

- (a) (i) Write down the factorised form of  $a^3 - b^3$ . 1
- (ii) Hence show that  $\frac{\sin^3 \theta - \cos^3 \theta}{\sin \theta - \cos \theta} - 1 = \sin \theta \cos \theta$ . 2

(b)



Write down a pair of inequations to describe the region shaded above. 4

(c)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

- (i) State the domain and range of  $f(x)$ . 2
- (ii) For what value of  $x$  does  $f(x) = 2$ ? 1
- (iii) Find  $f'(x)$  and hence calculate  $f'(3)$  leaving your answer in simplified surd form with a rational denominator. 2
- (iv) Show that  $(f(x))^3 = -2f'(x)$ . 1

End of Paper

## Question 1

(a) let  $x = 0.8333\dots$

$$10x = 8.3333\dots$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x = 7.5 \quad \checkmark$$

$$90x = 75$$

$$x = \frac{75}{90} = \frac{5}{6} \quad \checkmark$$

(b) 90% = 15660 people  $\checkmark$

10% = 1740 people

100% = 17400 people

$\therefore$  17400 attended the previous weekend  $\checkmark$

(c)  $3x^2 - 7x - 6$

$$= \frac{(3x-9)(3x+2)}{3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= (x-3)(3x+2) \quad \checkmark$$

one mark if signs incorrect.

(d)  $\cos 225^\circ = -\cos 45^\circ$  

$$= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \checkmark$$

(e)  $v^2 = (6.4 \times 10^7)^2 - 2 \times 21.5 \times 5.7 \times 10^{13}$

$$= 1.645 \times 10^{15} \quad \checkmark$$

$$v = \sqrt{1.645 \times 10^{15}}$$

$$= 40558599.58 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\hat{=} 40600000 \quad (3 \text{ sig fig})$$

Many students stopped at this point!

(f)  $\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}-2} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}+2}{\sqrt{5}+2} = \frac{3\sqrt{5}+6}{5-4} \quad \checkmark$

$$= \sqrt{45} + 6 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore a = 45, b = 6$$

Many students rounded this to 406!!

## Question 2

(a) Angle sum =  $180 \times (n-2)$   
Angle sum of 9 sided shape =  $180 \times (9-2)$   
 $= 1260^\circ \quad \checkmark$   
Each angle =  $1260^\circ \div 9$   
 $= 140^\circ \quad \checkmark$

(b) (i)  $|2x-5| \leq 7$   
 $-7 \leq 2x-5 \leq 7$   
 $-2 \leq 2x \leq 12$   
 $-1 \leq x \leq 6 \quad \checkmark \checkmark$

(ii)  $3^{2x} - 10 \times 3^x + 9 = 0$   
let  $u = 3^x$   
 $u^2 - 10u + 9 = 0$   
 $(u-9)(u-1) = 0$   
 $u = 9, \quad u = 1 \quad \checkmark$   
 $3^x = 9, \quad 3^x = 1$   
 $x = 2 \checkmark, \quad x = 0 \checkmark$

(c)  $\tan(\theta + 60^\circ) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  rel. L =  $30^\circ$   
 $\frac{S}{T} \mid \frac{A}{C}$   
 $\theta + 60^\circ = 30^\circ, 210^\circ, 390^\circ, \dots \quad \checkmark$   
 $\theta = -30^\circ, 150^\circ, 330^\circ, \dots$   
 $\theta = 150^\circ, 330^\circ \quad \checkmark$  for  $0 \leq \theta < 360^\circ$

(d) (i)  $\alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a} = \frac{-2}{1} = 2 \quad \checkmark$   
(ii)  $\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{3}{1} = 3$   
 $\alpha^2\beta^2 = 9 \quad \checkmark$   
(iii)  $\alpha^{-2} + \beta^{-2} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2}$   
 $= \frac{\beta^2 + \alpha^2}{\alpha^2\beta^2}$   
 $= \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta}{\alpha^2\beta^2} \quad \checkmark$   
 $= \frac{2^2 - 2 \times 3}{9} = \frac{-2}{9} \quad \checkmark$

Well done.

Be careful to rewrite solution

Learn this method  
Those students that learnt method were awarded full marks.

Reas 3

Poorly done by most students  
you needed to  $-60$  from your solution, not add to find  $\theta$ .

Well done (i) + (ii)

$$\alpha^2\beta^2 \neq \alpha^2 + \beta^2$$

Index Laws required

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

Reas 2

### Question 3

(a) (i)  $15x^2 - 2x^{-2}$  ✓✓

(ii)  $x \times 9(2x+3)^8 \times 2 + (2x+3)^9 \times 1$   
 $= 18x(2x+3)^8 + (2x+3)^9$  ✓✓  
( $uv' + vu'$ )

Calc 4.

(b)  $y = \frac{x}{x+2}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x+2) \times 1 - x \times 1}{(x+2)^2} \quad \left( \frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{(x+2)^2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$x = -1 \rightarrow m_T = \frac{2}{(-1+2)^2} = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$y = \frac{-1}{-1+2} = -1 \quad \checkmark$$

Equation of tangent :

$$y - (-1) = 2(x - (-1))$$

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

$$2x - y + 1 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

Calc 4

(c) (i) Positive definite  $a > 0, \Delta < 0$ .

$$\Delta < 0$$

$$b^2 - 4 \times k \times k < 0$$

$$36 - 4k^2 < 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(6 - 2k)(6 + 2k) < 0$$

$$k < -3, \quad k > 3 \quad \checkmark$$



Since  $a > 0$  for positive definite

$$k > 3. \quad \checkmark$$

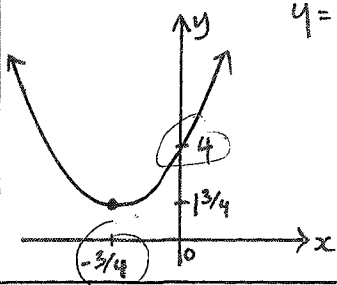
Reas 3.

(ii)  $y$  int  $\rightarrow x = 0 \quad y = 4 \quad \checkmark$

$$\text{Vertex} \rightarrow x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-6}{2 \times 4} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$$y = 4\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + 6\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) + 4 = 1\frac{3}{4}$$

(both labelled on graph)



Comm 2.

### Question 4

$$(a) (i) \angle DAC = \frac{180-80}{2} = 50^\circ \quad \checkmark$$

(angles opposite equal sides of a triangle are equal and angle sum of triangle is  $180^\circ$ )

$$\angle DBA = 180 - 60 - 50 = 70^\circ \quad \checkmark$$

(angle sum of  $\triangle DAB$  is  $180^\circ$ )

$$(ii) \frac{AB}{\sin 60^\circ} = \frac{30}{\sin 70^\circ} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \sin 60^\circ \times \frac{30}{\sin 70^\circ} \\ &= 27.648 \dots \\ &\approx 28 \text{ cm} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) (i) C: x=0 \text{ in } 3x-4y+20=0$$

$$3 \times 0 - 4y + 20 = 0$$

$$4y = 20$$

$$y = 5$$

$$\therefore C = (0, 5) \quad \checkmark$$

$$(ii) \perp d \text{ from } (10, 0) \text{ to } 3x-4y+20=0$$

$$AB = \frac{|3 \times 10 - 4 \times 0 + 20|}{\sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2}}$$

$$= 10 \text{ units} \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

(iii) In  $\triangle AOC$  &  $\triangle ABC$

$$\angle AOC = \angle ABC = 90^\circ \quad (\text{given } AB \perp d \text{ and axes are } \perp)$$

AC is common

$$AO = AB = 10 \quad (\text{given } A = (10, 0) \text{ \& } AB = 10 \text{ part ii})$$

$$\therefore \triangle AOC \cong \triangle ABC \quad (\text{RHS}) \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

$$(iv) \text{Area} = 2 \times \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 10 \times 5\right) = 50 \text{ u}^2$$

$$(v) m_l: 3x-4y+20=0$$

$$y = \frac{3}{4}x + 5$$

$$\text{gradient} = \frac{3}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$m_{AB} = -\frac{4}{3} \quad \checkmark$$

Comm 2.

Reas 2.

$$\rightarrow \tan \theta = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\text{related angle} = 53^\circ$$

$$\theta = 180 - 53$$

$$= 127^\circ \quad \checkmark$$

Reas 3.

## Question 5

(a)  $\angle GHE = 74^\circ$  (corresponding angles are equal when lines are parallel) ✓  
 $x^\circ = 107^\circ - 74^\circ = 33^\circ$  (exterior angle of a triangle is the sum of the two opposite interior angles) ✓

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad x^2 - x + 3 &\equiv a(x+1)^2 + b(x+1) + c \\ &\equiv a(x^2 + 2x + 1) + bx + b + c \\ &\equiv ax^2 + (2a+b)x + (a+b+c) \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficients:

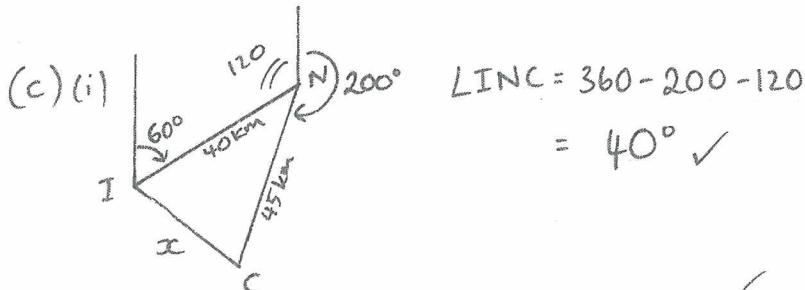
$$x^2: a = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x: 2a + b = -1 \quad (\& a = 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{constant: } a + b + c = 3 \quad (\& a = 1, b = -3)$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 5 \quad \checkmark$$

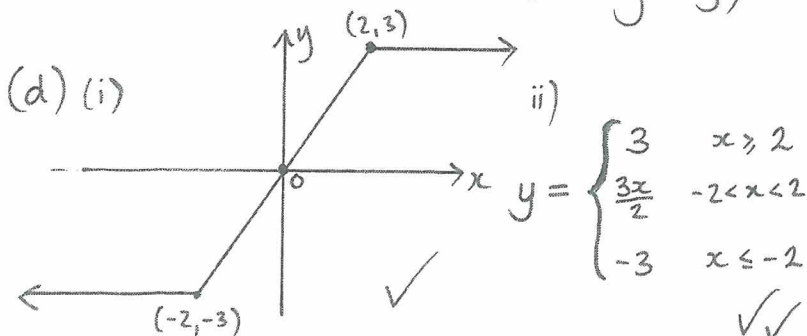


(ii)  $x^2 = 40^2 + 45^2 - 2 \times 40 \times 45 \times \cos 40^\circ \checkmark$   
 $= 867.24$

$$x = \sqrt{867.24} \doteq 29 \text{ km} \quad \checkmark$$

(iii) Area =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 40 \times 45 \times \sin 40^\circ \checkmark$   
 $\doteq 578.5088 \dots$

$$\doteq 580 \text{ km}^2 \quad (2 \text{ sig fig}) \quad \checkmark$$



Comm 2.

Correct reason must have been given to be awarded 2 marks.

Learn this method.

careless errors made when substituting.

Advice is to redraw diagram + label information given.

Incorrect (i) did not result in penalties in part (ii) + (iii) as long as method was correct.

Must have 2 sig fig

Label graph (no marks deducted this time!)

Comm 1

Reas 2.

Piecewise function very poorly done.



## Question 6

(a) (i)  $a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$  ✓

(ii) LHS =  $\frac{\sin^3 \theta - \cos^3 \theta}{\sin \theta - \cos \theta} - 1$

$$= \frac{(\sin \theta - \cos \theta)(\sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta)}{(\sin \theta - \cos \theta)} - 1 \quad \checkmark R$$

$$= \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta - 1$$

$$= 1 + \sin \theta \cos \theta - 1 \quad \checkmark R$$

$$= \sin \theta \cos \theta = \text{RHS}$$

Reas 2.

(b) Absolute value:  $y = |x - 2|$  ✓  
value

Circle: radius =  $\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{8}$  ✓

centre =  $(2, 0)$

$$(x-2)^2 + y^2 = 8 \quad \checkmark R$$

Inequalities:  $y \geq |x-2|$

and  $(x-2)^2 + y^2 \leq 8$  ✓

Reas 4

(c) (i) D:  $x > 0$  ✓      R:  $y > 0$  ✓

(ii)  $f(x) = 2$

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

$$1 = 2\sqrt{x}$$

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

$$x = \frac{1}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

(iii)  $f(x) = x^{-1/2}$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{2} x^{-3/2} \quad \checkmark C$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2x\sqrt{x}}$$

$$f'(3) = \frac{-1}{2 \times 3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{18} \quad \checkmark C$$

- many errors at this line.

Calc 2

$$\text{LHS} = (f(x))^3$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right)^3$$

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

∴ LHS = RHS

$$\text{RHS} = -2 \times f'(x)$$

$$= -2 \times \frac{-1}{2x\sqrt{x}}$$

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

✓ R

Reas 1

Setting out often very poor.