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**Preliminary Year, 2003**  
**Semester 2 Examination**

# Mathematics (Extension)

## General Instructions

- Reading time – 5 minutes
- Working time – 1½ hours
- This paper has **5 questions**
- Attempt **all** questions
- Answer all questions on the pad paper provided
- Write your name on every page
- Total marks for all parts (62)
- Approved calculators may be used

### Questions 1-5

Total marks (62)

- Attempt all parts of Questions 1-5

	Communication	Calculus	Reasoning	Total
Question 1	/3		/2	/12
Question 2		/1	/5	/12
Question 3	/3	/2		/13
Question 4			/9	/12
Question 5	/3		/10	/13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/9</b>	<b>/3</b>	<b>/26</b>	<b>/62</b>

- Answer the questions on the pad paper provided
- Clearly label each part
- Write your name on the top of each page
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**Question 1 (12 Marks)**

**Marks**

(a) Solve for  $x$ :

**3**

$$\frac{3x + 1}{2 - x} \geq 1$$

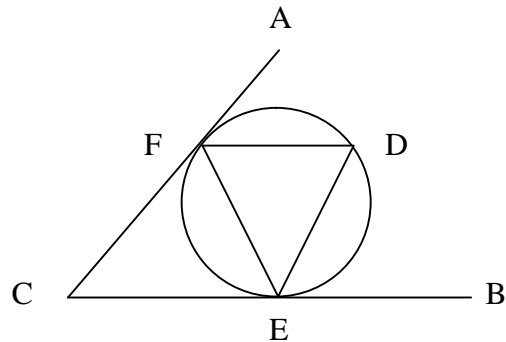
(b) A and B are the points  $(-1, 3)$  and  $(2, 0)$  respectively:

(i) Find the co-ordinates of the point P which divides AB externally in the ratio 5:2. **2**

(ii) If the line AB cuts the y axis at Q, find the ratio in which Q divides AB internally without finding the equations of any lines. **2**

(c) In the diagram, AC and BC are tangents to the circle, touching the circle at F and E respectively.  $\angle ACB$  equals  $50^\circ$ . Copy the diagram onto your paper.

Show that  $\angle CEF$  is  $65^\circ$  and hence find  $\angle EDF$ .



**3**

(d) Prove the identity  $\frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A} = \cos 2A$ .

**2**

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**Question 2** (12 Marks)

**Marks**

(a) The polynomial  $P(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x - 2$  has roots,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ .

(i) Find the value of  $\alpha\beta\gamma$ .

**1**

(ii) If  $\alpha = 1$ , find the value of  $\frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma}$ .

**2**

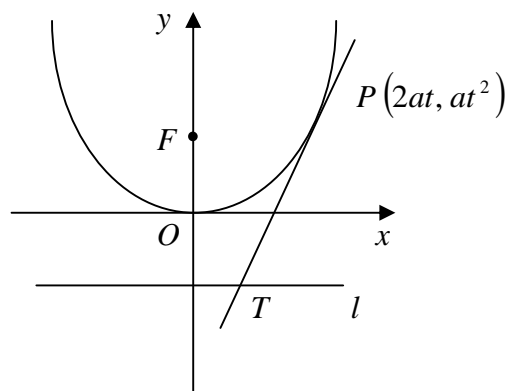
(b) (i) Find the gradient of the tangent to the curve  $y = x^2 + 3$  at the point  $(1, 4)$ .

**1**

(ii) Find the acute angle between the line  $y = 3x + 1$  and the curve  $y = x^2 + 3$  at the point of intersection  $(1, 4)$ . Give your answer to the nearest minute.

**2**

(c) The tangent  $tx - y - at^2 = 0$  at the point  $P(2at, at^2)$  on the parabola  $x^2 = 4ay$  cuts the directrix  $l$  at  $T$ .  $F$  is the focus of the parabola.



(i) Find the co-ordinates of  $T$ .

**1**

(ii) Show that  $TF$  is perpendicular to  $PF$ .

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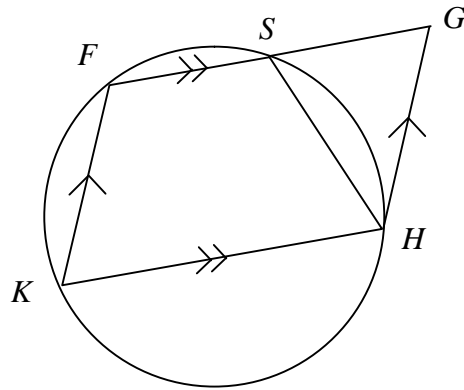
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**Question 2** (continued)

**Marks**

(d)

**2**



The figure  $FGHK$  is a parallelogram. The point  $S$  lies on  $FG$ , and  $F, S, H, K$  lie on a circle.

Copy or trace the diagram onto your answer paper.

Prove that triangle  $HGS$  is isosceles.

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**Question 3** (13 Marks)

**Marks**

(a) Consider the polynomial  $P(x) = 6x^3 - 5x^2 - 2x + 1$ .

(i) Show that 1 is a zero of  $P(x)$ .

**1**

(ii) Express  $P(x)$  as a product of 3 linear factors.

**2**

(iii) Solve the inequality  $P(x) \leq 0$ .

**1**

(b) Using the substitution  $\frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}$  find from first principles the derivative of  $y = \sqrt{x}$ .

**2**

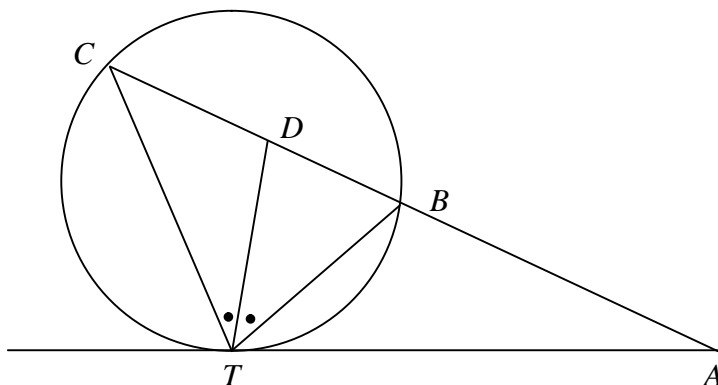
(c) (i) Express  $4\sin\theta - 3\cos\theta$  in the form  $A\sin(\theta - \alpha)$  where  $A > 0$  and  $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$ . Give  $\alpha$  to the nearest degree.

**2**

(ii) Find all solutions of  $4\sin\theta - 3\cos\theta = 1$  for  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$ . Give  $\theta$  to the nearest degree.

**2**

(d)



$TA$  is a tangent to a circle. Line  $ABDC$  intersects the circle at  $B$  and  $C$ . Line  $TD$  bisects angle  $BTC$ .

**3**

Prove  $AT = AD$ .

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**Question 4** (12 Marks)

**Marks**

(a) ✓ (i) Using the  $\sin(A - B)$  formula, with  $A = 60^\circ$  and  $B = 45^\circ$  (or otherwise), find the value of  $\sin 15^\circ$  in surd form. **2**

✓ (ii) Prove the identity: **2**

$$\tan \alpha = \operatorname{cosec} 2\alpha - \cot 2\alpha$$

✓ (iii) Using the results in part (ii), find a value (in surd form) for  $\tan 15^\circ$ . **2**

✓ (iv) Using the results in parts (i), (ii) and (iii), (or otherwise) show that: **3**

$$\tan 7\frac{1}{2}^\circ = \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3} - 2$$

(b) The remainder when  $x^3 + ax + b$  is divided by  $(x - 2)(x + 3)$  is  $2x + 1$ . Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ . **3**

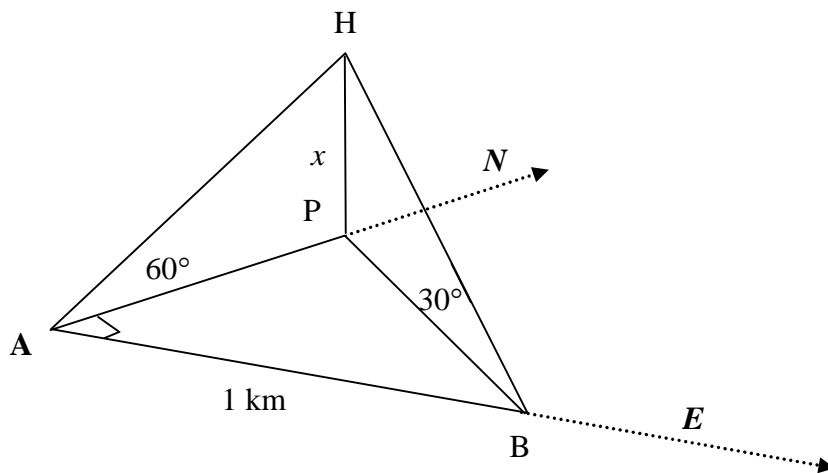
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**Question 5** (13 Marks)

**Marks**

- (a) On the same set of axes, draw the graphs of  $y = |x - 2|$  and  $y = x + 1$ . **3**  
 For what values of  $x$  is  $|x - 2| < x + 1$ ?

- (b) Anna (A) is standing due south of Phillip (P) who is assisting an injured bushwalker. A rescue helicopter (H) is hovering directly over P and lowering a stretcher. Anna measures the angle of elevation of the helicopter to be  $60^\circ$  from her position. Belinda (B) is 1 kilometre due east of A and measures the angle of elevation of the helicopter to be  $30^\circ$ . The height of the helicopter above P is  $x$  metres.



- (i) Write expressions for both AP and BP in terms of  $x$ . **1**
- (ii) Hence or otherwise, find the height of the helicopter ( $x$ ), correct to the nearest m. **3**
- (c)  $P(2ap, ap^2)$  is a variable point on a parabola  $x^2 = 4ay$ . The line  $PR$  is perpendicular to the directrix of the parabola with  $R$  on the directrix. The tangent to the parabola at  $P$  meets the  $y$ -axis at  $T$ . If  $M$  is the midpoint of the interval  $RT$ :
- (i) find the locus of  $M$ . **4**
- (ii) show that the directrix of the locus of  $M$  is the  $x$ -axis. **2**

**End of Paper**

① a)  $\frac{3x+1}{2-x} \geq 1$

undefined when  $x=2$

multiply both sides by  $(2-x)^2$

$$\frac{3x+1}{2-x} \times (2-x)^2 \geq 1 \times (2-x)^2$$

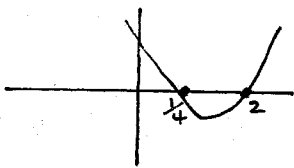
$$(3x+1)(2-x) \geq (2-x)^2$$

$$6x - 3x^2 + 2 - x \geq 4 - 4x + x^2$$

$$0 \geq 4x^2 - 9x + 2$$

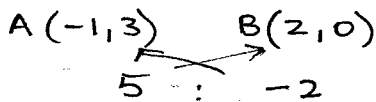
$$4x^2 - 9x + 2 \leq 0$$

$$(4x-1)(x-2) \leq 0$$



$$\frac{1}{4} \leq x < 2$$

b) External division 5:-2



$$x = \frac{-2x-1+5x_2}{5-2}$$

$$y = \frac{-2x_3+5x_0}{5-2}$$

$$= \frac{2+10}{3}$$

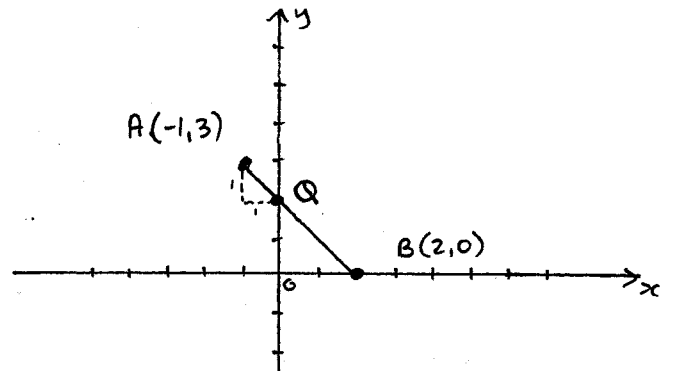
$$= \frac{-6+0}{3}$$

$$= \frac{12}{3}$$

$$= -2$$

$$= 4$$

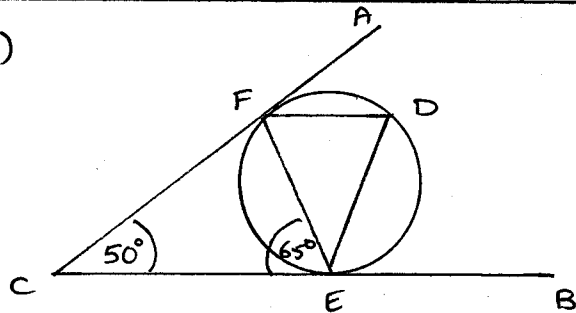
$$\therefore P(4, -2)$$



By observation

Q divides AB internally in the ratio 1:2

c)



$$CF = CE$$

Since tangents from an exterior point are equal.

$\therefore \triangle CFE$  is isosceles.

$$\therefore \angle CEF = \frac{1}{2}(180^\circ - 50^\circ) \quad (\text{sum } \Delta = 180^\circ)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 130^\circ$$

$$= 65^\circ$$

$$\angle EDF = \angle CEF$$

$$= 65^\circ$$

(Angles in the alternate segments are equal.)

Com 3



(2)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{d) LHS} &= \frac{1 - \tan^2 A}{1 + \tan^2 A} \\
 &= \frac{1 - \frac{\sin^2 A}{\cos^2 A}}{1 + \frac{\sin^2 A}{\cos^2 A}} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A}{\cos^2 A}}{\frac{\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A}{\cos^2 A}} \\
 &= \frac{\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A}{\cos^2 A} \times \frac{\cos^2 A}{1} \\
 &= \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A \\
 &= \cos 2A
 \end{aligned}$$

Reas 2

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{\beta\gamma + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\beta}{\alpha\beta\gamma}$$

put  $\alpha = 1$

$$1 + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

b) (i)  $y = x^2 + 3$

$$y = 2x$$

At (1,4) gradient tangent

$$m_1 = 2$$

Calculus 1

ii)  $y = 3x + 1$

$$m_2 = 3$$

Acute angle

$$\tan \theta = \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{2 - 3}{1 + 2 \times 3} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{-1}{7} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{7}$$

$$\theta = 8^\circ 8' \text{ (to nearest minute)}$$

(2)  $P(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x - 2$

Roots  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$

i) Product of roots

$$\alpha\beta\gamma = -\frac{d}{a}$$

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

$$= 2$$

ii) Sum of Roots

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -\frac{b}{a}$$

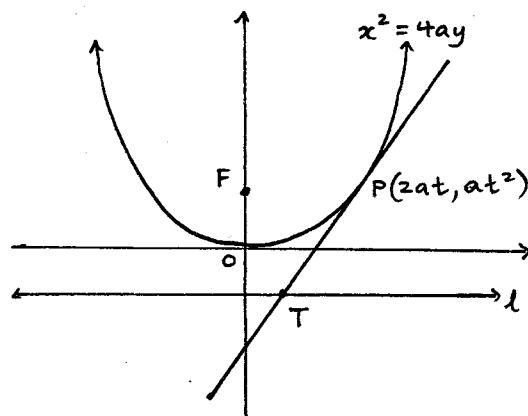
$$= -1$$

Sum two at a time

$$\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$= 1$$

c)



Tangent at P(2at, at<sup>2</sup>)

$$tx - y - at^2 = 0$$

cuts the directrix l at T

directrix is  $y = -a$

Solve simultaneously

$$\begin{aligned} tx - y - at^2 &= 0 & \textcircled{1} \\ y &= -a & \textcircled{2} \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $\textcircled{2}$  into  $\textcircled{1}$

$$tx + a - at^2 = 0$$

$$tx = at^2 - a$$

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

✓

T has coordinates

$$\left( \frac{a(t^2 - 1)}{t}, -a \right)$$

ii)  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Focus } F(0, a) \\ P(2at, at^2) \end{array} \right.$

Gradient TF

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &= \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \\ &= \frac{-a - a}{\frac{a(t^2 - 1)}{t} - 0} \\ &= \frac{-2a}{\frac{a(t^2 - 1)}{t}} \\ &= \frac{-2t}{t^2 - 1} \end{aligned}$$

✓

Gradient PF

$$\begin{aligned} m_2 &= \frac{at^2 - a}{2at - 0} \\ &= \frac{a(t^2 - 1)}{2at} \\ &= \frac{t^2 - 1}{2t} \end{aligned}$$

✓

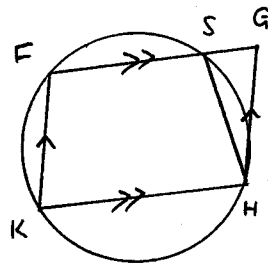
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } m_1 \times m_2 &= \frac{-2t}{t^2 - 1} \times \frac{t^2 - 1}{2t} \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore TF \perp PF$$

Ques 3 ✓

d)



FGHK is a parallelogram

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \angle FKH &= \angle FGH & (\text{opposite } \angle\text{s in a parm.}) \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

✓

F, S, H, K lie on a circle

$\therefore$  FSHK is a cyclic quadrilateral

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \angle FKH + \angle FSH &= 180^\circ \\ (\text{opp. } \angle\text{s in a cyclic quad. are supplementary}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle FSH &= 180^\circ - \angle FKH \\ &= 180^\circ - x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \angle GSH &= 180^\circ - \angle FSH & (\angle \text{sum straight } \angle = 180^\circ) \\ &= 180^\circ - (180^\circ - x) \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

✓

$$\therefore \angle SGH = \angle GSH = x$$

Ques 2

$\therefore \triangle HGS$  is isosceles since it has 2 equal angles.

Q3

a)  $P(x) = 6x^3 - 5x^2 - 2x + 1$

i)  $P(1) = 6 - 5 - 2 + 1 = 0$

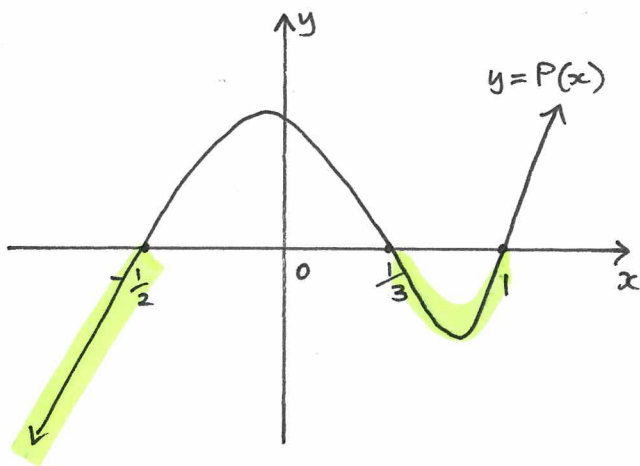
$\therefore x=1$  is a zero of  $P(x)$

$\therefore (x-1)$  is a factor of  $P(x)$

ii) 
$$\begin{array}{r} 6x^2 + x - 1 \\ x-1 \overline{) 6x^3 - 5x^2 - 2x + 1} \\ \underline{6x^3 - 6x^2} \phantom{- 2x + 1} \\ \phantom{6x^3} x^2 - 2x + 1 \\ \phantom{6x^3} \underline{x^2 - x} \phantom{+ 1} \\ \phantom{6x^3} \phantom{x^2} -x + 1 \\ \phantom{6x^3} \phantom{x^2} \phantom{-x} \underline{0} \end{array}$$

$\therefore P(x) = (x-1)(6x^2 + x - 1)$   
 $= (x-1)(3x-1)(2x+1)$

iii)



$P(x) \leq 0$   
for  
 $x \leq -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3} \leq x \leq 1$

b)  $y = \sqrt{x}$

$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

$f(x+h) = \sqrt{x+h}$

Using first principles

$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h}$

using the given substitution

$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}$

$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+0} + \sqrt{x}}$

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

Calc  
2

c) i)  $4 \sin \theta - 3 \cos \theta$

$= A \sin(\theta - \alpha)$

$= A \sin \theta \cos \alpha - A \cos \theta \sin \alpha$

Match parts

$A \cos \alpha = 4$  ①

$A \sin \alpha = 3$  ②

Find A

$A^2 = 4^2 + 3^2$

$A = \sqrt{16 + 9}$   
 $= \sqrt{25}$   
 $= 5$

Find  $\alpha$

divide ②/①

$\tan \alpha = \frac{3}{4}$

$\therefore \alpha \doteq 37^\circ$

(5)

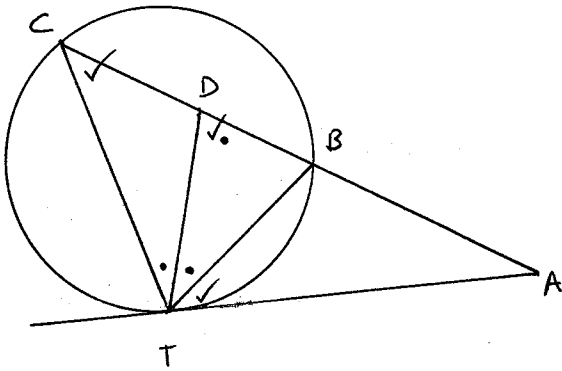
$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 4 \sin \theta - 3 \cos \theta & \\ &= 5 \sin(\theta - 37^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ii) } 4 \sin \theta - 3 \cos \theta &= 1 \\ 5 \sin(\theta - 37^\circ) &= 1 \\ \sin(\theta - 37^\circ) &= \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \theta - 37^\circ = 11^\circ 32' \text{ or } 168^\circ 28'$$

$$\therefore \theta = 48^\circ \text{ or } 205^\circ$$

d)



$$\angle CTD = \angle BTD \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\angle ATB = \angle TCD \quad (\angle \text{ in the alt segment} = \angle \text{ between chord + tangent})$$

$$\angle TDB = \angle CTD + \angle TCD \quad (\text{ext. } \angle \text{ in } \Delta)$$

$$\therefore \angle ATD = \angle ADT$$

$$\therefore AT = AD \quad (\text{sides opp } = \angle \text{ in an isosceles } \Delta =)$$

$\frac{\text{Com}}{3}$

$$\text{(4) a) i) } \sin(A-B)$$

$$= \sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$$

$$\sin 15^\circ = \sin(45^\circ - 30^\circ)$$

$$= \sin 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ - \cos 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{1}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{2}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3} - 1}{2\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$\text{ii) Prove } \tan \alpha = \operatorname{cosec} 2\alpha - \cot 2\alpha$$

$$\text{RHS} = \operatorname{cosec} 2\alpha - \cot 2\alpha$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin 2\alpha} - \frac{\cos 2\alpha}{\sin 2\alpha}$$

$$= \frac{1 - \cos 2\alpha}{\sin 2\alpha}$$

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

$$= \frac{1 - \cos^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha}{2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}$$

$$\text{Substituting } 1 - \cos^2 \alpha = \sin^2 \alpha$$

$$= \frac{\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha}{2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sin^2 \alpha}{2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha}$$

$$= \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \tan \alpha$$

$$= \text{LHS}$$

$$\text{iii) } \tan 15^\circ = \operatorname{cosec} 30^\circ - \cot 30^\circ$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin 30^\circ} - \frac{1}{\tan 30^\circ} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 2 - \sqrt{3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{iv) } \tan 7\frac{1}{2}^\circ = \operatorname{cosec} 15^\circ - \cot 15^\circ$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sin 15^\circ} - \frac{1}{\tan 15^\circ}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{4}} - \frac{1}{2-\sqrt{3}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{4}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{2-\sqrt{3}}$$

Rationalise each denominator

$$\frac{4}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4(\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2})}{6-2}$$

$$= \sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2-\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2+\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{4-3}$$

$$= 2+\sqrt{3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore = \sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2} - (2+\sqrt{3})$$

$$= \sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3} - 2 \quad \checkmark$$

Reas 9

$$\text{b) } P(x) = A(x) \cdot Q(x) + R(x)$$

$$x^3 + ax + b = (x-2)(x+3) \cdot Q(x) + 2x+1$$

Substitute  $x=2$

$$8+a+b = 0 + 4+1$$

$$a+b = -3 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

Substitute  $x=-3$

$$-27 - 3a + b = 0 - 6 + 1$$

$$-3a + b = 22 \quad \textcircled{2} \quad \checkmark$$

Solve simultaneously

$$a+b = -3 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$-3a+b = 22 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Subtract

$$4a = -25$$

$$a = -\frac{25}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$a = -6\frac{1}{4}$$

subst. into  $\textcircled{1}$

$$-6\frac{1}{4} + b = -3$$

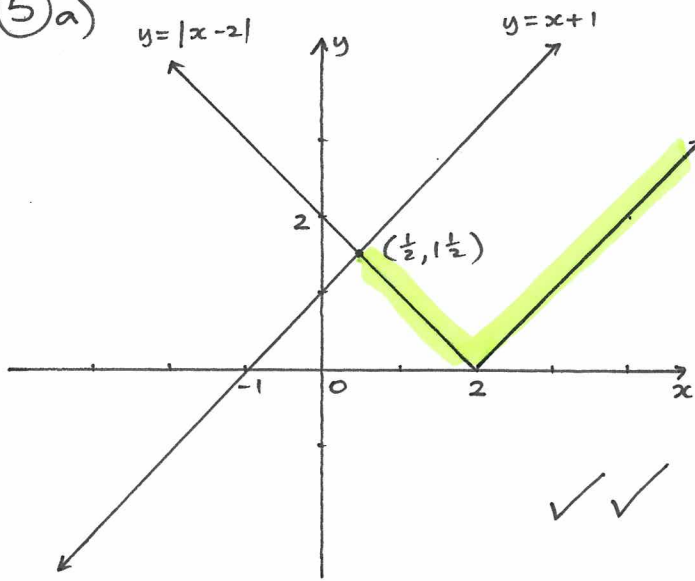
$$b = 3\frac{1}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

Solution

$$\therefore a = -6\frac{1}{4}$$

$$b = 3\frac{1}{4}$$

5 a)



One point of intersection only

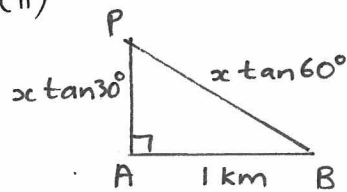
when  $x+1 = -(x-2)$   
 $x+1 = -x+2$   
 $2x = 1$   
 $x = 1/2$

$(1/2, 1 1/2)$

from the graph  
 $|x-2| < x+1$   
 for  $x > 1/2$

$\frac{6m}{3}$

(ii)



Using Pythagoras rule

$$BP^2 = AP^2 + AB^2$$

$$x^2 \tan^2 60^\circ = x^2 \tan^2 30^\circ + 1^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x^2 \tan^2 60^\circ - x^2 \tan^2 30^\circ = 1$$

$$x^2 (\tan^2 60^\circ - \tan^2 30^\circ) = 1$$

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{\tan^2 60^\circ - \tan^2 30^\circ}$$

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\tan^2 60^\circ - \tan^2 30^\circ}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\doteq \sqrt{\frac{1}{3 - 1/3}}$$

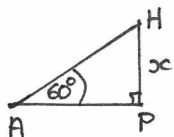
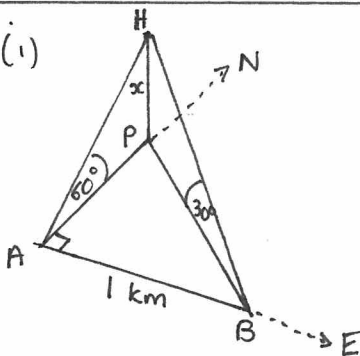
$$= \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}}$$

$$\doteq 0.612372 \dots \text{ km}$$

$$\doteq 612 \text{ m} \quad \checkmark$$

(to nearest metre)

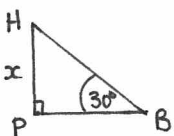
b) (i)



$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{x}{AP}$$

$$AP = \frac{x}{\tan 60^\circ}$$

or  $AP = x \tan 30^\circ$

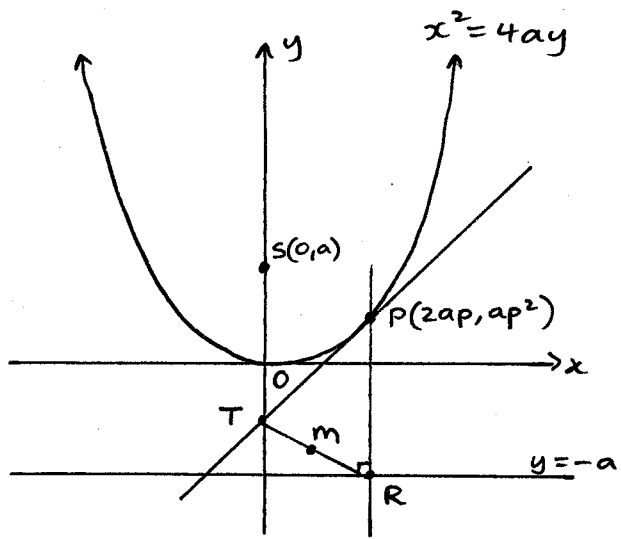


$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{x}{BP}$$

$$BP = \frac{x}{\tan 30^\circ}$$

or  $BP = x \tan 60^\circ$

c)



$x^2 = 4ay$   
 directrix  $y = -a$

Coordinates of R  
 $(2ap, -a)$

Equation of tangent at P  
 $y = \frac{x^2}{4a}$   
 $y' = \frac{2x}{4a}$   
 $= \frac{x}{2a}$

At  $P(2ap, ap^2)$

tangent  $m_1 = \frac{2ap}{2a}$   
 $= p$

$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$   
 $y - ap^2 = p(x - 2ap)$   
 $y - ap^2 = px - 2ap^2$   
 $y = px - ap^2$

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Coordinates of T

Tangent cuts y-axis when  $x=0$   
 $y = px - ap^2$   
 $y = 0 - ap^2$   
 $y = -ap^2$   
 $\therefore T(0, -ap^2)$  ✓

midpoint of TR

$T(0, -ap^2)$   $R(2ap, -a)$

$m = \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$   
 $= \left( \frac{0 + 2ap}{2}, \frac{-ap^2 - a}{2} \right)$   
 $= \left( ap, -\frac{a(p^2 + 1)}{2} \right)$  ✓

Locus of M

$\begin{cases} x = ap \\ y = -\frac{a}{2}(p^2 + 1) \end{cases}$

substitute  $p = \frac{x}{a}$  into  $y$

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

$y = -\frac{x^2}{2a} - \frac{a}{2}$  ✓

The locus is a parabola.

$(x^2) \quad 2ay = -x^2 - a^2$

$x^2 = -2ay - a^2$

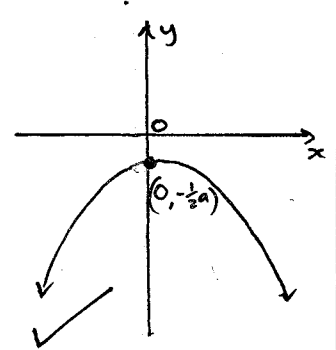
$x^2 = -2a \left( y + \frac{1}{2}a \right)$

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

The locus is a parabola. ✓

Vertex  $(0, -\frac{1}{2}a)$

Focal length  $= \frac{1}{2}a$



Directrix  $y = 0$

$\therefore$  The directrix is the x-axis. ✓