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EXAMINATION

# Mathematics

**General Instructions**

- Reading time - 5 minutes
- Working time - 3 hours
- Write using blue or black pen
- Board-approved calculators may be used
- A table of standard integrals is provided at the back of this paper
- All necessary working should be shown in every question

**Total Marks - 120**

- Attempt questions 1-10
- All questions are of equal value

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**Question 1** (12 marks)      **Start a new sheet of writing paper.**      **Marks**

- a) Find  $a$  correct to 3 significant figures, if **2**

$$\frac{a}{\sin 130^\circ} = \frac{5}{\sin 22^\circ}$$

- b) A round clock face has a diameter of  $25\text{cm}$ . Find the distance the tip of the big hand moves in 25 minutes. Give your answer to the nearest  $\text{mm}$ . **2**

- c) Factorise completely: **2**

$$8x^3 - 64$$

- d) Solve  $|2x+3| < 9$  **2**

- e) Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  if  $\frac{2}{3 - \sqrt{5}} = a + b\sqrt{5}$  **2**

- f) Adult tickets to the PLC Production of 'A Mid-Summer Night's Dream' cost \$32 in 2011. Last year, the adult ticket price for 'A Chorus Line' was \$30. Find the percentage increase in price for an adult ticket? **2**

**End of Question 1**

**Question 2** (12 marks)      **Start a new sheet of writing paper.**

**Marks**

a)      Differentiate, with respect to  $x$  :

i)       $\frac{e^{2x}}{2x}$       **2**

ii)       $2\log_e \sqrt{x}$       **2**

iii)       $\sin^2 3x$       **2**

b)      Show that  $\int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} \log_e \frac{3}{2}$       **3**

c)      Find  $\int 3e^{1-x} \, dx$       **1**

d)      Show that  $x^2 + kx + (k-1) = 0$  has real roots for all values of  $k$ .      **2**

**End of Question 2**

**Question 3** (12 marks)      **Start a new sheet of writing paper.**      **Marks**

- a) i) Show that the equation of the locus of the point  $P(x, y)$  that moves such that it is equidistant from  $A(3, -1)$  and  $B(-4, 2)$  is  $7x - 3y + 5 = 0$ .      **2**
- ii) Describe this locus **geometrically**.      **1**
- iii) Show that  $C(2, 6\frac{1}{3})$  lies on  $7x - 3y + 5 = 0$ .      **1**
- iv) Find the co-ordinates of  $D$  such that  $ABDC$  is a parallelogram.      **1**
- v) Show that the perpendicular distance from  $C$  to  $AB$  is  $\frac{145}{3\sqrt{58}}$  units.      **3**
- vi) The distance of  $AB$  is  $\sqrt{58}$  units, find the area of  $ABDC$  in exact form.      **1**
- b) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of  $4kx^2 + 3(k-1)x - 1 = 0$ , find the value of  $k$  if:
- i) 3 is a root.      **1**
- ii) The roots are reciprocals of each other.      **2**

**End of Question 3**

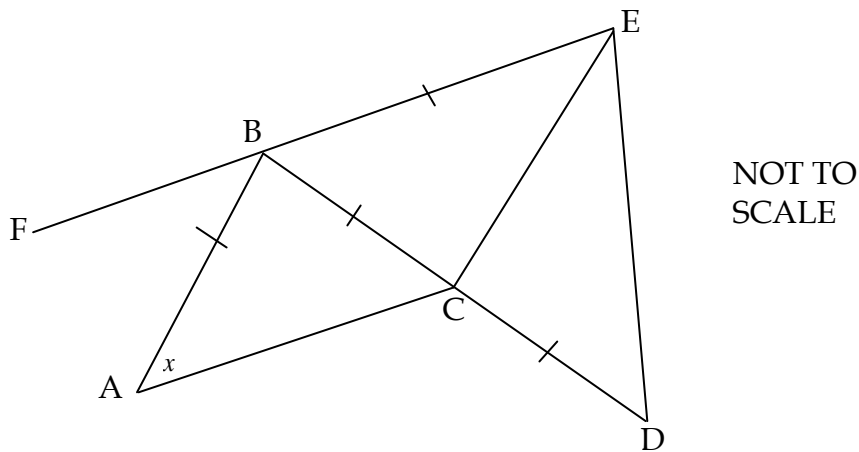
**Question 4** (12 marks)      **Start a new sheet of writing paper.**

**Marks**

- a) Find the equation of the normal to the curve  $y = (x^2 - 2)^3$  at the point  $(1, -1)$ . Write your answer in general form. **3**

- b) In the diagram below,  
 $AB = BC = BE = CD$ ,  $FE \parallel AC$  and  $\angle BAC + \angle CDE = 90^\circ$ .

- i) Copy or trace the diagram onto your answer sheet.
- ii) By letting  $\angle BAC = x$   
 prove that  $BE \perp ED$ , showing all working. **3**



- c) i) On the same set of axes, sketch the graph of  $y = 3 \sin \frac{x}{2}$  and  $y = 1.5$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 4\pi$ . **2**

- ii) Show that  $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$  and  $x = \frac{5\pi}{3}$  are two of the solutions of  $3 \sin \frac{x}{2} = 1.5$  **1**

- iii) Hence, find the area enclosed entirely between  $y = 3 \sin \frac{x}{2}$  and  $y = 1.5$  in the first quadrant. **3**

**End of Question 4**

**Question 5** (12 marks)

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**Marks**

Given  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{1-x^4}$

- a) Find where the graph of the function cuts the  $x$  and  $y$  axes. **1**
- b) Show that the function is even. **2**
- c) Find all vertical asymptotes. **2**
- d) Find the stationary point(s) and determine their nature. **4**
- e) As  $x$  becomes very large, describe what will happen to  $f(x)$ . **1**
- f) On a number plane (at least one-third of a page) sketch the curve  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{1-x^4}$  showing all of the above features. **2**

**End of Question 5**

**Question 6** (12 marks)

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**Marks**

a) Simplify  $\frac{|1-x|}{x-1}$  **2**

b) The speed of a cyclist in a road race was recorded every half hour. The table below gives the time in hours and the speed in km/h. **2**

$t$	<b>0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2</b>
$s(t)$	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>60</b>

The distance travelled by the cyclist in the first 2 hours is  $\int_0^2 s(t) dt$ .

Use the Trapezoidal Rule with these 5 function values to estimate the distance travelled.

c) Solve  $3 \tan^2 2\theta = 1$  for  $-\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$  **3**

d) The volume generated when an area under a certain curve is rotated about the  $x$ -axis is given by  $V = \pi \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^4 x dx$ .

i) Find this volume **2**

ii) Write down the equation of the curve. **1**

iii) Find the size of the area being rotated. **2**

**End of Question 6**

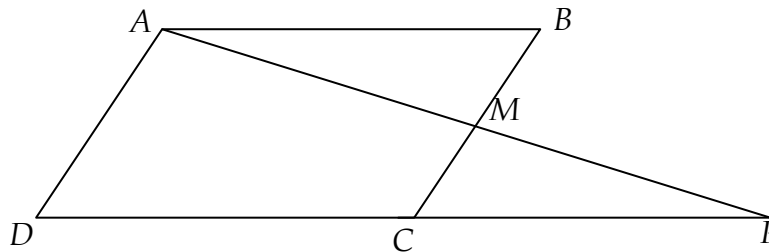
**Question 7** (12 marks)      **Start a new sheet of writing paper.**

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- a)      Assume that the population,  $P$ , of people in Sydney has been growing at a rate proportional to  $P$ . That is,  $\frac{dP}{dt} = kP$ , where  $k$  is a positive constant.      **3**
- If the population of Sydney is going to double in 15 years time, find how long it will take for the population of Sydney to triple?

- b)      Simplify  $(1 - \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x) \cot^2 x$       **2**

- c)      The diagram below shows the parallelogram  $ABCD$  with  $M$  the midpoint of  $BC$ . The intervals  $AM$  and  $DC$  are produced to meet at  $P$ .



- i)      Prove that  $\triangle ABM \equiv \triangle PCM$       **2**
- ii)      Hence prove that  $ABPC$  is a parallelogram.      **2**
- d)      The line  $y = mx + \frac{25}{4}$  is a tangent to  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ , find the value of  $m$ .      **3**

**End of Question 7**

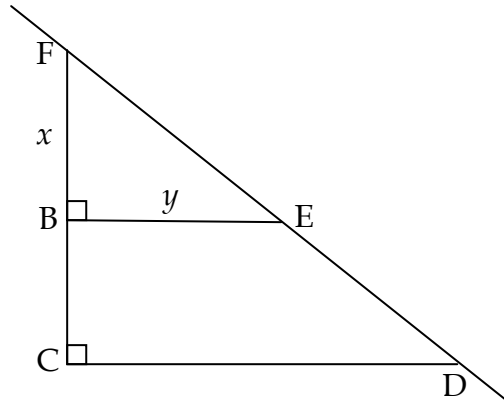


**Question 8** (12 marks)

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**Marks**

- a) A farmer wishes to fence some of her land as shown in the diagram below. Fences are to be erected at FC, CD and BE. The side FD is a river and no fence is needed there. CD is twice the length of BE.  
 $\angle FBE = \angle FCD = 90^\circ$



- i) If  $FB = x$  metres and  $BE = y$  metres prove by similar triangles that  $BC = x$ . **2**
- ii) Write an expression, in terms of  $x$  and  $y$  for the:
- (1) Area of  $\triangle FCD$  **1**
- (2) Length,  $L$ , of fencing the farmer would need. **1**
- iii) If the total area of land to be enclosed is  $1200 \text{ m}^2$ , show that the length of fencing  $L$  is given by  $L = 2x + \frac{1800}{x}$  metres **2**
- iv) Hence, find the values of  $x$  and  $y$  for which the length of fencing required will be a minimum. **3**
- b) For the parabola  $y^2 = 12(x - 2)$ , find the coordinates of the vertex, the coordinates of the focus and the equation of the directrix. **3**

**End of Question 8**

**Question 9** (12 marks)      **Start a new sheet of writing paper.**

**Marks**

a)      Given that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{x^2 - 4}$

i)      Find  $y$  in terms of  $x$ , given that  $y=0$  when  $x=3$       **3**

ii)     State the set of  $x$  values for which  $y$  exists.      **2**

b)      When a tap is open, water flows into a large tank that is initially empty. The volume  $V$  litres, of water in the tank increases at the rate  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 2e^t + 2e^{-t}$  where  $t$  is measured in hours from the time the tap is opened.

i)      At what rate does the water enter the tank initially?      **1**

ii)     Find an expression for  $V$  in terms of  $t$       **2**

iii)    Show that  $2e^{2t} - 3e^t - 2 = 0$  when  $V=3$       **2**

iv)     Find the exact value of  $t$  when  $V=3$       **2**

**End of Question 9**

**Question 10** (12 marks)

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**Marks**

- a) A ball falls from rest with acceleration given by  $\ddot{x} = 10e^{-\frac{1}{3}t}$  cm/s<sup>2</sup>, where  $x$  metres is the distance below the origin at time  $t$  seconds.
- i) Find the velocity-time function for the motion of the ball. **2**
- ii) Sketch the velocity-time function for the motion of the ball. **1**
- iii) What is the limiting velocity of the ball? **1**
- iv) How far does the ball travel in the first 3 seconds? **3**

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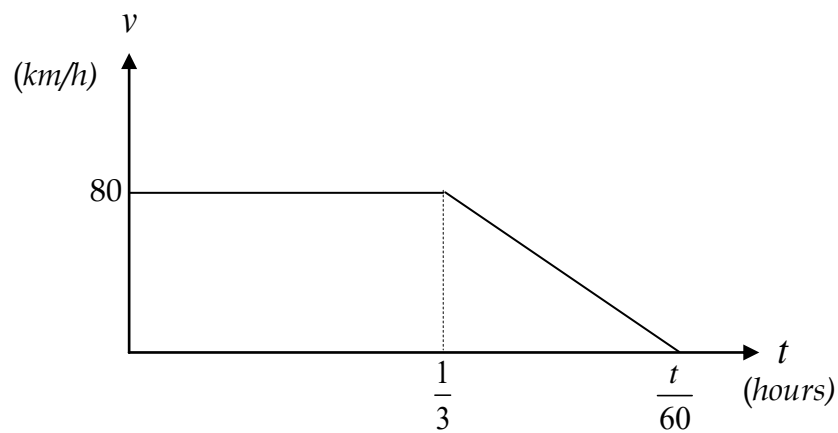
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- b) A train is travelling at a constant velocity of  $80 \text{ km/h}$  as it passes through Croydon railway station. At the same time, a second train commences its journey from rest at Croydon station, travelling in the same direction as the first train. The second train accelerated for 15 minutes at a constant rate until it reaches  $100 \text{ km/h}$  and maintains this velocity for a further 5 minutes.

At this time each of the trains then begin to slow down at a constant rate, arriving at the next station, X, at the same time.

- i) The graph of velocity versus time for the first train has been drawn below:



Copy or trace this diagram on your answer sheet.

- ii) On the same sketch as in part i) draw in the velocity/time graph for the second train. 1
- iii) Calculate the time taken for the trains to travel between the two stations. 3
- iv) How far apart are the two stations? 1

## End of Examination

## STANDARD INTEGRALS

$$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1}, \quad n \neq -1; \quad x \neq 0, \text{ if } n < 0$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln x, \quad x > 0$$

$$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax}, \quad a \neq 0$$

$$\int \cos ax dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin ax, \quad a \neq 0$$

$$\int \sin ax dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos ax, \quad a \neq 0$$

$$\int \sec^2 ax dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan ax, \quad a \neq 0$$

$$\int \sec ax \tan ax dx = \frac{1}{a} \sec ax, \quad a \neq 0$$

$$\int \frac{1}{a^2 + x^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a}, \quad a \neq 0$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{a}, \quad a > 0, \quad -a < x < a$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - a^2}} dx = \ln \left( x + \sqrt{x^2 - a^2} \right), \quad x > a > 0$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + a^2}} dx = \ln \left( x + \sqrt{x^2 + a^2} \right)$$

NOTE:  $\ln x = \log_e x, \quad x > 0$