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Pure Mathematics 1

Advanced Subsidiary

Practice Paper A

Time: 2 hours



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Information for Candidates

- This practice paper follows the Edexcel GCE AS level Specifications
- There are 15 questions in this question paper
- The total mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets.
- Full marks may be obtained for answers to ALL questions

Advice to candidates:

- You must ensure that your answers to parts of questions are clearly labelled.
- You must show sufficient working to make your methods clear to the Examiner
- Answers without working may not gain full credit



1. Given that $y = \frac{1}{16}x^4$, express each of the following in the form kx^n , where k and n are constants.

(a) $y^{\frac{1}{4}}$ (1)

(b) $2y^{-1}$ (1)

(c) $(4y)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ (1)

(Total 3 marks)

2. Find all the roots of the function $f(x) = 4x - 14x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 6$ (Total 3 marks)
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3. Find the set of values of k for which the equation $kx^2 - (k + 2)x + 3k = 2$ has no real roots, except for one value which must be stated. Give your answer in set notation and in exact form (4)

(Total 4 marks)

4. A ball is being projected from a point on the top of a building above the horizontal ground. The height, in metres, of the ball after t seconds can be modelled by the function:

$$h(t) = 13.7t + 7.8 - 2.9t^2$$

(a) Use the model to find the height of the tower (1)

(b) After how many seconds does the ball hit the ground (2)

(c) Rewrite $h(t)$ in the form $A - B(t - C)^2$ where A, B and C are constants (3)

(d) With reference to your answer in part (c) or otherwise, find the maximum height of the ball above the ground, and the time at which this maximum height is reached (2)

(Total 8 marks)



5. (a) (i) Sketch the graph of $y = x(x - 2)(x + 1)^2$ stating clearly the points of intersection with the axes (3)
- (ii) State the range of values for which $f(x) \leq 0$ (1)
- (iii) The point with coordinates $(-2, 0)$ lies on the curve with equation $y = (x + k)(x + k - 2)(x + k + 1)^2$ where k is a constant. Find the possible values of k (1)
- (b) On separate axes, sketch the graph $3y = -x(x - 2)(x + 1)^2$ stating clearly the points of intersection with the axes (3)

(Total 8 marks)

6. A has position vector $5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$ and the point B has position vector $-4\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j}$. Given that C is the point such that $\overrightarrow{AC} = 2\overrightarrow{AB}$
- (a) find the unit vector in the direction of \overrightarrow{OC} (3)
- D is a point with position vector $a\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$, where a is a constant. Given that $\overrightarrow{OD} = b\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{OB}$, where b is a constant.
- (b) Find the values of a and b (2)

(Total 5 marks)

7. (a) Find the first 3 terms of the expansion $(1 + 3px)^9$ in ascending powers of x leaving each term in its simplest form where p is a non-zero constant (2)
- (b) Given that, in the expansion of $(1 + 3px)^9$, the coefficient of x is q and the coefficient of x^2 is $4q$, find the value of p and q (3)

(Total 5 marks)



8. The circle C has equation $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 20y = -51$
The line L with equation $3y - 4x = 9$ intersects the circle at the points P and Q .
Given that the x coordinate of Q is > 0

(a) Find the centre and radius of the circle (2)

(b) Find the equation of the tangent at the point P and the point Q (4)

Points P and Q form the chord PQ of the circle

(c) Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of the chord PQ giving your answers in the form $ax + by + c = 0$ where a , b and c are constants (3)

(d) The perpendicular bisector and the two tangents intersect at a single point.
Find the coordinate of the point of intersection. (3)

(Total 12 marks)

9. (a) Prove that for any positive values of a and b

$$\frac{4a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \geq 4 \quad (3)$$

(b) By use of a counter-example, show that this inequality is not true when either a or b is not positive. (2)

(Total 5 marks)

10. (a) Show that $\frac{\sin^4 x + \sin^2 x \cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x - 1} \equiv -1$ (3)

(b) Hence solve the equation $\frac{\sin^4 x + \sin^2 x \cos^2 x}{\cos^2 x - 1} + 4 = 2\sin^2 x + 3\cos x$ in the interval $0 \leq x \leq 360^\circ$ (5)

(Total 8 marks)



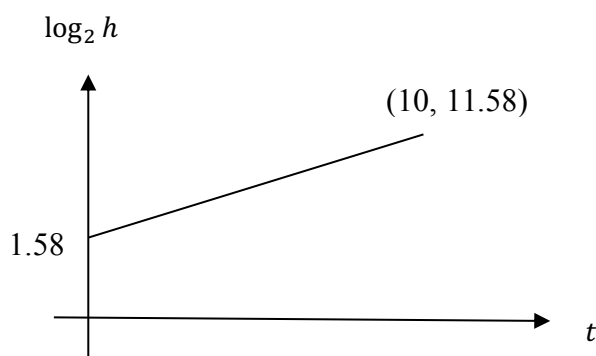
11. Solve the following equations, giving your solutions as exact values

(a) $\ln(3x - 5) = 2 - \ln 3$ (3)

(b) $e^x + 5e^{-x} = 6$ (3)

(Total 6 marks)

12. A container is being filled with water. After t seconds, the height h mm, of the water present in the container can be modelled by the equation $h = ab^t$, where a and b are constants to be found.



The graph passes through the points $(0, 1.58)$ and $(10, 11.58)$

(a) Sketch the graph of h against t (2)

(b) Comparing the graph in part (a) to the graph of $\log_2 h$ against t drawn above, state which graph is more useful for calculations. Explain your reasoning (2)

(c) Write down an equation of the line (2)

(d) Find the values of a and b , giving your answers to 1 significant figures where appropriate (2)

(e) Interpret the meaning of a in this model (1)

(f) Suggest one reason why this model is unsuitable for long periods of time and suggest an improvement to the model (2)

(Total 11 marks)

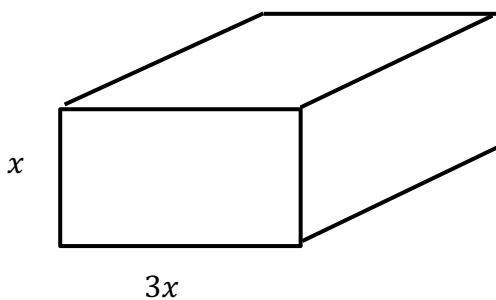
13. Given that $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^3 - 6x^2 + 20x$

(a) Prove that the function $f(x)$ is increasing for all real values of x (3)

(b) Sketch the graph of the gradient function $y = f'(x)$ (2)

(Total 5 marks)

14. The diagram below shows a box in the form of a cuboid. The cuboid has a rectangular cross section where the length of the rectangle is equal to three times its width, x cm. The volume of the cuboid is 144 cm^3 .



(a) Show that the surface area A of the box is $A = \frac{6}{x}(64 + x^3)$ (3)

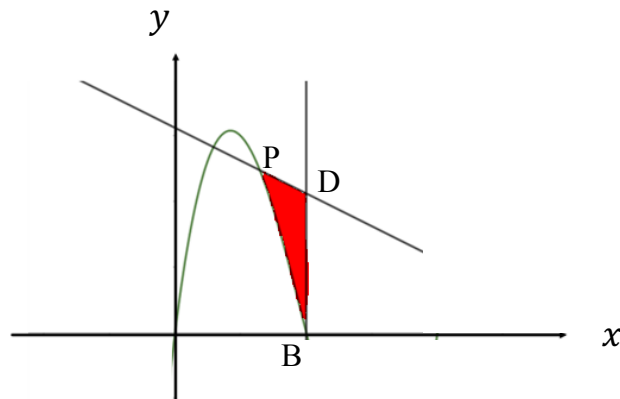
(b) Use calculus to find the minimum value of A (4)

(c) Justify that the value of A you have found is a minimum (2)

(Total 9 marks)

15. The diagram below shows a sketch of part of the curve C with equation

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



The point P lies on C and has x coordinate $2 - \sqrt{2}$. The curve C cuts the x -axis at point B at $(2,0)$. The normal to the curve at P meets the vertical line at B at the point D .

(a) Show that the equation of the normal to the curve at P is $2y + x = 2 + 3\sqrt{2}$ (4)

(b) Use calculus to find the exact area of the shaded region (4)

(Total 8 marks)

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