Solving Trigonometric Equations in Radians 2 - Edexcel Past Exam Questions

1. (i) Find the solutions of the equation $\sin(3x - 15°) = \frac{1}{2}$, for which $0 \leq x \leq 180°$. **(6)**

(ii)

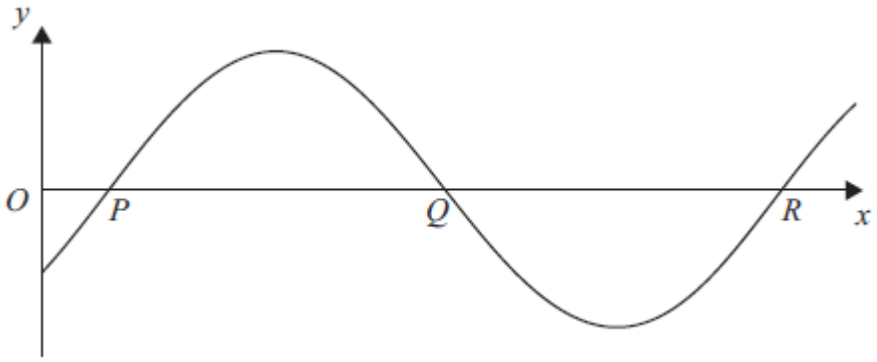

Figure 4

Figure 4 shows part of the curve with equation

$$y = \sin(ax - b), \text{ where } a > 0, \quad 0 < b < \pi.$$

The curve cuts the x-axis at the points P, Q and R as shown.

Given that the coordinates of P, Q and R are $\left(\frac{\pi}{10}, 0\right)$, $\left(\frac{3\pi}{5}, 0\right)$ and $\left(\frac{11\pi}{10}, 0\right)$ respectively, find the values of a and b.

(4)

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2. Solve, for $-\pi \leq x < \pi$, the equation $2 \tan x - 3 \sin x = 0$, giving your answers to 2 decimal places where appropriate.

[*Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.*] **(5)**

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3. (i) Solve, for $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$,

$$1 - 2\cos\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{5}\right) = 0,$$

giving your answers in terms of π. **(3)**

(ii) Solve, for $0 \leq x < 360°$,

$$4\cos^2 x + 7\sin x - 2 = 0,$$

giving your answers to one decimal place.

(*Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.*) **(6)**

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