

GCE Examinations
Advanced Subsidiary

Core Mathematics C2

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MARKING GUIDE

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Method marks (M) are awarded for knowing and using a method.

Accuracy marks (A) can only be awarded when a correct method has been used.

(B) marks are independent of method marks.



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1. (a) $(1 + ax)^5 = 1 + 5 \times (ax) + \dots$
 $\therefore 5a = -15$
 $a = -3$ M1
(b) $(1 - 3x)^5 = \dots + \binom{5}{2} \times (-3x)^2 + \dots$ M1
 $\therefore \text{coeff. of } x^2 = 10 \times 9 = 90$ A1 (4)
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2. (a) $AM = MD = l, \angle AMB = \angle CMD = \frac{\pi}{3}$ B1
 $\text{perim.} = l + 2l + 2(l \times \frac{\pi}{3}) = 3l + \frac{2}{3}l\pi = \frac{1}{3}l(9 + 2\pi)$ M1 A1
(b) $\text{area} = 2(\frac{1}{2} \times l^2 \times \frac{\pi}{3}) + \frac{1}{2} \times l^2 \times \sin \frac{\pi}{3}$ M2
 $= \frac{1}{3}l^2\pi + \frac{1}{2}l^2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ B1
 $= \frac{1}{3}l^2\pi + \frac{1}{4}l^2\sqrt{3}$
 $= \frac{1}{12}l^2(4\pi + 3\sqrt{3})$ A1 (7)
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3. (a) $f(2) = -9$ M1
 $\therefore 16 - 20 + 2k + 3 = -9$
 $k = -4$ A1
(b)
$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + x - 1 \\ x - 3 \overline{)2x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 3} \\ 2x^3 - 6x^2 \\ \hline x^2 - 4x \\ x^2 - 3x \\ \hline -x + 3 \\ -x + 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
M1 A1
 $\therefore (x - 3)(2x^2 + x - 1) = 0$ M1
 $(x - 3)(2x - 1)(x + 1) = 0$ M1
 $x = -1, \frac{1}{2}, 3$ A1 (7)
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4. (a) (i) $\log_3 27 + \log_3 x = 3 + y$ M1 A1
(ii) $\frac{\log_3 x}{\log_3 9} = \frac{\log_3 x}{2} = \frac{1}{2}y$ M1 A1
(b) $3 + y + \frac{1}{2}y = 0$ M1
 $y = \log_3 x = -2$ A1
 $x = 3^{-2} = \frac{1}{9}$ A1 (7)
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5. $5 \sin^2 x + \sin x - (1 - \sin^2 x) = 0$ M1
 $6 \sin^2 x + \sin x - 1 = 0$ A1
 $(3 \sin x - 1)(2 \sin x + 1) = 0$ M1
 $\sin x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{1}{3}$ A1
 $x = 180 + 30, 360 - 30 \text{ or } 19.5, 180 - 19.5$ B1 M1
 $x = 19.5^\circ, 160.5^\circ, 210^\circ, 330^\circ$ A2 (8)
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6. (a)
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|-----|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| x | 0 | $\frac{\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{\pi}{4}$ | $\frac{3\pi}{8}$ | $\frac{\pi}{2}$ |
| y | 0 | 0.363 | 0.555 | 0.451 | 0 |
- (b) area $\approx \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{8} \times [0 + 0 + 2(0.363 + 0.555 + 0.451)]$
 $= 0.538$ (3sf) A1
(c) under-estimate, the curve is above the top edge of each trapezium B2 (8)
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7. (a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2$ M1 A1
for minimum, $\frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 2 = 0$ M1
 $\sqrt{x} = \frac{4}{3}, x = \frac{16}{9}$ A1
 $y = (\frac{4}{3})^3 - 2(\frac{16}{9}) + 2 = \frac{22}{27} \therefore (\frac{16}{9}, \frac{22}{27})$ A1
(b) area $= \int_1^4 (x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2x + 2) dx$
 $= [\frac{2}{5}x^{\frac{5}{2}} - x^2 + 2x]_1^4$ M1 A2
 $= (\frac{64}{5} - 16 + 8) - (\frac{2}{5} - 1 + 2) = \frac{24}{5} - \frac{7}{5} = \frac{17}{5} = 3\frac{2}{5}$ M1 A1 (10)
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8. (a) $S_n = a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-2} + ar^{n-1}$ B1
 $rS_n = ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + ar^n$ M1
subtracting, $S_n - rS_n = a - ar^n$ M1
 $S_n(1 - r) = a(1 - r^n), S_n = \frac{a(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$ A1
(b) $S_\infty = \frac{p}{1-r} = 4p$ M1
 $1 - r = \frac{1}{4}, r = \frac{3}{4}$ M1 A1
(c) GP, $a = p, r = \frac{3}{4}$
 $S_{10} = \frac{p[1 - (\frac{3}{4})^{10}]}{1 - \frac{3}{4}} = 4p[1 - (\frac{3}{4})^{10}] = [1 - (\frac{3}{4})^{10}] \times S_\infty$ M1 A1
 $\therefore S_{10}$ as % of $S_\infty = [1 - (\frac{3}{4})^{10}] \times 100\% = 94.4\%$ (3sf) M1 A1 (11)
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9. (a) grad $PQ = \frac{7-3}{4-(-8)} = \frac{1}{3}$, grad $QR = \frac{1-7}{6-4} = -3$ M1
grad $PQ \times$ grad $QR = \frac{1}{3} \times (-3) = -1$ M1
 $\therefore PQ$ perp. to QR , $\therefore \angle PQR = 90^\circ$ A1
(b) $\angle PQR = 90^\circ \therefore PR$ is a diameter M1
 \therefore centre = mid-point of $PR = (\frac{-8+6}{2}, \frac{3+1}{2}) = (-1, 2)$ M1 A1
(c) radius = dist. $(-8, 3)$ to $(-1, 2) = \sqrt{49+1} = \sqrt{50}$ B1
 $(x+1)^2 + (y-2)^2 = (\sqrt{50})^2$ M1
 $x^2 + 2x + 1 + y^2 - 4y + 4 = 50$
 $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y - 45 = 0$ A1
(d) grad of radius = $\frac{7-2}{4-(-1)} = 1$ M1
 \therefore grad of tangent = $\frac{-1}{1} = -1$ A1
 $\therefore y - 7 = -1(x - 4)$ M1
 $y = 11 - x$ A1 (13)
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Total (75)

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