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General Certificate of Education
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Mathematics

MPC4

Unit Pure Core 4

Friday 25 January 2013 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- the blue AQA booklet of formulae and statistical tables.

You may use a graphics calculator.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Pencil should only be used for drawing.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Write the question part reference (eg (a), (b)(i) etc) in the left-hand margin.
- You must answer each question in the space provided for that question. If you require extra space, use an AQA supplementary answer book; do **not** use the space provided for a different question.
- Do not write outside the box around each page.
- Show all necessary working; otherwise marks for method may be lost.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 75.

Advice

- Unless stated otherwise, you may quote formulae, without proof, from the booklet.
- You do not necessarily need to use all the space provided.



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- 1** The polynomial $f(x)$ is defined by $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 8x - 7$.
- (a)** Use the Remainder Theorem to find the remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $(2x + 1)$.
(2 marks)
- (b)** The polynomial $g(x)$ is defined by $g(x) = f(x) + d$, where d is a constant.
- (i)** Given that $(2x + 1)$ is a factor of $g(x)$, show that $g(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 8x - 4$.
(1 mark)
- (ii)** Given that $g(x)$ can be written as $g(x) = (2x + 1)(x^2 + a)$, where a is an integer, express $g(x)$ as a product of three linear factors.
(1 mark)
- (iii)** Hence, or otherwise, show that $\frac{g(x)}{2x^3 - 3x^2 - 2x} = p + \frac{q}{x}$, where p and q are integers.
(3 marks)

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3 (a) (i) Express $3 \cos x + 2 \sin x$ in the form $R \cos(x - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$, giving your value of α to the nearest 0.1° . (3 marks)

(ii) Hence find the minimum value of $3 \cos x + 2 \sin x$ and the value of x in the interval $0^\circ < x < 360^\circ$ where the minimum occurs. Give your value of x to the nearest 0.1° . (3 marks)

(b) (i) Show that $\cot x - \sin 2x = \cot x \cos 2x$ for $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$. (3 marks)

(ii) Hence, or otherwise, solve the equation

$$\cot x - \sin 2x = 0$$

in the interval $0^\circ < x < 180^\circ$. (3 marks)

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- 4 (a)** A curve is defined by the equation $x^2 - y^2 = 8$.
- (i) Show that at any point (p, q) on the curve, where $q \neq 0$, the gradient of the curve is given by $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{p}{q}$. (2 marks)
- (ii) Show that the tangents at the points (p, q) and $(p, -q)$ intersect on the x -axis. (4 marks)
- (b)** Show that $x = t + \frac{2}{t}$, $y = t - \frac{2}{t}$ are parametric equations of the curve $x^2 - y^2 = 8$. (2 marks)

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7 A biologist is investigating the growth of a population of a species of rodent. The biologist proposes the model

$$N = \frac{500}{1 + 9e^{-\frac{t}{8}}}$$

for the number of rodents, N , in the population t weeks after the start of the investigation.

Use this model to answer the following questions.

- (a) (i)** Find the size of the population at the start of the investigation. *(1 mark)*
- (ii)** Find the size of the population 24 weeks after the start of the investigation. Give your answer to the nearest whole number. *(1 mark)*
- (iii)** Find the number of weeks that it will take the population to reach 400. Give your answer in the form $t = r \ln s$, where r and s are integers. *(3 marks)*

(b) (i) Show that the rate of growth, $\frac{dN}{dt}$, is given by

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \frac{N}{4000}(500 - N) \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

(ii) The maximum rate of growth occurs after T weeks. Find the value of T . *(4 marks)*

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