

GCE Examinations  
Advanced / Advanced Subsidiary  
**Core Mathematics C1**  
Paper 5

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Answer **all** the questions.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, unless a different degree of accuracy is specified in the question or is clearly appropriate.
- **You are not permitted to use a calculator in this paper.**

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- **You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.**

1. Express  $\frac{5}{\sqrt{7}}$  in the form  $k\sqrt{7}$ , where  $k$  is a rational number. [2]

2. The point  $S$  has coordinates  $(-3, 6)$  and the point  $T$  has coordinates  $(3, -2)$ . Calculate

i) the coordinates of the mid-point of  $ST$ , [1]

ii) the distance  $ST$ . [2]

3. i) Solve the simultaneous equations  $x^2 + 2y^2 = 9$ ,  $x + 4y = 9$ . [5]

ii) Give a geometrical interpretation of your solutions to i). [1]

4. Differentiate the following with respect to  $x$ .

a)  $y = \sqrt{x} + 5x^3 + 7$  [2]

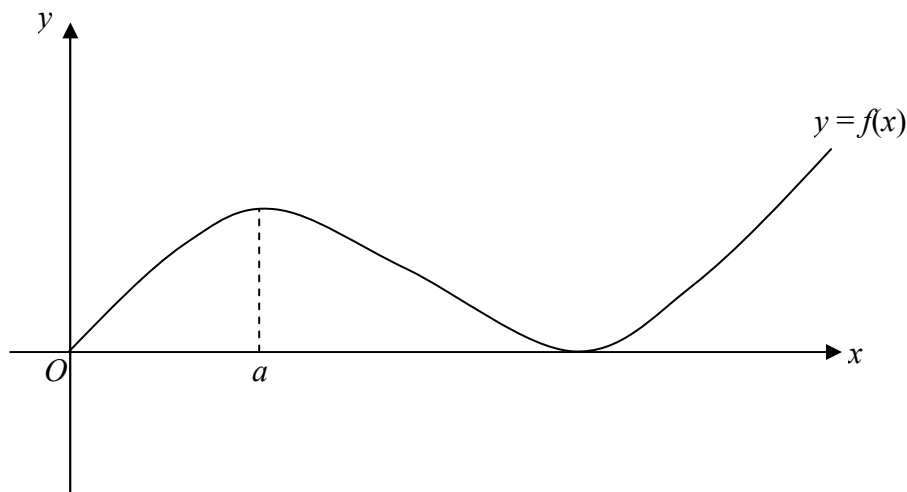
b)  $y = (3x - 1)^2$  [2]

c)  $y = \frac{9}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$ . [2]

5. The coordinates of the points  $P$  and  $Q$  are  $(-2, 8)$  and  $(4, 7)$  respectively. Find the equation of the straight line which is perpendicular to  $PQ$  and which passes through the mid-point of  $PQ$ .

Give your answer in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are integers. [5]

6. The diagram shows the graph of  $y = f(x)$  which has a maximum point as shown.



a) Sketch, on separate diagrams, the graphs of:

i)  $y = 2f(x)$  [2]

ii)  $y = f(x + a)$  [2]

b) Given that  $f(x)$  is given by  $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x$ , use differentiation to find the value of  $a$ . [4]

7. Sketch the graph of  $y = (x + 1)(x - 2)(x + 3)$ . [3]

Hence solve the inequality  $(x + 1)(x - 2)(x + 3) > 0$ . [1]

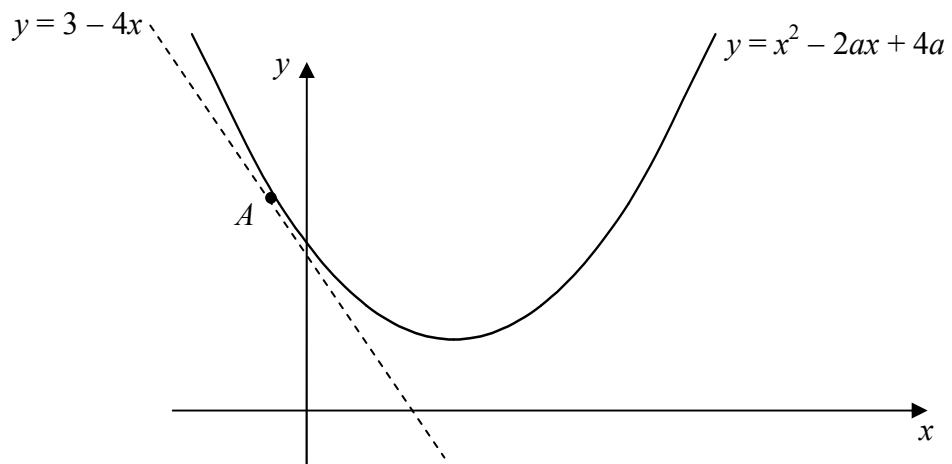
8. Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 2kx - 8k^2$ , where  $k$  is a positive constant.

i) Solve, for  $x$  in terms of  $k$ , the inequality  $f(x) \geq 0$ , [3]

ii) Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$ . [2]

Find, in terms of  $k$ , the least value of  $c$  for which the equation  $f(x) = c$  has a real solution for  $x$ . [3]

9. The diagram shows the graph of  $y = x^2 - 2ax + 4a$  where  $a$  is a positive constant. The line  $y = 3 - 4x$ , shown below, **touches** the curve at the point  $A$ .



Write down the quadratic equation satisfied by the  $x$ -coordinate of  $A$ , and hence show that  $a = 1$  or  $a = 7$ . [6]

ANSWERS / SOLUTIONS.

1.  $\frac{5}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{5}{\sqrt{7}} \times \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}} = \frac{5\sqrt{7}}{7}.$

This means that  $k = \frac{5}{7}.$

(Note that the question does not require us to state the value of  $k$  !)

2. i)  $M = \left( \frac{-3+3}{2}, \frac{6+-2}{2} \right) = (0, 2).$

ii) Use Pythagoras to get  $ST = \sqrt{6^2 + 8^2} = 10$  units.

3. i) Replace  $x$  by  $9 - 4y$  to get:  $x^2 + 2y^2 = 9$   
 $(9 - 4y)^2 + 2y^2 = 9$   
 $81 - 72y + 16y^2 + 2y^2 = 9$   
 $18y^2 - 72y + 72 = 0$   
 $(\div 18)$   $y^2 - 4y + 4 = 0$   
 $(y - 2)(y - 2) = 0$   
and thus  $y = 2$  and  $x = 9 - 4 \times 2 = 1.$

ii) Since the line and the curve meet in one point only, the line  $x + 4y = 9$  is a **tangent** to the curve  $x^2 + 2y^2 = 9.$

4. a)  $y = x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 5x^3 + 7.$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + 15x^2.$

b)  $y = 9x^2 - 6x + 1.$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 18x - 6.$

c)  $y = 9x^{-\frac{1}{3}}.$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 9 \times \left( -\frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{4}{3}} \right) = -3x^{-\frac{4}{3}}.$

5. Required equation is of the form  $y = mx + c.$

Gradient of  $PQ = \frac{7 - 8}{4 - (-2)} = -\frac{1}{6}.$

Therefore  $m$  (the gradient of the perpendicular line) is such that  $m \times -\frac{1}{6} = -1$

$\Rightarrow m = 6.$

Thus  $y = 6x + c.$

Now the line passes through the mid-point of  $P$  and  $Q = \left( \frac{-2+4}{2}, \frac{8+7}{2} \right) = (1, 7.5).$

Substitute  $x = 1, y = 7.5$  to get  $c = 1.5.$

Thus the required equation is given by  $y = 6x + 1.5$   
which is identical to  $2y = 12x + 3$   
or  $12x - 2y + 3 = 0.$

6. a) i) {Stretch along the  $y$ -axis, scale factor  $\times 2$ .}  
 ii) {Translation of 2 units along the negative  $x$ -axis.}

b) Differentiate to get  $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12x + 9$ .

For maximum points we require  $f'(x) = 0$  and thus  $3x^2 - 12x + 9 = 0$ .

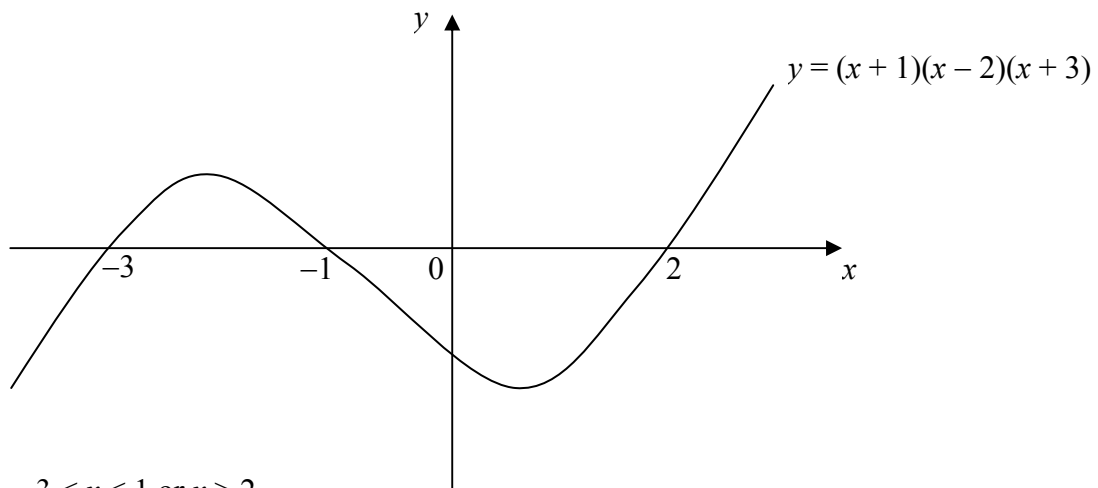
$$(\div 3) \quad x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$$

$$\text{and hence} \quad (x - 1)(x - 3) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ or } x = 3.$$

From the graph it is thus clear that  $a = 1$ .

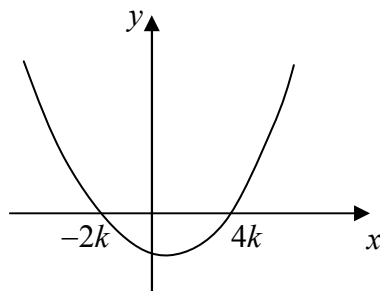
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$$-3 < x < 1 \text{ or } x > 2.$$

8. i)  $x^2 - 2kx - 8k^2 \geq 0$   
 $(x - 4k)(x + 2k) \geq 0$   
 which means that  $x \leq -2k$  or  $x \geq 4k$ .

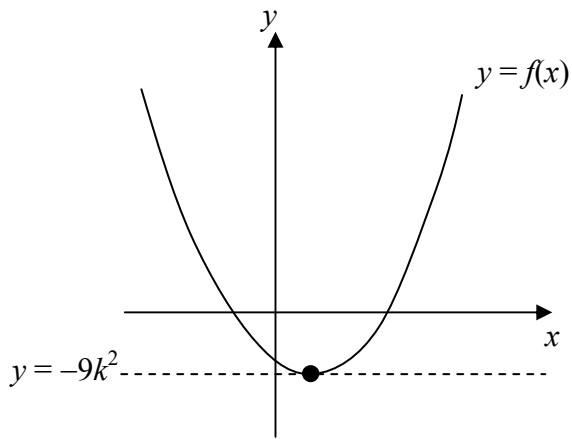
ii)



There are several ways of solving the final part to this question. One way (avoiding discriminants!) is to complete the square:

$$x^2 - 2kx - 8k^2 = (x - k)^2 - 9k^2.$$

This means that the graph of  $y = x^2 - 2kx - 8k^2$  has a minimum point where  $y = -9k^2$  as shown below.



It is clear from the graph that providing  $c \geq -9k^2$ , then the equation  $f(x) = c$  has at least one solution.

Thus the least value of  $c$  is  $-9k^2$ .

9. Solve simultaneously in an attempt to find the co-ordinates of  $A$ :

$$3 - 4x = x^2 - 2ax + 4a$$

$$0 = x^2 + 4x - 2ax + 4a - 3$$

$$0 = x^2 + (4 - 2a)x + (4a - 3).$$

Knowing that this equation only has one solution means that it's discriminant is zero.

$$\Rightarrow (4 - 2a)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (4a - 3) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } 16 - 16a + 4a^2 - 16a + 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2 - 32a + 28 = 0$$

$$a^2 - 8a + 7 = 0$$

$$(a - 1)(a - 7) = 0$$

and thus  $a = 1$  or  $a = 7$  as required.