



**MATHEMATICS  
HIGHER LEVEL  
PAPER 2**

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2 hours

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer all the questions.
- Unless otherwise stated in the question, all numerical answers must be given exactly or correct to three significant figures.

Please start each question on a new page. Full marks are not necessarily awarded for a correct answer with no working. Answers must be supported by working and/or explanations. In particular, solutions found from a graphic display calculator should be supported by suitable working, e.g. if graphs are used to find a solution, you should sketch these as part of your answer. Where an answer is incorrect, some marks may be given for a correct method, provided this is shown by written working. You are therefore advised to show all working.

1. [Maximum mark: 20]

- (a) A curve is defined by the implicit equation  $2xy + 6x^2 - 3y^2 = 6$ .

Show that the tangent at the point A with coordinates  $\left(1, \frac{2}{3}\right)$  has gradient  $\frac{20}{3}$ . [6 marks]

- (b) The line  $x = 1$  cuts the curve at point A, with coordinates  $\left(1, \frac{2}{3}\right)$ , and at point B.

Find, in the form  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$

- (i) the equation of the tangent at A;
- (ii) the equation of the normal at B. [10 marks]
- (c) Find the acute angle between the tangent at A and the normal at B. [4 marks]

2. [Total mark: 22]

**Part A** [Maximum mark: 13]

- (a) The function  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = (x+2)^2 - 3$ .  
The function  $g$  is defined by  $g(x) = ax + b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants.

Find the value of  $a$ ,  $a > 0$  and the corresponding value of  $b$ , such that

$$f(g(x)) = 4x^2 + 6x - \frac{3}{4}. \quad [8 \text{ marks}]$$

- (b) The functions  $h$  and  $k$  are defined by  $h(x) = 5x + 2$  and  $k(x) = cx^2 - x + 2$  respectively. Find the value of  $c$  such that  $h(k(x)) = 0$  has equal roots. [5 marks]

**Part B** [Maximum mark: 9]

- (a) Express the complex number  $1 + i$  in the form  $\sqrt{a}e^{i\frac{\pi}{b}}$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . [2 marks]

- (b) Using the result from (a), show that  $\left(\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^n$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , has only eight distinct values. [5 marks]

- (c) **Hence** solve the equation  $z^8 - 1 = 0$ . [2 marks]

3. [Total mark: 30]

**Part A** [Maximum mark: 18]

On a particular road, serious accidents occur at an average rate of two per week and can be modelled using a Poisson distribution.

- (a) (i) What is the probability of at least eight serious accidents occurring during a particular four-week period?
- (ii) Assume that a year consists of thirteen periods of four weeks. Find the probability that in a particular year, there are more than nine four-week periods in which at least eight serious accidents occur. [10 marks]
- (b) Given that the probability of at least one serious accident occurring in a period of  $n$  weeks is greater than 0.99, find the least possible value of  $n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . [8 marks]

**Part B** [Maximum mark: 12]

A continuous random variable  $X$  has probability density function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{c}{4+x^2}, & \text{for } -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \leq x \leq 2\sqrt{3} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the **exact** value of the constant  $c$  in terms of  $\pi$ . [5 marks]
- (b) Sketch the graph of  $f(x)$  and hence state the mode of the distribution. [3 marks]
- (c) Find the **exact** value of  $E(X)$ . [4 marks]

## 4. [Maximum mark: 25]

The function  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = \operatorname{cosec} x + \tan 2x$ .

- (a) Sketch the graph of  $f$  for  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

Hence state

- (i) the  $x$ -intercepts;
- (ii) the equations of the asymptotes;
- (iii) the coordinates of the maximum and minimum points. [8 marks]
- (b) Show that the roots of  $f(x) = 0$  satisfy the equation  $2\cos^3 x - 2\cos^2 x - 2\cos x + 1 = 0$ . [5 marks]
- (c) Show that the  $x$ -coordinates of the maximum and minimum points on the curve satisfy the equation  $4\cos^5 x - 4\cos^3 x + 2\cos^2 x + \cos x - 2 = 0$ . [8 marks]
- (d) Show that  $f(\pi - x) + f(\pi + x) = 0$ . [4 marks]

5. [Total mark: 23]

**Part A** [Maximum mark: 11]

The acceleration in  $\text{ms}^{-2}$  of a particle moving in a straight line at time  $t$  seconds,  $t > 0$ , is given by the formula  $a = -\frac{1}{(1+t)^2}$ . When  $t = 1$ , the velocity is  $8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

- (a) Find the velocity when  $t = 3$ . [6 marks]
- (b) Find the limit of the velocity as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . [1 mark]
- (c) Find the exact distance travelled between  $t = 1$  and  $t = 3$ . [4 marks]

**Part B** [Maximum mark: 12]

Given that  $y = xe^{-x}$ ,

- (a) find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ ; [2 marks]
- (b) use mathematical induction to prove that, for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\frac{d^n y}{dx^n} = (-1)^{n+1} e^{-x} (n - x)$ . [10 marks]
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