

1 Simplify each of the following, giving your answer in positive index form.

(a)  $x^2 \div x^{-3} \times x^{0.5}$  [1]

(b)  $(2\sqrt[3]{y})^3 \div y^2$  [2]

2 Given that  $a = \log_b c$ ,

(a) express  $c$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ . [1]

(b) express  $b$  in terms of  $a$  and  $c$ , give your answer in surd form. [2]

3 Rationalize the denominator of the following surd, giving your answer in the simplest form. [3]

$$\frac{5 + 3\sqrt{2}}{4 - 2\sqrt{2}}$$

4 Solve the simultaneous equations

$$\frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{3} = 4 \qquad \frac{xy}{18} = 1 \qquad [4]$$

5 Kenny who is 27 years old this year bought 1 set of the pig's year coin at Suntec City sales counter for \$14.65. He estimates that the value of the coin set will increase at 2% per annum, so that its price will be  $\$14.65(1.02)^n$  after  $n$  years.

(a) What will the value of the pig's year coin set when Kenny is 39 years old? Give your answer correct to 2 decimal places. [1]

(b) How old will Kenny be when the price of the pig's year coin series first exceed \$28.00. Give your answer in **years and months** correct to the nearest month. [4]

- 6 Find the equation of the line passing through the mid-point of  $(-1, 4)$  and  $(7, -2)$ , and parallel to the line which joins  $(3, -2)$  and  $(6, 4)$ . [5]
- 7 Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and use it to solve the simultaneous equations  $3x + 2y = 7$  and  $5x = -y + 3$ . Explain why this method fails when applied to the equations  $5x = -y + 3$  and  $15x = -3y + 9$ . [6]
- 8 (a) Express  $\frac{3x - 2x^2}{(x + 1)(x + 2)^2}$  in partial fractions. [4]
- (b) Given that  $\log_c x^2 y = 8$  and  $\log_c \frac{y^2}{x} = 6$ , find the values of  $\log_c \sqrt{xy}$ . [5]
- 9 Find the range of values of  $m$  for which the line  $y = mx - 4$  does not intersect the curve  $y = x^2 - 2x + 5$ . State also the values of  $m$  for which this line is a tangent to the curve. [6]
- 10 Solve the equation  $2x^3 + 9x^2 = 20x + 12$ .  
Hence, solve the equation  $2e^{3x} + 9e^{2x} = 20e^x + 12$  [8]
- 11 The roots of the quadratic equation  $3x^2 - 4x + 6 = 0$  are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ ,
- (i) state the value of
- (a)  $\alpha + \beta$ ,  
 (b)  $\alpha\beta$ ,  
 (c)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ ,  
 (d)  $\alpha^2\beta^2$ . [5]
- (ii) hence, find the quadratic equation in  $x$  whose roots are  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2}$  and  $\frac{1}{\beta^2}$ . [3]

12 Without using a calculator

(i) find the value of  $a$  and  $b$  for which

$$\frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{5\sqrt{32}}{2} + \frac{15}{\sqrt{50}} - \frac{14}{7\sqrt{6}} \right) = a - b\sqrt{3} \quad [5]$$

(ii) evaluate  $\frac{\log_4 18 + 2\log_4 3 - \log_4 6}{\log_4 81}$  [4]

13 Solve each of the following equations

(a)  $16^{4x} = 8^{3+2x}$  [3]

(b)  $\log_3 x - 4\log_x 3 = \log_6 1$  [4]

(c)  $3^{2x+1} - 7(3^x) + 2 = 0$  [4]

The End

## Marking Scheme for Sec 3 AM 2007 Mid-Year Examination

1(a)  $x^{5.5}$  [B1]

1(b)  $8y \div y^2$  [M1]

$= \frac{8}{y}$  [A1]

2(a)  $c = b^a$  [B1]

2(b)  $b = c^{\frac{1}{a}}$  [M1]

$b = \sqrt[a]{c}$  [A1]

3  $\frac{5 + 3\sqrt{2}}{4 - 2\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{4 + 2\sqrt{2}}{4 + 2\sqrt{2}}$  [M1]

$= \frac{20 + 10\sqrt{2} + 12\sqrt{2} + 6(2)}{16 - 4(2)}$  [M1]

$= 4 + 2.75\sqrt{2}$  [A1]

4  $3x + 2y = 24$  --- (1)

$xy = 18$  --- (2)

From (2),  $x = \frac{18}{y}$  --- (3) [M1]

Substitute (3) into (1),

$2y^2 - 24y + 54 = 0$

$2(y - 3)(y - 9) = 0$  [M1]

$y = 3$  or  $y = 9$  [A1]

when  $y = 3, x = 6$   
when  $y = 9, x = 2$  } [A1]

5(a) \$18.58 [B1]

5(b)  $\$14.65(1.02)^n > \$28.00$  [M1]

$$\lg 1.02^n > \lg \left( \frac{28}{14.65} \right) \quad \text{[M1]}$$

$$n > 32.7 \quad \text{[B1]}$$

59 years and 9 months [A1]

6 mid- point = (3, 1) [B1]

$$\text{gradient} = \frac{-2 - 4}{3 - 6} \quad \text{[M1]}$$

$$= 2$$

Equation of the line is

$$y - 1 = 2(x - 3) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{[M1] for equation of line} \\ \text{[M1] same gradient} = 2 \end{array}$$

$$y = 2x - 5 \quad \text{[A1]}$$

7  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3 - 10} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  [M1] for working out the determinant

$$= \frac{1}{-7} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{[A1]}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{[M1]}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{-7} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{[M1]}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-7} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -26 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{[A1]}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 15 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Since determinant = 0  $\Rightarrow$  the matrix is a singular matrix

$\Rightarrow$  infinite solutions

[B1] or students could identify that the 2 lines are parallel

$$8(a) \quad C = 14 \quad [B1]$$

$$A = -5 \quad [B1]$$

$$B = 3 \quad [B1]$$

$$\frac{3x - 2x^2}{(x + 1)(x + 2)^2} = \frac{-5}{x + 1} + \frac{3}{x + 2} + \frac{14}{(x + 2)^2} \quad [B1]$$

$$8(b) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} 2\log_c x + \log_c y = 8 \quad \text{---} \quad (1) \\ -\log_c x + 2\log_c y = 6 \quad \text{---} \quad (2) \end{array} \right\} [B1]$$

$$\log_c y = 4 \quad [B1]$$

$$\log_c x = 2 \quad [M1]$$

$$\log_c \sqrt{xy} = \frac{1}{2}(\log_c x + \log_c y) \quad [B1]$$

$$= 3 \quad [A1]$$

$$9 \quad x^2 - (2 + m)x + 9 = 0 \quad [B1]$$

$$(2 + m)^2 - 4(1)(9) < 0 \quad [M1] \text{ substitute correctly}$$

$$(m + 8)(m - 4) < 0 \quad [M1]$$

$$-8 < m < 4 \quad [A1]$$

$$(m + 8)(m - 4) = 0 \quad [M1]$$

$$m = -8 \text{ or } m = 4 \quad [A1]$$

$$10 \quad (x - 2) \text{ is a factor.} \quad [\text{B1}]$$

$$(x - 2)(ax^2 + bx + c) = 0$$

$$a = 2, \quad c = 6, \quad b = 13 \quad [\text{B1}]$$

$$(x - 2)(x + 6)(2x + 1) = 0 \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$x = 2 \text{ or } x = -6 \text{ or } x = -0.5 \quad [\text{A1}]$$

$$e^x = 2 \text{ or } e^x = -6 \text{ or } e^x = -0.5 \quad [\text{M1}]$$

(NA) (NA)[M1]

$$\ln e^x = \ln 2 \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$x \approx 0.693 \quad [\text{A1}]$$

$$11(\text{i})(\text{a}) \quad \alpha + \beta = 1\frac{1}{3} \quad [\text{B1}]$$

$$11(\text{i})(\text{b}) \quad \alpha\beta = 2 \quad [\text{B1}]$$

$$11(\text{i})(\text{c}) \quad (\alpha + \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2$$

$$\left(1\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 + 2(2) \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$-2\frac{2}{9} = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 \quad [\text{A1}]$$

$$11(\text{i})(\text{d}) \quad \alpha^2\beta^2 = (\alpha\beta)^2 = 4 \quad [\text{B1}]$$

$$11(\text{ii}) \quad \text{sum of roots} = -\frac{5}{9} \quad [\text{B1}]$$

$$\text{product of roots} = \frac{1}{4} \quad [\text{B1}]$$

quadratic equation in  $x$ :

$$x^2 + \frac{5}{9}x + \frac{1}{4} = 0 \quad [\text{A1}]$$

$$12(i) \quad \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{5 \times 4\sqrt{2}}{2} + \frac{15}{5\sqrt{2}} - \frac{14}{7\sqrt{6}} \right) \quad [\text{B1}][\text{B1}]$$

$$= \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{60\sqrt{2} + 9\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{6}}{6} \right) \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}(69 - 2\sqrt{3})}{\sqrt{2}} \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$= 69 - 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$a = 69, \quad b = 2 \quad [\text{A1}]$$

$$12(ii) \quad \frac{\log_4 18 + \log_4 3^2 - \log_4 6}{\log_4 81} \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$= \frac{\log_4 (18 \times 9 \div 6)}{\log_4 81} \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$= \frac{\log_4 3^3}{\log_4 3^4} \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \quad [\text{A1}]$$

$$13(a) \quad (2^4)^{4x} = (2^3)^{3+2x} \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$16x = 9 + 6x \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$x = 0.9 \quad [\text{A1}]$$

$$13(b) \quad \log_3 x - \log_x 3^4 = 0 \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$\log_3 x - \frac{\log_3 3^4}{\log_3 x} = 0 \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$\log_3 x = \pm 2 \quad [\text{M1}]$$



$$x = 9 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{9} \quad [\text{A1}]$$

$$13(\text{c}) \quad 3(3^x)^2 - 7(3^x) + 2 = 0 \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$\text{Let } y = 3^x$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } y = 2$$

$$3^x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x = -1 \quad [\text{A1}]$$

$$\text{or } 3^x = 2$$

$$x = \frac{\lg 2}{\lg 3} \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$x \approx 0.631 \text{ (3SF)} \quad [\text{A1}]$$