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JANUARY 2005 EXAMINATIONS

Bachelor of Engineering : Foundation Year  
Bachelor of Science : Foundation Year

MATHEMATICAL METHODS

TIME ALLOWED : Three Hours

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

You may attempt all questions. All answers to Section A and the best THREE answers to Section B will be taken into account.

Numerical answers should be given correct to four places of decimals.

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SECTION A

1. Determine the radian measure of the angle  $\alpha$  of  $480^\circ$ , expressed as a rational multiple of  $\pi$ .

The formula for  $\cos(A - B)$  states that

$$\cos(A - B) = \cos(A)\cos(B) + \sin(A)\sin(B).$$

Using this formula or otherwise find the exact value for  $\cos(\alpha)$ , *without using tables or a calculator*. (Show all your working.)

Hence determine all the angles  $\theta$ , in the range  $[-360^\circ, 360^\circ]$  satisfying

$\cos(\theta) = \cos(\alpha)$ . Your answers can be expressed in either degrees or radians.

[6 marks]

2. Sketch the graph of  $y = \sin(x)$  in the range  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ . Determine numerically the solutions of both  $\sin(x) = 0.75$  and  $\sin(x) = -0.75$  in the same range.

[9 marks]

3. Find the domain of  $x$  for which *both* the functions  $\log_4(x)$  and  $\log_4(2x - 14)$  are defined.

Find the only valid solution to the equation

$$\log_4(2x - 14) + \log_4(x) = 2.$$

[7 marks]

4. You are given the values of  $\log_{10}(15) = 1.176091$  and  $\log_{10}(5) = 0.698970$ , correct to six decimal places. Obtain the values of the following

$$\log_{10}(75), \quad \log_{10}(3), \quad \log_{10}(125),$$

*without using tables or a calculator*, correct to four decimal places. (Show all your working. Hint: in last part  $5^3 = 125$ .)

[6 marks]

5. Write down the first six rows of Pascal's triangle. Hence or otherwise find the coefficient of  $x^3$  in the expansion of

$$(2 - x)^5.$$

[6 marks]

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6. Let  $q(x)$  be the quadratic function  $q(x) = x^2 + x - 6$ . Determine the zeros of  $q(x)$  and the position and nature of its turning point. Hence sketch the graph of  $q(x)$ .

[7 marks]

7. Express the rational function  $f(x)$  in partial fractions, where

$$f(x) = \frac{2x - 21}{(x + 2)(x - 3)}.$$

[5 marks]

8. Express the complex number

$$z = \frac{-7 - 4i}{-3 + 2i}$$

in the form  $z = a + bi$ .

Determine numerically the modulus and argument of  $z$ . The argument should, preferably, be expressed in radian measure. Hence, or otherwise, find the modulus and argument of  $z^2$ .

[9 marks]

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SECTION B

9. Find two values of  $\theta$  between 0 and  $\pi$  radians satisfying the equation

$$3\sin^2(\theta) + \cos(\theta) = 1.$$

[7 marks]

Using the identity  $\cos(A - B) = \cos(A)\cos(B) + \sin(A)\sin(B)$  express  $\cos(x) + 2\sin(x)$  in the form  $R\cos(x - \alpha)$ , where  $R$  is positive and  $\alpha$  is an acute angle. Hence or otherwise solve the equation

$$\cos(x) + 2\sin(x) = 1.52,$$

for  $x$  in the interval  $[0^\circ, 360^\circ]$ .

[8 marks]

10. (i) On separate diagrams sketch the curves  $y = e^x + 1$  for real  $x$ , and  $y = -\log_e(x)$  for  $x > 0$ .

[4 marks]

- (ii) Solve the following equations:

$$\log_3(81) = x, \quad \log_y(32) = 5.$$

[4 marks]

- (iii) A new species of ladybird has been recorded in the U.K., and entomologists are keen to chart its population growth. Observations suggest that the number of new ladybirds  $N$  is growing according to the formula

$$N = 1000(\beta + e^{kt}),$$

where  $t$  is the time in years, and  $\beta$  and  $k$  are constants. Initially there were believed to be only 2000 new ladybirds across the country. Show that  $\beta = 1$ . After 2 years new observations suggest that the population has reached 6000. Determine the value of  $k$ . If this rate of growth continues, estimate in how many years will it take the population to reach one million ( $N = 1,000,000$ ) ?

[7 marks]

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11. (i) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $3x^2 - x + 4 = 0$ , write down the values of a)  $\alpha\beta$ , b)  $\alpha + \beta$ , c)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$  and d)  $(\alpha - \beta)^2$ , *without determining the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  individually.*

[8 marks]

- (ii) Plot a table of the values of the following cubic polynomial

$$p(x) = 4x^3 - 20x^2 + 17x + 14,$$

for  $x = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$  and  $4$ . Sketch the curve of the polynomial, and find all the roots of  $p(x) = 0$ .

[7 marks]

12. (i) A complex number  $z$  has modulus one and argument  $\pi/3$ . Express each of the following complex numbers in the form  $a + bi$ :

$$z, z^2, z^3, \frac{1}{z},$$

and plot them on the Argand diagram.

[10 marks]

- (ii) Calculate the complex number  $z$  in the form  $a + ib$ , if

$$z = \frac{(1 + 4i)(1 - i)}{(2 + i)3i}.$$

[5 marks]

