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MATH 013

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Bachelor of Engineering : Year 1

Bachelor of Science : Year 1

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  $\alpha = -480^\circ$ , expressed as a rational multiple of  $\pi$ .

Using the formula for  $\sin(A+B)$ , or otherwise, find the exact value for  $\sin(\alpha)$ , *without using tables or a calculator*.

Hence determine all the angles  $\theta$ , in the range  $[-360^\circ, 360^\circ]$  satisfying  $\sin(\theta) = \sin(\alpha)$ .

[7 marks]

2. Find all the solutions for  $\theta$  in the range  $[0, 180^\circ]$ , which satisfy

$$2\sec^2(\theta) + 3\tan(\theta) = 1.$$

[6 marks]

3. Find (to 4 decimal places) the value of  $x$  which satisfies

$$\log_e(4x) + \log_e(x^3) = 9.$$

[5marks]

4. Use logarithms to solve the equation

$$7^{6-x} = 4^x.$$

[5 marks]

5. Write down the first seven rows of Pascal's triangle. Hence or otherwise find the coefficient of  $x^9$  in the expansion of

$$(x^3 + 2)^6.$$

[6 marks]

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6. Sketch the graph of the quadratic function  $q(x) = 2x^2 - 13x - 7$ . Determine the zeros of  $q(x)$  and the position of its minimum.

[8 marks]

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

$$f(x) = \frac{3x - 4}{(x + 1)(x + 6)}.$$

[8 marks]

8. Express the complex number

$$z = \frac{1 + 2i}{8 + 2i}$$

in the form  $z = a + bi$ .

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

[10 marks]

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SECTION B

9. Assuming the *Difference Formula* for the cosine function:

$$\sin(x - y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) - \cos(x)\sin(y),$$

show that  $\sin(x - \pi/2) = -\cos(x)$ , for all  $x$ . [2marks]

Express  $4\sin(x) - 3\cos(x)$  in the form  $A\sin(x - \phi)$ , where the phase angle  $\phi$  is acute and  $A > 0$ . The angle should be expressed in radians.

Hence solve the equation

$$4\sin(x) - 3\cos(x) = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{2},$$

where  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ . Comment on the case when the right hand side of this equation is replaced by  $5\sqrt{3}$ .

[13 marks]

10. (i) On separate diagrams sketch the curves  $y = \log_e(x)$  for  $x > 0$  and  $y = e^{-x}$  for all  $x$ .

[4 marks]

(ii) Solve the following equations:

$$\log_2(x) = 5, \quad \log_y(243) = 5.$$

[4 marks]

(iii) A thermometer is used to measure the temperature of a house. Inside the house the temperature is  $20^\circ C$ . At time  $t = 0$  the thermometer is moved to the outside of the house, where the air temperature is only  $5^\circ C$ . Three minutes later the reading of the thermometer has dropped to  $10^\circ C$ . Assuming the temperature of the thermometer,  $T$ , drops according to Newton's Law of cooling, one can show that

$$T = 5 + Qe^{-kt}.$$

Use the above information to calculate the two constants  $Q$  and  $k$ . How long after being put outside does it take the thermometer to register  $7^\circ C$ ?

[7 marks]

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11. (i) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $-3x^2 + 5x - 3 = 0$ , 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.

[6 marks]

(ii) Given the following cubic polynomial

$$p(x) = 2x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x - 4,$$

calculate the values of  $p(-4)$ ,  $p(-3)$ ,  $p(-2)$ ,  $p(-1)$ ,  $p(0)$ ,  $p(1)$  and  $p(2)$ . Hence find all the roots  $p(x) = 0$ , and sketch the curve.

[9 marks]

12. (i) A complex number has modulus 1 and argument  $5\pi/6$ . Express each of the following complex numbers in the form  $a + bi$ :

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

and plot them (separately) on the Argand diagram.

[10 marks]

(ii) If  $(x + iy)^2 = a + ib$  show that  $x^2 - y^2 = a$ ,  $2xy = b$ . Hence evaluate  $\sqrt{8 + 6i}$ .

[5 marks]

