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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  $\alpha = -150^\circ$ , 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  $[0^\circ, 720^\circ]$  satisfying  $\cos(\theta) = \cos(\alpha)$ . Your answers can be expressed in degrees or radians.

[6 marks]

2. Find all the solutions for  $\theta$  in the range  $[0, 360^\circ]$ , which satisfy

$$\sin(2\theta) - \cos(\theta) = 0.$$

[7 marks]

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

$$\log_{10}(2x) + \log_{10}(x^2) = 4.$$

[7 marks]

4. Use logarithms to solve the equation

$$5^{x+3} = 3^{x+1}.$$

[8 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

$$(2x+1)^5.$$

[6 marks]

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6. Let  $q(x)$  be the quadratic function  $q(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 5$ . Determine the zeros of  $q(x)$  and the position of its minimum. Hence sketch the graph of  $q(x)$ .  
[7 marks]

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

$$f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{(2x-3)(x-4)}.$$

[5 marks]

8. Express the complex number

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

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

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

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

Express  $5\cos(x) + 12\sin(x)$  in the form  $A\cos(x - \phi)$ , where the phase angle  $\phi$  is acute and  $A > 0$ . The angle should be expressed in radians.

Hence solve the equation

$$5\cos(x) + 12\sin(x) = \frac{13}{\sqrt{2}},$$

where  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ . Comment on the case when the right hand side of this equation is replaced by  $13\sqrt{2}$ .

[13 marks]

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

$$y = 2e^x \text{ for all } x.$$

[4 marks]

(ii) Solve the following equations:

$$\log_3(x) = -2, \quad \log_y(343) = 3.$$

[4 marks]

(iii) A chemical substance  $B$  can be converted into another substance by means of a chemical reaction. During the reaction the amount of  $B$  (in grams) left unconverted at time  $t$  is given by

$$B = Ce^{-kt},$$

where  $C$  and  $k$  are constants. Initially, before the reaction began, there was 10g of  $B$ , and after 10 sec only one fourth of the substance had been converted. Calculate both  $C$  and  $k$ . Find how long it will take for nine tenths of the substance to have undergone conversion.

[7 marks]

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11. (i) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $4x^2 + 4x - 1 = 0$ , 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) Given the following cubic polynomial

$$p(x) = 4x^3 + 4x^2 - 29x - 15,$$

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 of  $y = p(x)$ .

[7 marks]

12. (i) A complex number  $z$  has modulus 1 and argument  $3\pi/4$ . 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  $z = 2 + 3i$  and  $w = 1 - 2i$  are two complex numbers, calculate (in the form  $a + bi$ ) the following:

a)  $zw$ ,                      b)  $\frac{2z}{w}$ .

[5 marks]

