
Mathematics
Higher
Paper 1
Practice Paper Q

Time allowed
1 hour 30 minutes

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QUALIFICATIONS

Read carefully

Calculators may NOT be used in this paper.

Section A – Questions 1 – 20 (40 marks)

Section B (30 marks).

1. Full credit will be given only where the solution contains appropriate working.
2. Answers obtained by readings from scale drawings will not receive any credit.

FORMULAE LIST

Circle:

The equation $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$ represents a circle centre $(-g, -f)$ and radius $\sqrt{g^2 + f^2 - c}$.

The equation $(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 = r^2$ represents a circle centre (a, b) and radius r .

Scalar Product: $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta$, where θ is the angle between \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

$$\text{or } \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3, \text{ where } \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Trigonometric formulae: $\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$$

$$= 2 \cos^2 A - 1$$

$$= 1 - 2 \sin^2 A$$

Table of standard derivatives:

| $f(x)$ | $f'(x)$ |
|-----------|--------------|
| $\sin ax$ | $a \cos ax$ |
| $\cos ax$ | $-a \sin ax$ |

Table of standard integrals:

| $f(x)$ | $\int f(x) dx$ |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| $\sin ax$ | $-\frac{1}{a} \cos ax + C$ |
| $\cos ax$ | $\frac{1}{a} \sin ax + C$ |

SECTION A

ALL questions should be attempted.

1. The midpoint of the line joining $G(-1, 3, 7)$ to $H(5, -1, p)$ is $M(q, 1, 4)$.

What are the values of p and q ?

| | p | q |
|---|-----|-----|
| A | 1 | 2 |
| B | 3 | 2 |
| C | 1 | -3 |
| D | 3 | -3 |

2. Given that $f(x) = \frac{1}{3x^5}$, find $f'(x)$.

A $-\frac{15}{x^4}$

B $-\frac{1}{15x^4}$

C $\frac{1}{15x^4}$

D $-\frac{5}{3x^6}$

3. If $x^2 + 12x + 7$ is written in the form $(x+a)^2 + r$, find the value of r .

A -29

B -5

C 1

D 7

4. A straight line passes through the points $(4, 3)$ and $(0, -1)$.

What is the equation of the line?

A $x + y - 1 = 0$

B $x - y - 1 = 0$

C $x - 2y - 1 = 0$

D $3x - 4y - 1 = 0$

5. Functions f and g are defined on the set of real numbers by

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1 \text{ and } g(x) = 3x - 5$$

What is the value of $g(f(-1))$?

A -5

B -4

C 0

D 1

6. The vectors with components $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 7 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ t \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$ are perpendicular.

What is the value of t ?

A 2

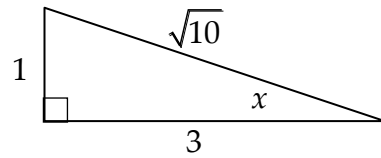
B 0

C $-\frac{1}{2}$

D -1

7. The diagram shows a right-angled triangle with sides 1, 3 and $\sqrt{10}$.

What is the value of $\cos 2x$?



- A $\frac{3}{5}$
B $\frac{4}{5}$
C $\frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$
D $\frac{2}{\sqrt{10}}$

8. Find $\int_{-2}^0 6x^2 dx$

- A 12
B 16
C 24
D 96

9. For what value of k does the equation $2x^2 - 4x + k = 0$ have equal roots?

- A -2
B 0
C 2
D 4

10. \overrightarrow{DE} and \overrightarrow{EF} have components $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ respectively.

Given that D has coordinates $(-2, 0, -2)$, what are the coordinates of F ?

- A $(0, 1, 1)$
- B $(1, 3, 0)$
- C $(5, 1, 4)$
- D $(9, 1, 6)$

11. What is the maximum value of $8 - 3\sin\left(x - \frac{7\pi}{9}\right)$?

- A -3
- B -1
- C 8
- D 11

12. Find $\int (2x+5)^3 dx$.

- A $\frac{1}{2}(2x+5)^3 + c$
- B $8(2x+5)^4 + c$
- C $\frac{1}{8}(2x+5)^4 + c$
- D $(x^2 + 5x)^4 + c$

13. How many solutions does the equation $(\sqrt{7} \cos x + 3)(4 \tan x - 9) = 0$ have in the interval $0 \leq x < 2\pi$?

- A 0
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

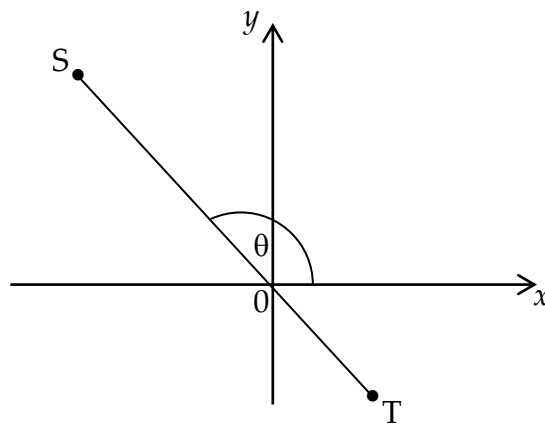
14. Given that $f(x) = 4\sin 3x$, find $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$.

- A -4
- B -3
- C 0
- D 12

15. The diagram shows the line ST with equation $2x + y = 0$.

The angle between ST and the positive direction of the x-axis is θ .

Find an expression for θ .



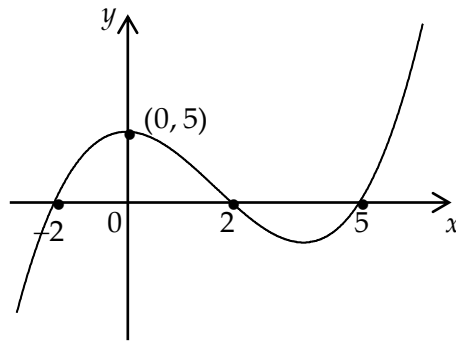
- A $\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$
- B $\theta = \pi - \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$
- C $\theta = \tan^{-1} 2$
- D $\theta = \pi - \tan^{-1} 2$

16. What is the value of $\frac{\log_2 32}{\log_2 8}$?

- A $\frac{5}{3}$
- B 2
- C 4
- D 15

17. The diagram shows a sketch of the curve with equation

$$y = k(x+2)(x-2)(x+a)$$



What are the values of a and k ?

| | a | k |
|---|-----|---------------|
| A | -5 | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| B | -5 | -4 |
| C | 5 | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| D | 5 | -4 |

18. Here are two statements about the function $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$.

(1) The largest possible domain is $-2 \leq x \leq 2$.

(2) The range is $f(x) \geq 0$.

Which of the following is true?

A Neither statement is correct.

B Only statement (1) is correct.

C Only statement (2) is correct.

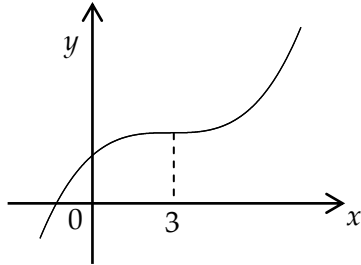
D Both statements are correct.

19. Given that

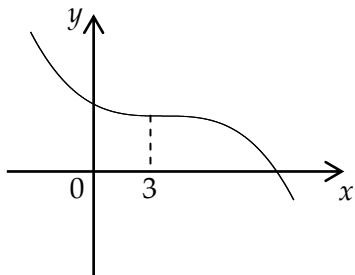
$$f'(x) \begin{cases} > 0, & \text{for } x < 3 \\ = 0, & \text{for } x = 3 \\ > 0, & \text{for } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

Which diagram shows the curve with equation $y = f(x)$?

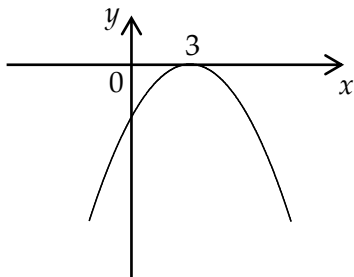
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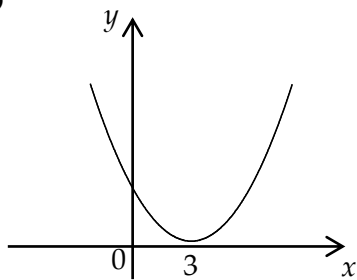
B



C



D



20. If $5^x = a^2$, find an expression for x .

A $x = \frac{a^2}{5}$

B $x = \sqrt[5]{a^2}$

C $x = \frac{2}{\log_a 5}$

D $x = \frac{5}{\log_2 a}$

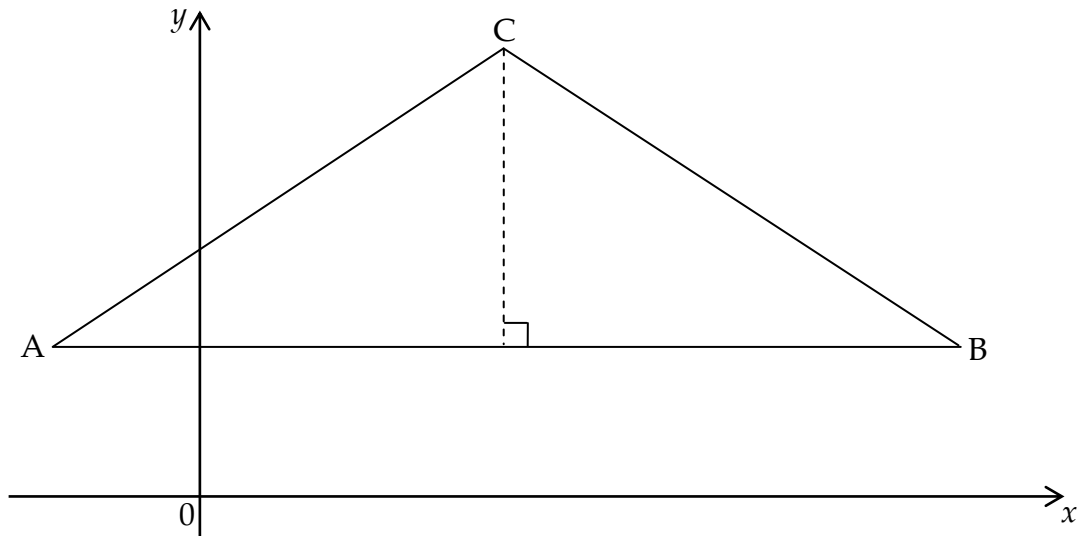
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SECTION B

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21. $A(-2, 4)$, $B(10, 4)$ and $C(4, 8)$ are the vertices of triangle ABC shown in the diagram.

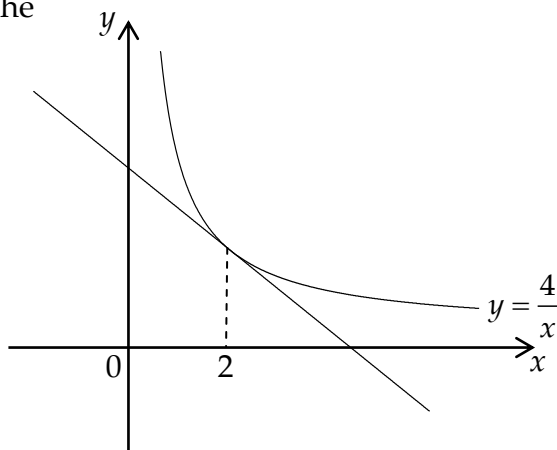


- (a) Write down the equation of the altitude from C. 1
- (b) Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of BC. 4
- (c) Find the point of intersection of the lines found in (a) and (b). 2
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22. P is the point $(4, 1, -2)$, Q is $(5, 2, 0)$ and R is $(7, 4, 4)$.
- (a) Show that P, Q and R are collinear. 3
- (b) Find the ratio in which Q divides PR. 1

23. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve with equation

$$y = \frac{4}{x}$$

at the point where $x = 2$.



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24. (a) Given that $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 10$ and $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, find a formula for $f(x)$.

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(b) Hence factorise $f(x)$ fully.

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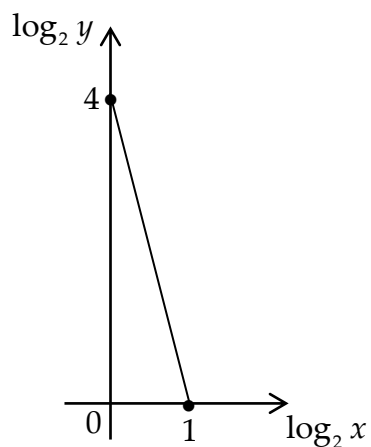
(c) Solve $f(x) = 0$.

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25. The graph illustrates the law $y = ax^b$.

The straight line joins the points $(0, 4)$ and $(1, 0)$.

Find the values of a and b .



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End of question paper