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DUNMAN HIGH SCHOOL
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MATHEMATICS (Higher 2)

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Paper 1

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3 hours

Additional Materials : Printed Answer Booklet
List of Formulae and Results (MF27)

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Answer **all** the questions.

Write your answers on the Printed Answer Booklet. Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.

Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place in the case of angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

You are expected to use an approved graphing calculator.

Unsupported answers from a graphing calculator are allowed unless a question specifically states otherwise.

Where unsupported answers from a graphing calculator are **not** allowed in a question, you must present the mathematical steps using mathematical notations and not calculator commands.

You must show all necessary working clearly.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

- 1 It is given that $2xy \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - y^2$ where $x > 0$, $y < 0$. Using the substitution $u = \frac{y}{x}$, show that the differential equation can be transformed to $\frac{2u}{1-3u^2} \frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$. Hence find the general solution of y in terms of x . [6]

- 2 A series is given by $\sum_{r=1}^n 2(4-3x)^r$ where x is constant.

(a) Explain why this is a geometric series. Determine the range of values of x for the sum to infinity of this series to exist. [3]

(b) Using $x = 1$, and given that $\sum_{r=1}^n r^2 = \frac{n}{6}(n+1)(2n+1)$, find $\sum_{r=0}^{n-1} [2(4-3x)^r + (r+1)(2r+5)]$, leaving your answer in the form of $n(an^2 + bn + c)$, where a , b and c are constants to be determined. [4]

- 3 (a) Find the first three non-zero terms in the Maclaurin series for $e^x \sin(x + \pi)$. [3]

(b) It is given that the three terms found in part (a) are equal to the first three terms in the series expansion of $ax(1+bx)^c$ for small x , where a , b and c are constants. Find the exact values of a , b and c . Use these values to find the coefficient of x^4 in the expansion of $ax(1+bx)^c$, giving your answer as a simplified rational number. [5]

- 4 A sequence of real numbers x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots satisfies the recurrence relation

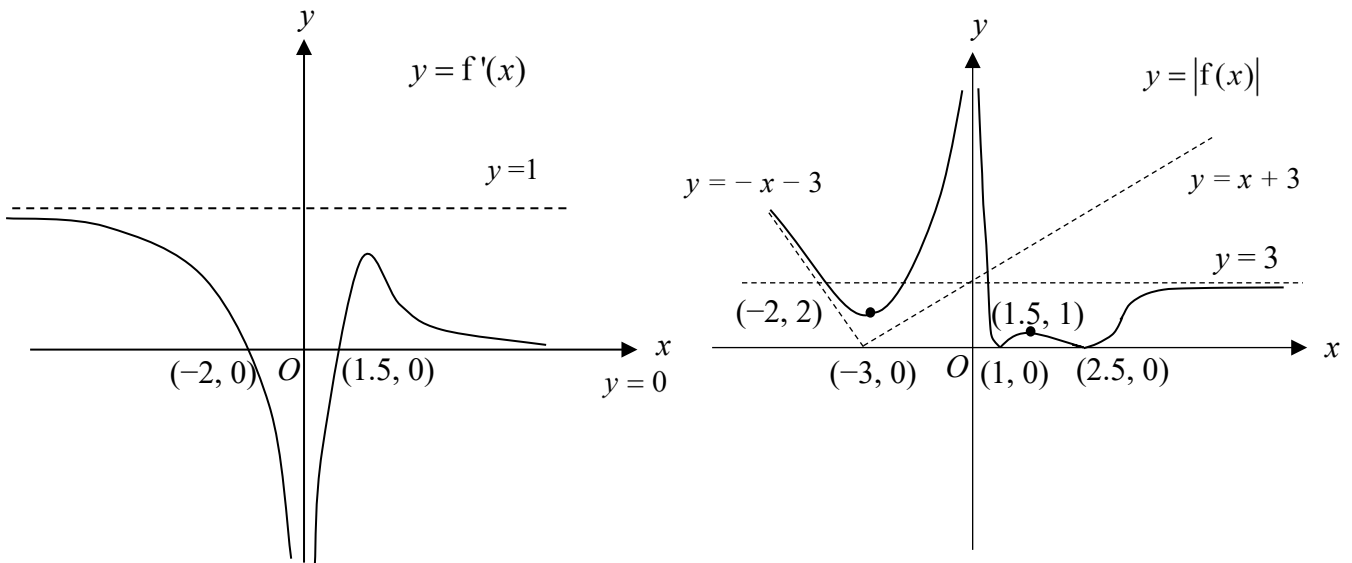
$$x_{n+1} = \frac{5x_n + 2}{2x_n + 3} \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1.$$

(a) Given that the sequence converges to l , find the possible exact values of l . [3]

(b) Describe how the sequence behaves when $x_1 = 3$. [1]

(c) Given that $x_5 = \frac{3503}{2158}$, find the value of x_1 . [3]

5 The graphs of $y = f'(x)$ and $y = |f(x)|$ are shown below.



- (a) State the nature of all turning point(s) of the graph of $y = f(x)$. [2]
- (b) State the range of values of x where f is decreasing. [2]
- (c) Sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ indicating clearly the equations of the asymptotes, coordinates of the turning point(s) and the intersections with the axes. [3]
- (d) On the copy of the graph of $y = |f(x)|$ in the Printed Answer Booklet, sketch and label a line $y = kx + 3k$, where k is a constant. Hence state the range of values of k for which there is no real solution to the equation $|f(x)| = kx + 3k$. [2]

6 A curve C is defined parametrically by

$$x = a \tan t, \quad y = a \sec^2 t \sin t, \quad -\frac{\pi}{4} < t < \frac{\pi}{4},$$

where a is a positive constant.

- (a) Show that $\frac{\tan t}{\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 t}} = \sin t$. [1]
- (b) By using part (a) or otherwise, find the cartesian equation of C in the form $y = f(x)$, simplifying your answer. [2]
- (c) Show that $f(-x) = -f(x)$. Hence sketch C . [2]
- (d) Find the exact area of the region bounded by C , the x -axis and the lines $x = -A$ and $x = A$, where $0 < A < a$, leaving your answer in terms of A and a . [3]

7 The function f is defined by

$$f : x \mapsto e^x + \frac{1}{2x+2} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq -1.$$

A function g , defined for $x \in \mathbb{R}, x \geq 1$, is such that $y \rightarrow \infty$ as x increases. It is also given that $g(1) = -0.5$.

(a) Explain why the composite function fg exists and find the corresponding range of fg . [2]

(b) Given that $fg(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{e}} + \frac{1}{2 \ln x + 1}$, find an expression for $g(x)$ in terms of x . [2]

(c) The domain of f is now further restricted to $x > k$. State the least value of integer k for which the function f^{-1} exists. [1]

For the rest of the question, use the value of k found in part (c).

(d) Without finding f^{-1} ,

(i) sketch, on the same diagram, the graphs of f , f^{-1} and ff^{-1} showing clearly the relationships between the graphs, [2]

(ii) find the gradient of the tangent to the graph of $y = f^{-1}(x)$ at $x = e + \frac{1}{4}$. [3]

8 A complex number z varies with t such that

$$z = 2 \cos t + i(3 \sin t), \quad \text{where } 0 \leq t < 2\pi.$$

(a) By taking $x = \operatorname{Re}(z)$ and $y = \operatorname{Im}(z)$, sketch on an Argand diagram the curve that shows the positions of the points representing the complex number z . Find the cartesian equation of this curve. [3]

Two complex numbers z_1 and z_2 for two distinct values of t are such that $|z_1| = |z_2|$ and $0 < \arg(z_1) < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

(b) By referring to the Argand diagram in part (a), find the possible values of $\arg(z_1 + z_2)$. [2]

It is given further that z_1 and z_2 are roots to the quadratic equation $z^2 + \alpha z + \beta = 0$.

(c) Explain whether it is necessary for α to be real. [2]

(d) Given that α is not real and $|z_1| = |z_2| = \frac{\sqrt{26}}{2}$, find the values for α and β . [4]

9 The point A has coordinates $(1, -2, 4)$ and the plane π_1 has equation $2x - y + 2z = 5$.

- (a) Find the exact shortest distance between A and π_1 . [2]

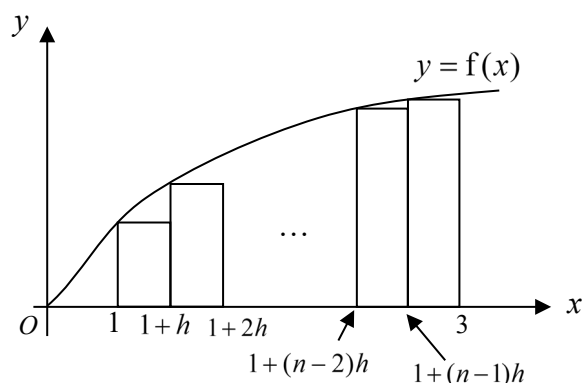
The plane π_2 has equation $x + 3y - az = 3$, where a is a constant.

- (b) Find the vector equation of line l , which is the line of intersection of π_1 and π_2 , in terms of a . [4]

The plane π_3 has equation $bx - 2y + 4z = 3$, where b is a constant.

- (c) Show that $(a - 6)(b - 4) = 0$ if l is parallel to π_3 . [2]

- (d) State the conditions that a and b must follow for the three planes to form a triangular prism, where all the planes are non-parallel and they do not have any point in common. Justify your answer. [4]



The diagram above shows a sketch of the graph of $y = f(x)$ for $x \geq 0$. There are n rectangles each of width h drawn under the curve for $1 \leq x \leq 3$. Each rectangle when rotated through 2π radians about the x -axis, will result in a cylindrical disc. The total volume of the n cylindrical discs V_1 , can be used to estimate the volume V , which is the actual volume generated when the region bounded by the curve, the lines $x = 1$ and $x = 3$, and the x -axis is rotated through 2π radians about the x -axis.

- (a) Show that V_1 , the total volume of the n cylindrical discs, is given by $V_1 = \pi h \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} [f(1+rh)]^2$.
State the value of h in terms of n . [3]

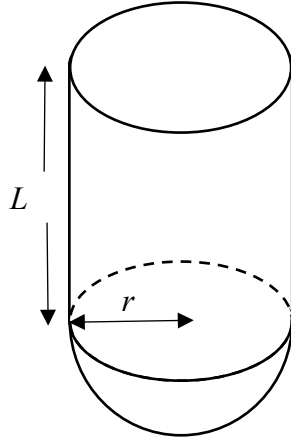
- (b) From the above diagram, it can be observed that $V_1 < V$. Write down V_2 , a similar expression as V_1 where $V_2 > V$. [1]

It is now given that $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1+e^x}}$ for $x \geq 0$.

- (c) Find the value of $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V_1$. [2]
- (d) Find the area of the region bounded by $y = f(x)$ and another curve with equation $(x-1)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 9$, for $y \leq 3$. [4]

- 11 [The surface area and volume of a sphere are given by $4\pi r^2$ and $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ respectively.]

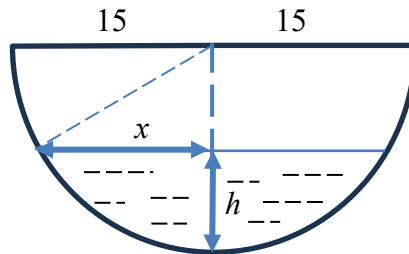
An aquarist who has a fixed budget of $\$k$ wants to make a goldfish sanctuary. His design of the tank consists of a circular cover, a cylinder of length L cm and a hemispherical base of radius r cm neatly fitted together. The costs of the material per cm^2 used for the cover, the cylindrical surface and hemispherical base are $\$20$, $\$10$ and $\$30$ respectively. Assume that the tank is made of material with negligible thickness.



- (a) Show that the volume of the tank is $V \text{ cm}^3$, where $V = \frac{k}{20}r - \frac{10}{3}\pi r^3$. [3]
- (b) As r varies, find the cost of the material used to make the hemispherical base in terms of k when V is at its maximum value. You need to show that V is a maximum. [3]

The aquarist has fixed the radius of the cylinder to be 15 cm. Initially, there is some water in the hemispherical part of the tank. However, due to a defect in the tank, water is leaking at a constant rate of 20 cm^3 per minute.

The depth of the water at the hemispherical bottom is denoted by h cm, and the radius of the water surface is x cm. The volume of water in the hemispherical bottom is given by $W \text{ cm}^3$, where

$$W = \frac{\pi h(3x^2 + h^2)}{6}.$$


- (c) By formulating a relationship between x and h , find, when $h = 3$, the rate of change of
- (i) the depth of water, [3]
- (ii) the radius of the water surface. [3]

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