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Higher 2

MATHEMATICS

9758/02

Paper 2

Set I

3 hours

Additional Materials: Answer Paper
Graph paper
List of Formulae and Results (MF27)

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name on the work you hand in.
Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.
You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

Answer **all** the questions.

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 are required to present the mathematical steps using mathematical notations and not calculator commands.

You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

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

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Section A: Pure Mathematics [40 marks]

- 1 The lines L_1 and L_2 on the xy -plane has vector equations

$$L_1 : \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} k \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ k \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, k > 1,$$

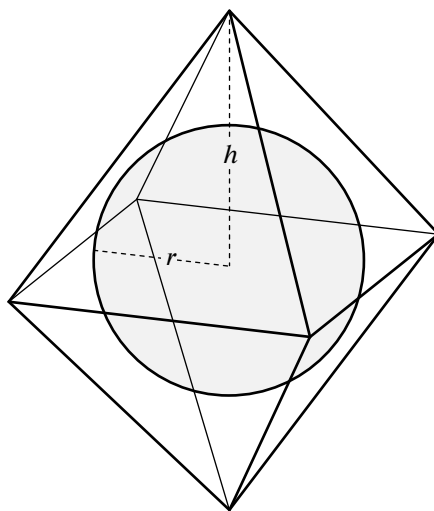
$$L_2 : \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ k \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} k \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mu \in \mathbb{R}, k > 1.$$

By considering cartesian equations, describe a pair of transformations which transforms L_1 onto L_2 . [4]

- 2 It is given that x satisfies the inequality $\frac{a^2 - x - 2}{x^2 - x - 2} \geq 1$, for some real constant $a > 0$.

Write down, in terms of a where appropriate, the solution intervals of the above inequality for all possible a . [5]

- 3 [The volume of a pyramid is $\frac{1}{3} \times \text{base area} \times \text{height}$.]



A sphere with fixed radius r is inscribed in an octahedron shape formed by joining two square-based right pyramids of height h base-to-base (see diagram). Find, in terms of r , the value of h which minimises the volume of the inscribing octahedron. Justify that the resulting volume is minimum and find its value exactly in terms of r . [8]

- 4 It is given that $y = e^{2x} \cos ax$, where a is a real constant.

(a) Show that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 4 \frac{dy}{dx} - (a^2 + 4)y$. [3]

(b) Using the result in (i), find the first four terms of the Maclaurin expansion of y . [4]

(c) Hence, find the Maclaurin expansion of $e^{2x} \sin ax$ as far as the term in x^2 . [2]

- 5 Mr Wong is considering investing money in a savings plan to purchase a car. At the first day of January 2023, he puts \$100,000 into a bank account which pays compound interest at a rate of 2% per month on the last day of each month. He then puts \$1,000 into the account on the first day of each subsequent month.

The price of the car he wishes to buy is \$300,000.

- (a) Find the month and year in which the total in the account will first exceed the price of the car. Explain whether this occurs on the first day or the last day of the month. [4]

Instead of buying the car immediately after his account balance first exceeds the price of the car, Mr Wong decides to buy much later. Starting from the first month he pays for the car, he no longer puts additional \$1,000 into the account on the first day of that month and subsequent months. The bank interest rate still applies.

The car will be purchased under a hire purchase scheme. In this scheme, Mr Wong pays a deposit of \$75,000 at the beginning of the first payment month. On subsequent months, the remaining amount will be paid by equal monthly instalments of \$15,000 at the beginning of each month. Starting from the first payment month, interest rate is charged at the end of each month at 0.5% of the outstanding amount. All payments are deducted from Mr Wong's account.

- (b) Show that, under the hire purchase scheme, Mr Wong would have completely paid for the car at the beginning of the seventeenth payment month, stating the amount to be paid on this month to the nearest cent. [5]
- (c) After paying the amount due on the last payment month, Mr Wong has \$527,328.50 in his bank account. Find the month and year in which Mr Wong made the first payment. [5]

Section B: Probability and Statistics [60 marks]

- 6 A continuous random variable X has the distribution $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. It is known that $P(X \leq 6a) = 0.15866$, and that the average of four independent observations of X lies between $6a$ and $7a$ with a probability of 0.81859.

- (a) Find μ and σ in terms a , giving any numerical constants up to 3 decimal places. [5]
- (b) Sketch a graph of $P(X \leq x)$ against x , indicating any important features of the graph and the coordinates of the point where $x = 6a$ and $x = \mu$. [2]

- 7 A computer simulates a repeated summation. Starting from an initial sum 0, the computer does either one of two actions: add 1 to the sum with probability p , where $0 < p < 1$, or subtract 1 from the sum with probability q , where $q = 1 - p$. Each action is done independently of all other actions.

- (a) Show that the probability that the sum is 3 with 9 actions is $84p^6q^3$. [1]
- (b) If it is equally likely that the sum is 3 with 9 actions as it is with 5 actions, find the possible values of p . [3]
- (c) Find the range of values of p such that, for integers $k > 1$, the computer is more likely to end up with a positive sum after $(2k + 1)$ actions than it is after $(2k - 1)$ actions. [5]

- 8 Box A and Box B each contain N balls labelled $1, 2, 3, \dots, N$. Each ball is equally likely to be picked from their respective box. A person picks a ball each from Box A and Box B , and the label on each ball is denoted by X_A and X_B respectively. The random variable X is defined by

$$X = \begin{cases} X_A, & \text{if } X_A \geq X_B, \\ X_B, & \text{if } X_B \geq X_A. \end{cases}$$

(a) Show that $P(X = r) = \frac{2r-1}{N^2}$ for $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$. [2]

(b) Find an expression for $E(X)$ in terms of N , leaving your answer as a simplified fraction. [2]

[You may use the result $\sum_{r=1}^n r^2 = \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(2n+1)$ without proof.]

The *median* of X is defined to be the integer m such that $P(X \geq m) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ and $P(X \leq m) \geq \frac{1}{2}$.

(c) Show that $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}N \leq m \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}N + 1$. Hence find the median of X when $E(X) = \frac{40299}{600}$. [5]

- 9 The events A and B are such that $P(A) = \frac{1}{3}$, $P(A \cup B) = \frac{1}{2}$ and $P(A|B') = \frac{1}{6}$.

(a) Find $P(B)$ and $P(A \cap B)$. [3]

Another event C is such that $P(C) = \frac{1}{4}$. It is given that A is independent of C , and B is independent of C .

(b) Using the result $P(A \cap (B \cup C)) = P((A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C))$, or otherwise, show that

$$P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A) + P(B) + P(C) - P(A \cap B) - P(A \cap C) - P(B \cap C) + P(A \cap B \cap C). \quad [1]$$

(c) Given that $P(A' \cap B' \cap C') = \frac{11}{30}$, find $P(A \cap B \cap C)$. [2]

(d) Find exactly the maximum and minimum possible values of $P(A' \cap B' \cap C')$. [4]

- 10** An electronics company produces chips for devices. Since its establishment, the company has produced 100 000 chips, 1 000 of which are of the newest model. The electronics company takes a sample of chips and is then able to carry out a z-test to determine the effect of the newest chips on device performance.

(a) State **three** details about the way the sample of chips are taken which make it appropriate for testing. [3]

The sample chips are given to the quality assurance team for testing. For each chip, the time taken t , in seconds, for a device to carry out tasks with the chip installed is recorded. The results are summarised as follows.

Time, t	$10 \leq t < 20$	$20 \leq t < 30$	$30 \leq t < 40$	$40 \leq t < 50$	$50 \leq t < 60$
Number of devices	4	14	37	33	12

Using the results above, a z-test is carried out at $\alpha\%$ significance level against the null hypothesis that the average time taken for the same device to carry out the same tasks using a chip of the newest model is 40 seconds.

(b) Show that $E(t) = 38.5$ and hence find $\text{Var}(t)$. [2]

(c) It is given that the test conclusion is to reject the null hypothesis, and that only one unique alternative hypothesis gives this conclusion at the given significance level. By considering the test statistic and possible critical regions, find the alternative hypothesis and the corresponding range of values of α . [7]

[Question 11 is printed on the next page.]

- 11** The study of calorimetry in Chemistry concerns the measure of temperature change during a chemical reaction. In a calorimetry experiment, two substances are mixed in a polystyrene cup, and the temperature T (in degrees Celsius) of the mixture is recorded after time t (in minute) has passed since the initial temperature reading. During the reaction, heat may be lost to, or gained from, the environment depending on the type of reaction, and as such the extreme temperature recorded may not yield the desired accuracy of temperature change.

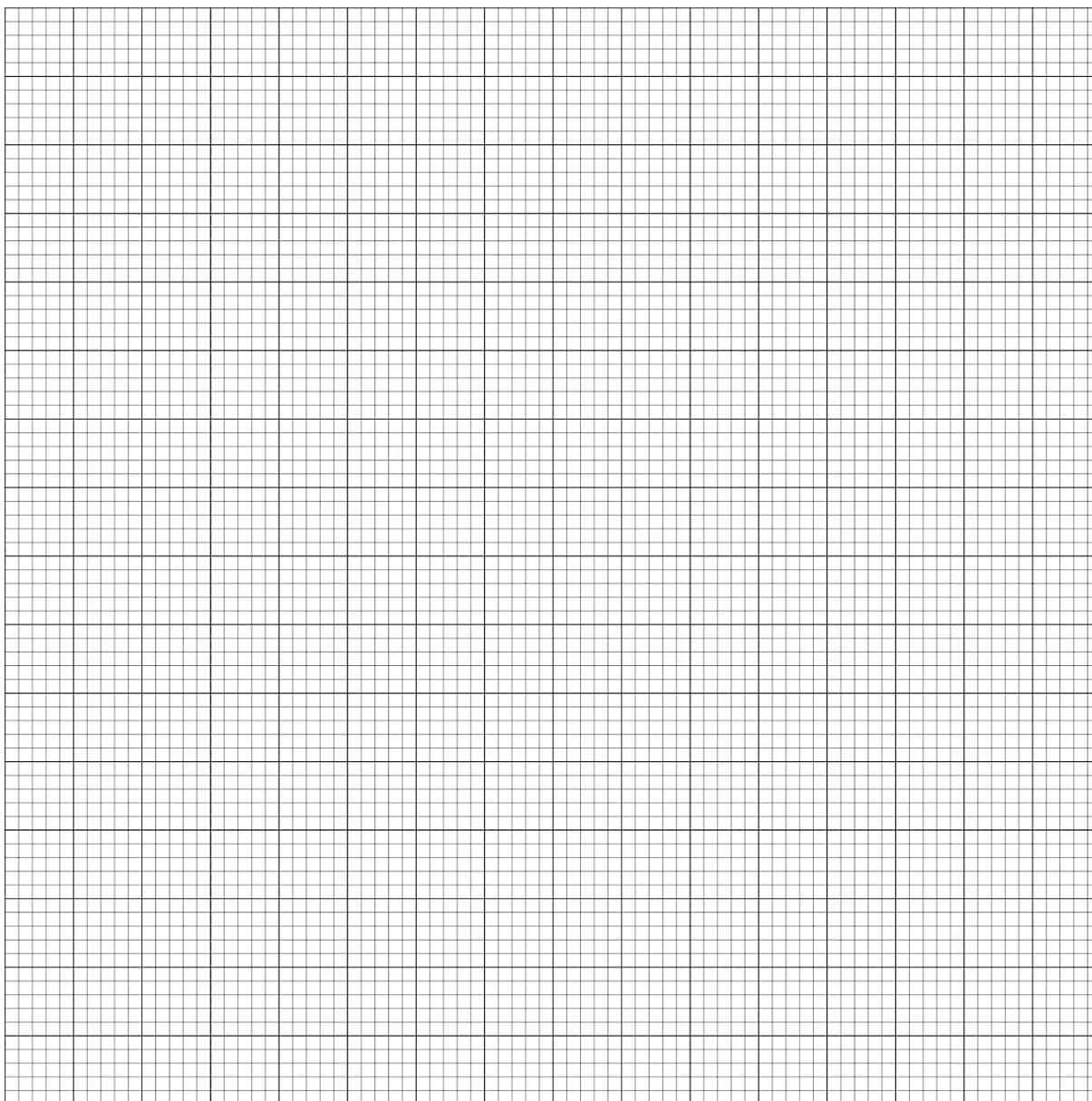
The following 16 pairs of data are obtained for the reaction between substances A and B . The first few readings of T are taken when A is already in the cup. At $t = 1.5$, substance B is inserted into the cup and reaction occurs.

t	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5
T	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	22.0	23.6	25.0	26.4

t	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.5	7	7.5
T	27.2	27.6	27.8	27.8	27.6	27.6	27.4	27.4

- (a) On the grid provided, draw a scatter diagram of the data.

[1]



11 [Continued]

The line L is the least squares regression line of t on T for the data where $5 \leq t \leq 7.5$. The ‘true’ maximum temperature change of the reaction is the difference between the initial temperature recorded and the temperature based on L at the time the reaction occurs.

- (b) Draw, by eye, a best-fit line for L on your diagram in (i). Explain how you ensure that the line is best-fit. [2]
- (c) Use your diagram to find the ‘true’ maximum temperature change. Explain whether the value you found is reliable. [3]
- (d) Use your calculator to find the equation of L for the case where the temperature readings T have been converted to degrees Rankine. State the corresponding product moment correlation coefficient. [4]

$$[T \text{ degrees Celsius} = \left(\frac{9}{5}T + 491.67\right) \text{ degrees Rankine}]$$

When A reacts with B , temperature increases at a rate of k degrees Celsius per minute.

- (e) Using data in an appropriate range, find k . Explain how you ensure that the selected data gives a reliable value of k . [3]

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