

Paper D Sec 3 Higher Paper Solutions for students

Qn	Solutions
1(ai)	$x^4 + 4y^4$ $= x^4 + 4x^2y^2 + 4y^4 - 4x^2y^2$ $= (x^2 + 2y^2)^2 - 4x^2y^2$ $= (x^2 + 2y^2)^2 - (2xy)^2$ $= (x^2 - 2xy + 2y^2)(x^2 + 2xy + 2y^2)$
1(aii)	$5^8 + 2^6$ $= (5^2)^4 + 4(2)^4$ $= (25^2 - 2 \times 25 \times 2 + 2 \times 2^2)(25^2 + 2 \times 25 \times 2 + 2 \times 2^2)$ $= 533 \times 733$ $= 13 \times 41 \times 733$ Hence, the distinct prime factors are 13, 41 and 733. 2 Marks if students leave the answer as 533 and 733.
1(bi)	$-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$
1(bii)	$1 - \tan^6 x = \sec^6 x$ $1 = \sec^6 x + \tan^6 x$ From (i), $0 < \cos^6 x \leq 1 \Rightarrow \sec^6 x = \frac{1}{\cos^6 x} \geq 1$ $\therefore \tan^6 x \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sec^6 x + \tan^6 x \geq 1$ Alternatively, $\Rightarrow$ It can only be possible that $\sec^6 x = 1$ and $\tan^6 x = 0$. i.e. $\cos^6 x = 1$ and $\tan^6 x = 0$ $\cos x = \pm 1$ and $\tan x = 0$ $x = -360^\circ, -180^\circ, 0^\circ, 180^\circ, 360^\circ$ $1 - \tan^6 x = \sec^6 x$ Let $y = \tan^2 x$. $1 - y^3 = (1 + y)^3 \quad (\text{apply } \tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x)$ $\Rightarrow 1 - y^3 = y^3 + 3y^2 + 3y + 1$ $2y^3 + 3y^2 + 3y = 0$ $3y(2y^2 + 3y + 3) = 0$ $y = 0$ or $2y^2 + 3y + 3 = 0$ (no solution) $\tan^2 x = 0$ $x = -360^\circ, -180^\circ, 0^\circ, 180^\circ, 360^\circ$

2(a)	$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{24}(\sqrt{8+4\sqrt{3}} + \sqrt{8-4\sqrt{3}}) \\ &= 2\sqrt{6}(\sqrt{8+2\sqrt{12}} + \sqrt{8-2\sqrt{12}}) \\ &= 2\sqrt{6}\left(\sqrt{(\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2})^2} + \sqrt{(\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2})^2}\right) \\ &= 2\sqrt{6}(\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}) \\ &= 24 \\ &\text{Alternatively, students may try squaring the expression first,} \\ &24\left(\sqrt{8+4\sqrt{3}} + \sqrt{8-4\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 \\ &= 24\left(8+4\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{8+4\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{8-4\sqrt{3}} + 8-4\sqrt{3}\right) \\ &= 24\left(16 + 2\sqrt{64-16(3)}\right) \\ &= 24(16+8) \\ &= 24^2 \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{24}(\sqrt{8+4\sqrt{3}} + \sqrt{8-4\sqrt{3}}) = 24 \end{aligned}$
2(bi)	Transformation I: scaling of the graph along the x-axis by factor of 2 (stretching). Transformation II: scaling of the graph along the y-axis by factor of $\frac{1}{3}$ (compression). Transformation III: translation of the graph to the negative direction of x-axis by 1 unit. <u>Alternatively,</u> Transformation I: translation of the graph to the negative direction of x-axis by $\frac{1}{2}$ unit. Transformation II: scaling of the graph along the y-axis by factor of $\frac{1}{3}$ (compression). Transformation III: scaling/stretching of the graph along the x-axis by factor of 2. <u>Alternatively,</u> Transformation I: translation of the graph to the negative direction of x-axis by 1 unit. Transformation II: translation of the graph to the positive direction of y-axis by 3 unit. Transformation III: scaling of the graph along the y-axis by factor of $\frac{1}{12}$ (compression).
2(bii)	The translation of the graph does not change the area enclosed by the graph and x-axis (1 mark) but the scaling does. The area will increase and decrease

	proportionately with stretching and compression respectively.(1 mark) Hence, the area enclosed = $\frac{4}{3} \times 2 \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{8}{9}$ units²
3(a)	$y^2 - 4x - 2y + 5 = 0 \Rightarrow (y-1)^2 = 4(x-1)$ The parabola has vertex (1, 1). Since the x-coordinate of the point is always equal to its distance from the fixed point (focus point) Q, we can infer that the directrix is $x = 0$. Hence, the focus point Q has coordinates (2, 1).
3(bi)	$\frac{2x}{(x+1)(x-2)} \geq -1 \quad (x \neq -1 \text{ or } 2)$ $\frac{2x}{(x+1)(x-2)} + 1 \geq 0$ $\frac{2x + (x+1)(x-2)}{(x+1)(x-2)} \geq 0$ $\frac{x^2 + x - 2}{(x+1)(x-2)} \geq 0$ $\frac{(x-1)(x+2)}{(x+1)(x-2)} \geq 0$ Multiply both sides with $(x+1)^2(x-2)^2$, $(x-1)(x+2)(x+1)(x-2) \geq 0$ $\Rightarrow x \leq -2 \text{ or } -1 < x \leq 1 \text{ or } x > 2$
3(bii)	$\frac{2e^{-x}}{(e^{-x}+1)(1-2e^{-x})} \geq -1$ Multiply both numerator and denominator by e^{2x}, $\frac{2e^x}{(1+e^x)(e^x-2)} \geq -1$ Let $y = e^x$, we have $\frac{2y}{(1+y)(y-2)} \geq -1$ From (i), $y \leq -2 \text{ or } -1 < y \leq 1 \text{ or } y > 2$ i.e. $e^x \leq -2 \text{ or } -1 < e^x \leq 1 \text{ or } e^x > 2$ Since e^x is always positive, $\Rightarrow 0 < e^x \leq 1 \text{ or } e^x > 2$ $\therefore x \leq 0 \text{ or } x > \ln 2$

4(a)	$\sqrt{\frac{2x+4}{x-2}} - 3\sqrt{\frac{x-2}{2x+4}} = -2$ Let $y = \sqrt{\frac{2x+4}{x-2}}$. $y - \frac{3}{y} = -2$ $y^2 + 2y - 3 = 0$ $(y-1)(y+3) = 0$ $y = 1 \text{ or } y = -3 \text{ (N.A. since } \sqrt{\frac{2x+4}{x-2}} \geq 0)$ $\sqrt{\frac{2x+4}{x-2}} = 1$ $\frac{2x+4}{x-2} = 1$ $2x+4 = x-2$ $x = -6$ Note: Minus 1 mark if student did not reject $\frac{22}{7}$ while using other methods such as squaring the equation.
4(b)	$\frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\tan x} + \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\cot x}$ $= \frac{\cos x (\sin x + \cos x)}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin x (\sin x + \cos x)}{\cos x}$ $= \frac{\cos^2 x (\cos x + \sin x) + \sin^2 x (\sin x + \cos x)}{\sin x \cos x}$ $= \frac{(\sin x + \cos x)(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)}{\sin x \cos x}$ $= \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sin x \cos x}$ $= \frac{\sin x}{\sin x \cos x} + \frac{\cos x}{\sin x \cos x}$ $= \frac{1}{\sin x} + \frac{1}{\cos x}$ $= \text{RHS}$ Alternatively,

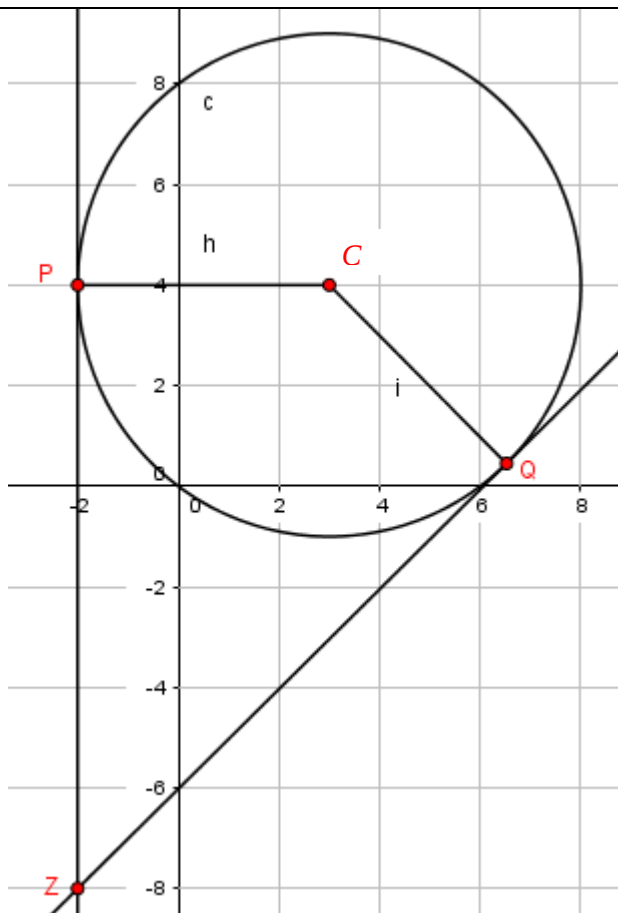
	$\frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\tan x} + \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\cot x}$ $= (\sin x + \cos x) \cot x + (\sin x + \cos x) \tan x$ $= \cos x + \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x} + \sin x$ $= \left(\cos x + \frac{\sin^2 x}{\cos x} \right) + \left(\frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x} + \sin x \right)$ $= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x}{\cos x}$ $= \frac{1}{\sin x} + \frac{1}{\cos x}$ $= \text{RHS}$ Accept any other equivalent methods.
5(i)	Let $f(x) = P(x) - x^2 - 2x + 6$. Since $x^2 - x - 2 = (x - 2)(x + 1)$ and $x^2 + x - 2 = (x - 1)(x + 2)$, from given conditions, by remainder theorem, $P(2) = 3(2) - 4 = 2$ $P(-1) = 3(-1) - 4 = -7$ $P(1) = (1) - 4 = -3$ $P(-2) = (-2) - 4 = -6$ $\Rightarrow f(2) = P(2) - (2)^2 - 2(2) + 6 = 0$ $f(-1) = P(-1) - (-1)^2 - 2(-1) + 6 = 0$ $f(1) = P(1) - (1)^2 - 2(1) + 6 = 0$ $P(-2) = P(-2) - (-2)^2 - 2(-2) + 6 = 0$ By factor theorem, $(x - 2), (x + 1), (x - 1)$ and $(x + 2)$ are all factors of $f(x)$. Hence $P(x) - x^2 - 2x + 6$ has both factors $x^2 - x - 2$ and $x^2 + x - 2$. <u>Alternatively,</u>

	Let $P(x) = (x^2 - x - 2)Q_1(x) + 3x - 4$. $\Rightarrow P(x) - x^2 - 2x + 6$ $= (x^2 - x - 2)Q_1(x) + 3x - 4 - x^2 - 2x + 6$ $= (x^2 - x - 2)Q_1(x) - x^2 + x + 2$ $= (x^2 - x - 2)[Q_1(x) - 1]$ $\therefore P(x) - x^2 - 2x + 6$ has factor $x^2 - x - 2$. Similarly, let $P(x) = (x^2 + x - 2)Q_2(x) + x - 4$. $\Rightarrow P(x) - x^2 - 2x + 6$ $= (x^2 + x - 2)Q_2(x) + x - 4 - x^2 - 2x + 6$ $= (x^2 + x - 2)Q_2(x) - x^2 - x + 2$ $= (x^2 + x - 2)[Q_2(x) - 1]$ $\therefore P(x) - x^2 - 2x + 6$ has factor $x^2 + x - 2$. $\Rightarrow P(x) - x^2 - 2x + 6$ has both factors $x^2 - x - 2$ and $x^2 + x - 2$
5(ii)	From (i), since $P(x)$ is a degree 4 polynomial and each of $x^2 - x - 2$ and $x^2 + x - 2$ has degree 2, and the leading term of $P(x) - x^2 - 2x + 6$ is x^4, $P(x) - x^2 - 2x + 6 = (x^2 - x - 2)(x^2 + x - 2)$ $P(x) = (x^2 - x - 2)(x^2 + x - 2) + x^2 + 2x - 6$ $= (x^2 - 2)^2 - x^2 + x^2 + 2x - 6$ $= x^4 - 4x^2 + 2x - 2$ Note: Minus 1 mark if students never explain using the degree of polynomial/leading term.
6(a)	$45^a = 75^b = 15^c$ $\Rightarrow 45 = 15^{\frac{c}{a}} \text{ and } 75 = 15^{\frac{c}{b}}$ $15^{\frac{c}{a}} \times 15^{\frac{c}{b}} = 45 \times 75 = 15^3$ $15^{\frac{c}{a} + \frac{c}{b}} = 15^3$ $\therefore \frac{c}{a} + \frac{c}{b} = 3$ Alternatively,

	Let $45^a = 75^b = 15^c = k > 0$ $\Rightarrow \ln 45^a = \ln 75^b = \ln 15^c$ i.e. $a \ln 45 = b \ln 75 = c \ln 15$ $\frac{c}{a} = \frac{\ln 45}{\ln 15}, \frac{c}{b} = \frac{\ln 75}{\ln 15}$ $\frac{c}{a} + \frac{c}{b}$ $= \frac{\ln 45}{\ln 15} + \frac{\ln 75}{\ln 15}$ $= \frac{\ln(45 \times 75)}{\ln 15}$ $= 3$
6(bi)	$fg(x) = 2 \left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{x+1}{2}} \right)^3 - 1 = x$ $\therefore f$ and g are inverse functions.
6(bii)	$\underbrace{fg \dots fg}_{2017 \text{ 'fg' }}(x) = g^{-1}(x)$ $x = g^{-1}(x)$ $x = f(x)$ $x = 2x^3 - 1$ $2x^3 - x - 1 = 0$ When $x = 1, 2(1)^3 - 1 - 1 = 0$. By factor theorem, $(x-1)$ is a factor of $2x^3 - x - 1$. $(x-1)(2x^2 + 2x + 1) = 0$ $\Rightarrow x = 1$ or $2x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$ $\Delta = 2^2 - 4(2)(1) < 0$ $\Rightarrow$ No solution $\therefore x = 1$
7(i)	Gradient of $OX = \frac{0-1}{0-(-1)} = -1$ Mid-point of $OX: \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$ Equation of perpendicular bisector of OX: $y - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{-1}{-1} \left(x + \frac{1}{2} \right)$ $y = x + 1$ Gradient of $OY = \frac{0-7}{0-7} = 1$

	Mid-point of OY: $\left(\frac{7}{2}, \frac{7}{2}\right)$ Equation of perpendicular bisector of OY: $y - \frac{7}{2} = \frac{-1}{1} \left(x - \frac{7}{2}\right)$ $y = -x + 7$ Since the centre of the circle is the intersection of the two perpendicular bisectors of the chords, we have $y = x + 1$ $y = -x + 7$ Solving the simultaneous linear equations, $x = 3$ and $y = 4$ $\Rightarrow$ Centre of the circle: $(3, 4)$ Radius of the circle = $\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5$ $\therefore$ equation of the circle: $(x - 3)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 25 \text{ or } x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 8y = 0$
7(ii)	Greatest distance occurs when $(2, 6)$, centre of the circle and the point on the circumference lie on a straight line. Hence, Greatest distance = $5 + \sqrt{(2 - 3)^2 + (6 - 4)^2} = 5 + \sqrt{5}$ Note: Minus 1 mark if answer is left as $\sqrt{30 + 10\sqrt{5}}$.

7(iii)



From the sketch, one of the tangent lines ZP is parallel to y -axis. (only needed when student uses tangent later)

$$CZ = \sqrt{(-2-3)^2 + (-8-4)^2} = 13$$

$$\sin \angle CZP = \frac{5}{13} \quad \text{or} \quad \tan \angle CZP = \frac{5}{4-(-8)} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$\angle CZP = 22.62^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \angle CZQ = 22.62^\circ \times 2 = 45.2^\circ \text{ (1 d.p.)}$$