

## Exam-style practice

### Mathematics

### AS Level

### Paper 1: Pure Mathematics

Time: 2 hours

You must have: Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables, Calculator

- 1 a Given that  $4 = 64^n$ , find the value of  $n$ . (1)  
 b Write  $\sqrt{50}$  in the form  $k\sqrt{2}$  where  $k$  is an integer to be determined. (1)
- 2 Find the equation of the line parallel to  $2x - 3y + 4 = 0$  that passes through the point  $(5, 6)$ . Give your answer in the form  $y = ax + b$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are rational numbers. (3)
- 3 A student is asked to evaluate the integral  $\int_1^2 \left(x^4 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}} + 2\right) dx$ . The student's working is shown below
- $$\begin{aligned} \int_1^2 \left(x^4 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}} + 2\right) dx &= \int_1^2 (x^4 - 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2) dx \\ &= \left[\frac{x^5}{5} - 2x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 2x\right]_1^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{5} - 2 + 2\right) - \left(\frac{32}{5} - 2\sqrt{8} + 4\right) \\ &= -4.54 \text{ (3 s.f.)} \end{aligned}$$
- a Identify two errors made by the student. (2)  
 b Evaluate the definite integral, giving your answer correct to 3 significant figures. (2)
- 4 Find all the solutions in the interval  $0 \leq x \leq 180^\circ$  of  $2\sin^2(2x) - \cos(2x) - 1 = 0$  giving each solution in degrees. (7)

- 5 A rectangular box has sides measuring  $x$  cm,  $x + 3$  cm and  $2x$  cm.

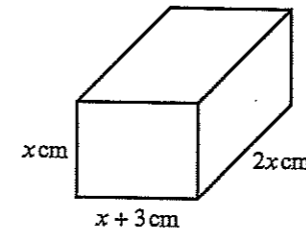


Figure 1

- a Write down an expression for the volume of the box. (1)  
 Given that the volume of the box is  $980 \text{ cm}^3$ ,
- b Show that  $x^3 + 3x^2 - 490 = 0$ . (2)  
 c Show that  $x = 7$  is a solution to this equation. (1)  
 d Prove that the equation has no other real solutions. (4)
- 6  $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 - 2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$   
 The point  $P$  with  $x$ -coordinate  $-1$  lies on the curve  $y = f(x)$ . Find the equation of the normal to the curve at  $P$ , giving your answer in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$  where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are positive integers. (7)
- 7 The population,  $P$ , of a colony of endangered Caledonian owl-nightjars can be modelled by the equation  $P = ab^t$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants and  $t$  is the time, in months, since the population was first recorded.
- The graph shows a coordinate system with the vertical axis labeled  $\log_{10} P$  and the horizontal axis labeled  $t$ . The origin is marked with  $O$ . A straight line  $l$  is plotted, passing through the points  $(0, 2)$  and  $(20, 2.2)$ .
- Figure 2
- The line  $l$  shown in figure 2 shows the relationship between  $t$  and  $\log_{10} P$  for the population over a period of 20 years.
- a Write down an equation of line  $l$ . (3)  
 b Work out the value of  $a$  and interpret this value in the context of the model. (3)  
 c Work out the value of  $b$ , giving your answer correct to 3 decimal places. (2)  
 d Find the population predicted by the model when  $t = 30$ . (1)
- 8 Prove that  $1 + \cos^4 x - \sin^4 x \equiv 2\cos^2 x$ . (4)
- 9 Relative to a fixed origin, point  $A$  has position vector  $6\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$  and point  $B$  has position vector  $4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$ . Find the magnitude of the vector  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and the angle it makes with the unit vector  $\mathbf{i}$ . (5)

10 A triangular lawn  $ABC$  is shown in figure 3:

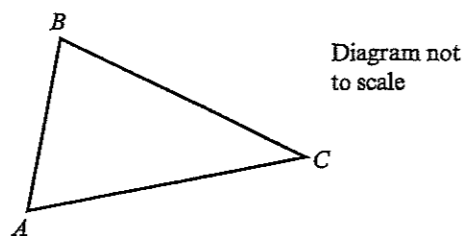


Figure 3

Given that  $AB = 7.5$  m,  $BC = 10.6$  m and  $AC = 12.7$  m,

a Find angle  $BAC$ .

Grass seed costs £1.25 per square metre.

b Find the cost of seeding the whole lawn.

(3)

11  $g(x) = (x - 2)^2(x + 1)(x - 7)$

a Sketch the curve  $y = g(x)$ , showing the coordinates of any points where the curve meets or cuts the coordinate axes.

(4)

b Write down the roots of the equation  $g(x + 3) = 0$ .

(1)

12 Given that  $9^{2x} = 27^{x^2 - 5}$ , find the possible values of  $x$ .

(6)

13  $f(x) = (1 - 3x)^5$

a Expand  $f(x)$ , in ascending powers of  $x$ , up to the term in  $x^2$ . Give each term in its simplest form.

(3)

b Hence find an approximate value for  $0.97^5$ .

(2)

c State, with a reason, whether your approximation is greater or smaller than the true value.

(2)

14  $f'(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x} - x^2 - 1}{x^2}, x > 0$

a Show that  $f(x)$  can be written as  $f(x) = -\frac{x^2 + 2\sqrt{x} - 1}{x} + c$  where  $c$  is a constant.

(5)

Given that  $f(x)$  passes through the point  $(3, -1)$ ,

b find the value of  $c$ . Give your answer in the form  $p + q\sqrt{r}$  where  $p, q$  and  $r$  are rational numbers to be found.

(4)

15 A circle,  $C$ , has equation  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y = 12$

a Show that the point  $A(5, 1)$  lies on  $C$  and find the centre and radius of the circle.

(5)

b Find the equation of the tangent to  $C$  at point  $A$ . Give your answer in the form  $y = ax + b$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are rational numbers.

(4)

c The curve  $y = x^2 - 2$  intersects this tangent at points  $P$  and  $Q$ . Given that  $O$  is the origin, find, as a fraction in simplest form, the exact area of the triangle  $POQ$ .

(7)

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1 a  $\frac{1}{3}$  b  $5\sqrt{2}$

2  $y = \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{8}{3}$

3 a error 1:  $= -\frac{3}{\sqrt{x}} = -3x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , not  $-3x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

error 2:  $\left[\frac{x^5}{5} - 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2x\right]_1^2 = \left(\frac{32}{5} - 2\sqrt{8} + 4\right) - \left(\frac{1}{5} - 2 + 2\right)$

not  $\left(\frac{1}{5} - 2 + 2\right) - \left(\frac{32}{5} - 2\sqrt{8} + 4\right)$

b 5.71 (3 s.f.)

4  $x = 30^\circ, 90^\circ, 150^\circ$

5 a  $2x^2(x + 3)$

b  $2x^2(x + 3) = 980 \Rightarrow 2x^3 + 6x^2 - 980 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x^3 + 3x^2 - 490 = 0$

c For  $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 490 = 0$ ,  $f(7) = 0$ , so  $x - 7$  is a factor of  $f(x)$  and  $x = 7$  is a solution.

d Equation becomes  $(x - 7)(x^2 + 10x + 70) = 0$   
 Quadratic has discriminant  $10^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 70 = -180$   
 So the quadratic has no real roots, and the equation has no more real solutions.

6  $x + 15y + 106 = 0$

7 a  $\log_{10} P = 0.01t + 2$

b 100, initial population

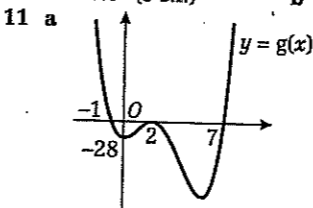
c 1.023

d Accept answers from 195 to 200

8  $1 + \cos^4 x - \sin^4 x \equiv 1 + (\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x)(\cos^2 x - \sin^2 x)$   
 $\equiv (1 - \sin^2 x) + \cos^2 x \equiv 2\cos^2 x$

9 Magnitude  $= \sqrt{29}$ , angle  $= 112^\circ$  (3 s.f.)

10 a  $56.5^\circ$  (3 s.f.) b £49.63



b  $-4, -1, 4$

12  $x = 3$  or  $-\frac{5}{3}$

13 a  $1 - 15x + 90x^2$

b 0.859

c Greater: The next term will be subtracting from this, and future positive terms will be smaller.

14 a  $f(x) = \int (x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1 - x^{-2}) dx = 2x^{\frac{3}{2}} - x + x^{-1} + c$

$= \frac{x^2 + 2\sqrt{x} - 1}{x} + c$

b  $c = \frac{5}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{3}$

15 a  $5^2 + 1^2 - 4 \times 5 + 6 \times 1 = 12$ , so  $(5, 1)$  lies on  $C$ .  
 Centre  $= (2, -3)$ , radius  $= 5$

b  $y = -\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{19}{4}$

c  $12\frac{15}{32}$