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PAPER 1

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Time: 75 minutes

Additional Materials: Answer sheet

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1. The sum of the two values of x that satisfy the simultaneous equations

$$x - 3y + 1 = 0 \text{ and } 3x^2 - 7xy = 5 \text{ is}$$

A -8.5

B -7.5

C -1.5

D 3.5

E 4.5

F 5

$$3y = x + 1$$

$$9x^2 - 7x(3y) = 5$$

$$9x^2 - 7x(x+1) = 5$$

$$-1.5 \quad 5 \quad \checkmark \quad 2x^2 - 7x - 15 = 0.$$

$$(2x+3)(x-5) = 0.$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} +3 \\ -5 \end{array}$$

2. The number of solutions in the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq 4\pi$ of the equation

$$\sin^2 \theta + 3 \cos \theta = 3 \text{ is}$$

$$-1 \leq C \leq 1$$

A 0

B 1

C 2

D 3

E 4

F 5

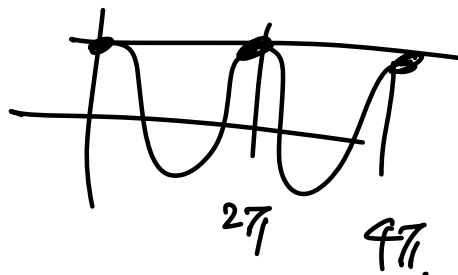
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* Create. If you're going to substitute.

$$1 - C^2 + 3C = 3.$$

$$C^2 - 3C + 2 = 0.$$

$$C = 1.$$



3. The perpendicular bisector of the line segment joining the points $(2, -6)$ and $(5, 4)$ cuts the x -axis at the point with x -coordinate

A $\frac{1}{20}$

B $\frac{1}{6}$

C $\frac{1}{3}$

D $\frac{19}{5}$

E $\frac{41}{6}$

$$y = -\frac{2-5}{-6-4}(x-3.5) + (-1)$$

$$0 = -\frac{3}{10}(x-3.5) - 1$$

$$\frac{3}{10}(x-3.5) = -1$$

$$x-3.5 = -\frac{10}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{7}{2} - \frac{10}{3} = \left(3 + \frac{1}{2}\right) - \left(3 + \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

4. The complete set of values of x for which $(x^2 - 1)(x - 2) > 0$ is

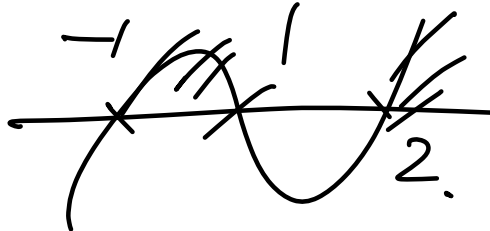
A $x < -1, 1 < x < 2$

B $x < -1, x > 2$

C $-1 < x < 2$

D $x < 1, x > 2$

E $-1 < x < 1, x > 2$



Graph Not Necessary.

5. Given that $y = -\log_{10}(1-x)$ for $x < 1$, find x in terms of y .

A $x = -\frac{1}{\log_{10}(1-y)}$

B $x = 1 + \log_{10} y$

C $x = 1 - \log_{10} y$

D $x = 1 - 10^{-y}$

E $x = 10^{-y} - 1$

F $x = 10^{1-y}$

$$-y = \log_{10}(1-x)$$

$$10^{-y} = 1-x$$

$$x = 1 - 10^{-y}$$

* the premise is... think of graphs always. But here the intuition is to discern when to sketch graphs & when not to. NOT BEING ABLE TO SKETCH A GRAPH MUST NOT BE AN EXCUSE.

6. It is given that $x+2$ is a factor of $x^3 + 4cx^2 + x(c+1)^2 - 6$.

The sum of the possible values of c is

A -10

B -6

C 0

D 6

E 10

$$f(x) = x^3 + 4cx^2 + x(c+1)^2 - 6$$

$$f(-2) = -8 + 16c - 2(c+1)^2 - 6$$

$$= 16c - 14 - 2c^2 - 4c - 2$$

$$= -2c^2 + 12c - 16$$

$$= -2(c^2 - 6c + 8)$$

** When selecting balls type question, time matters! (Is it all taken out at once, or sequentially?)*

7. A bag contains n red balls, n yellow balls, and n blue balls.

One ball is selected at random and not replaced.

A second ball is then selected at random and not replaced.

Each ball is equally likely to be chosen.

The probability that the two balls are **not** the same colour is

Complementary set

A $\frac{n-1}{3n-1}$

B $\frac{2n-2}{3n-1}$

C $\frac{2n}{3n-1}$

D $\frac{(n-1)^3}{27(3n-1)^3}$

E $\frac{3(n-1)}{3n-1}$

F $\frac{n^3}{27(3n-1)^3}$

$$1 - \left\{ \frac{1}{3n} \times \frac{n-1}{3n-1} \times 3 \right\}$$

3 Colours.

$$= 1 - \frac{n-1}{3n-1}$$

$$= \frac{3n-1-n+1}{3n-1}$$

* Same base / same exponent $\rightarrow$ team them up!

8. Given that $a^x b^{2x} c^{3x} = 2$, where a , b , and c are positive real numbers, then $x =$

A $\log_{10} \left(\frac{2}{a+2b+3c} \right)$

B $\frac{\log_{10} 2}{\log_{10}(a+2b+3c)}$

C $\frac{2}{\log_{10}(a+2b+3c)}$

D $\frac{2}{a+2b+3c}$

E $\log_{10} \left(\frac{2}{ab^2c^3} \right)$

F $\frac{\log_{10} 2}{\log_{10}(ab^2c^3)}$

G $\frac{2}{\log_{10}(ab^2c^3)}$

H $\frac{2}{ab^2c^3}$

$$(ab^2c^3)^x = 2$$

$$x = \log_{ab^2c^3} 2$$

$a^x = b$
 $\log_a a^x = \log_a b$
 $x = \log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$

$$= \frac{\log 2}{\log_{10} ab^2c^3}$$

* Vieta's formulae

let $ax^2 + bx + c = a(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)$

$$-a(\alpha+\beta) = \frac{b}{a}, \quad a\alpha\beta = c \rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha+\beta = -\frac{b}{a} \\ \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} \end{cases}$$

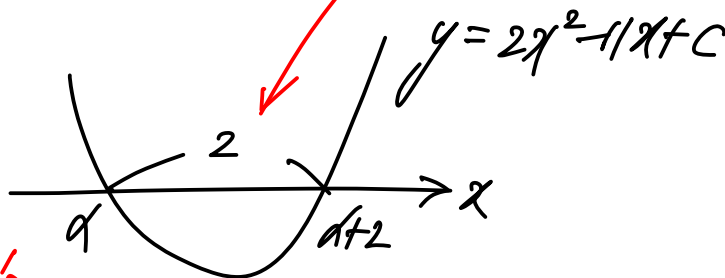
9. The roots of the equation $2x^2 - 11x + c = 0$ differ by 2. The value of c is

A $\frac{105}{8}$

B $\frac{113}{8}$

C $\frac{117}{8}$

D $\frac{119}{8}$



Vieta's formula

$$\alpha + (\alpha + 2) = \frac{11}{2}$$

$$2\alpha = \frac{11-4}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\frac{c}{2} = \alpha(\alpha+2) = \frac{7}{4} \cdot \frac{15}{4} = \frac{105}{16}, \quad c = \frac{105}{8}$$

* Reflect $y = f(x)$ by $y = k$: Substitute $(2y - k)$ into y .

* Translate by a units in the positive x direction: $(x - k)$ into x .

10. The curve $y = \cos x$ is reflected in the line $y = 1$ and the resulting curve is then translated by $\frac{\pi}{4}$ units in the positive x -direction. The equation of this new curve is

A $y = 2 + \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

B $y = 2 + \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

C $y = 2 - \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

D $y = 2 - \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

$$y = \cos x \xrightarrow[x: x - \frac{\pi}{4}]{y: 2 - y} 2 - y = \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$y = 2 - \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

* When substituting by introducing new variable, MUST MUST DEFINE NEW DOMAIN.

11. The sum of the roots of the equation $2^{2x} - 8 \times 2^x + 15 = 0$ is

A 3

B 8

C $2 \log_{10} 2$

D $\log_{10}\left(\frac{15}{4}\right)$

E $\frac{\log_{10} 15}{\log_{10} 2}$

let $2^x = A$ ($A > 0$)

$$A^2 - 8A + 15 = 0$$

$$(A - 3)(A - 5) = 0$$

$$A = 3, 5$$

$$\therefore 2^x = 3, 5$$

$$x = \log_2 3, \log_2 5$$

$$\Sigma x \rightarrow \log_2 (3 \times 5) = \log_2 15 = \frac{\log_{10} 15}{\log_{10} 2}$$

• area of equilateral = $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} s^2$

12. The cross-section of a triangular prism is an equilateral triangle with side $2x$ cm. The length of the prism is d cm.

Let the total surface area of the prism be T cm². Given that the volume of the prism is T cm³, which one of the following is an expression for d in terms of x ?

A $\frac{x}{2x-3}$

B $\frac{3x}{3x-2\sqrt{3}}$

C $\frac{2x}{x-4\sqrt{3}}$

D $\frac{2x}{x-2\sqrt{3}}$

E $\frac{2x}{x-\sqrt{3}}$



Area = $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} (2x)^2$

= $\sqrt{3} x^2$

total surface area

total Volume.

$T = (2x)d \times 3 + 2x\sqrt{3}x^2 = \sqrt{3}x^2 \times d$

$\downarrow \times \frac{1}{x}$

$6d + 2\sqrt{3}x = \sqrt{3}xd$

$2\sqrt{3}x = (\sqrt{3}x - 6)d$

*this is what I mean when you should recognise cues that the examiner gives you.

split into

$f(x) = 0 \rightarrow g(x) - h(x) = 0$

I recognised the cue that $x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2 - 10 = 0$ as a function that is line symmetric

13. How many real roots does the equation $x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2 - 10 = 0$ have?

$f(x) = g(x) - h(x)$, where

A 0

B 1

C 2

D 3

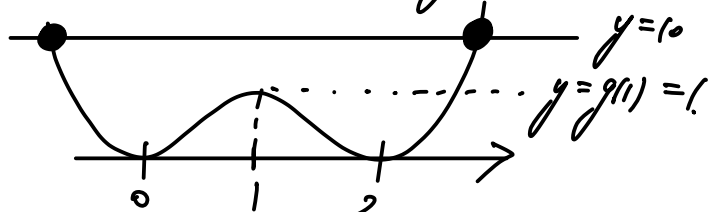
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$g(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2$

= $x^2(x^2 - 4x + 4)$

= $x^2(x-2)^2$

$g(x) = x^2(x-2)^2$



** A against B. $\uparrow$ $\rightarrow$ B. y against x .*

14. a, b, x , and y are real and positive.

a and b are constants.

x and y are related.

A graph of $\log y$ against $\log x$ is drawn.

For which one of the following relationships will this graph be a straight line?

A $y^b = a^x$

B $y = ab^x$

C $y^2 = a + x^b$

D $y = ax^b$

E $y^x = a^b$

$$\begin{aligned} \hookrightarrow \log y &= m \log x + n \quad m \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{R} \\ &= m \log x + n \log_{10} 10 \\ &= \log x^m + \log 10^n \end{aligned}$$

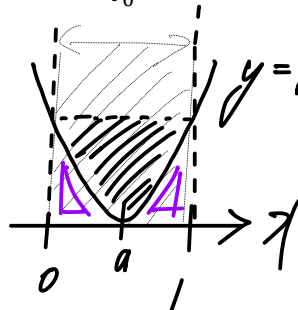
$$\log y = \log \left(\frac{10^n}{1} \times x^m \right) \hookrightarrow \text{Constant}$$

$$y = 10^n \times x^m = \star \times x^m \approx a \cdot x^b$$

$$\text{area of quadratic} = \frac{1}{6} \star^3 \star, m \in \mathbb{R}$$

15. The smallest possible value of $\int_0^1 (x-a)^2 dx$ as a varies is

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$$y = (x-a)^2, \text{ so minimum at } a = \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$\rightarrow f(0) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \times 1 - \frac{1}{6} \times 1^3 = \frac{1}{12}.$$

** think of it as rectangle with base length of 1 moving in relation to $y = (x-a)^2$. Obviously*

★ 2 & 5 power play show up all the time.

11

Habituate prime factorisation.

16. Given that c and d are non-zero integers, the expression $\frac{10^{c-2d} \times 20^{2c+d}}{8^c \times 125^{c+d}}$ is an integer if

- A $c < 0$
- B $d < 0$
- C $c < 0$ and $d < 0$
- D $c < 0$ and $d > 0$
- E $c > 0$ and $d < 0$**
- F $c > 0$ and $d > 0$
- G $d > 0$
- H $c > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(2 \times 5)^{c-2d} \times (2^2 \times 5)^{2c+d}}{(2^3)^c \times (5^3)^{c+d}} \\ &= 2^{(c-2d) + 2(2c+d) - 3c} \times 5^{(c-2d) + (2c+d) - 3(c+d)} \\ &= 2^{2c} \times 5^{-4d} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c > 0 \\ d < 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

* a little logic play here. in #16,
it's given that d is integer. 5^{-4d} is an integer if

BUT d being a negative integer, is a SUFFICIENT but NOT NECESSARY condition

9.

For what values of the non-zero real number a does the quadratic equation $ax^2 + (a-2)x = 2$ have real distinct roots?

- A All values of a
- B $a = -2$
- C $a > -2$
- D $a \neq -2$**
- E No values of a

$$ax^2 + ax = 2x + 2.$$

$$ax(x+1) = 2(x+1)$$

$$(ax-2)(x+1) = 0$$

↓ for this to not be

$$a(x+1)(x+1) = 0,$$

$$ax-2 \neq ax+a$$

$$\therefore a \neq -2$$

$$\log_b C =$$

for 5^{-4d} to be an integer.

why? try $-4d = \log_5 2$

$$\left[5^{\log_5 2} = 2^{\log_5 5} = 2 \right]$$

Just in case you did not know!

18. The angle x is measured in radians and is such that $0 \leq x \leq \pi$.

The total length of any intervals for which $-1 \leq \tan x \leq 1$ and $\sin 2x \geq 0.5$ is

A $\frac{\pi}{12}$

B $\frac{\pi}{6}$

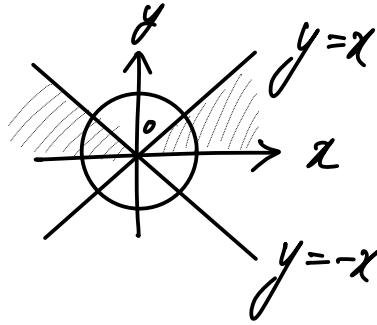
C $\frac{\pi}{4}$

D $\frac{\pi}{3}$

E $\frac{5\pi}{12}$

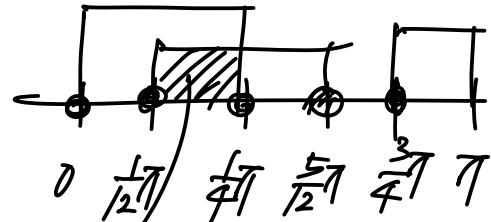
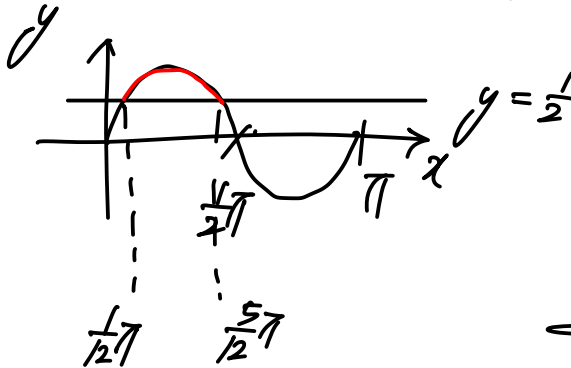
F $\frac{\pi}{2}$

G $\frac{5\pi}{6}$



at $x \in \left\{ x \mid \left[0, \frac{1}{4}\pi\right] \cup \left[\frac{3}{4}\pi, \pi\right] \right\}$

$\sin(2x) \geq \sin\left(\frac{1}{6}\pi\right) : \text{at } x \in \left[\frac{1}{12}\pi, \frac{5}{12}\pi\right]$



for arithmetic sequence a_n : length of interval:
 $a_{n-k}, a_n, a_{n+k} \rightarrow 2a_n = a_{n-k} + a_{n+k}$ $\frac{1}{4}\pi - \frac{1}{12}\pi = \frac{1}{6}\pi$

19. A geometric series has first term 4 and common ratio r , where $0 < r < 1$. (so $r \neq 1$)

The first, second, and fourth terms of this geometric series form three successive terms of an arithmetic series.

The sum to infinity of the geometric series is

A $\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{5} - 1)$

B $2(3 - \sqrt{5})$

C $2(1 + \sqrt{5})$

D $2(3 + \sqrt{5})$

4 4r 4r³
 $\rightarrow$ $\rightarrow$
 $+ \Delta$ $+ \Delta$

$r^2 + r - 1 = 0$

$r = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} (\because 0 < r < 1)$

$\frac{4}{1-r} = \frac{4}{1 - \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}} = \frac{2(3 + \sqrt{5})}{1}$

sol 1)

$4r - 4 = 4r^3 - 4r$

$4(r-1) = 4r(r^2-1)$

$= 4r(r-1)(r+1)$

$1 = r(r+1)$

$r \neq 1$

sol 2) $2(4r) = 4 + 4r^3$

$2r = 1 + r^3$

$(r-1)(r^2+r-1) = 0$

★ Mold, Morph, and Bend question into your favour.

20.

The coefficient of x^2 in the expansion of $(4 - x^2)[(1 + 2x + 3x^2)^6 - (1 + 4x^3)^5]$ is

A 28

B 72

C 78

D 192

E 240

F 310

G 312

Two avenues for term x^2 to show up
Current form: $(4 - x^2) \times A(x)$

① $4 \times (\text{★ } x^2 \text{ (★ = real constant) term for } A(x))$

② $(-x^2) \times (\text{Constant term from } A(x))$



Narrow down on aim:

Aim is to find two things: (1) coefficient of x^2 (2) Constant at $A(x)$'s expansion.

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① x^2 coeff:

$$A(x) = (1 + 2x + 3x^2)^6 - (1 + 4x^3)^5$$

→ all exponents of this one's expanded form are divisible by 3. do they have nothing to do with x^2 exponent.

$$\begin{aligned} & (3x^2)^1 (2x)^0 (1)^5 \times 6C_1 \times 5C_5 \\ & + (3x^2)^0 (2x)^2 (1)^4 \times 6C_2 \times 4C_4 \\ & = 3 \times 6x^2 + 4 \times 15x^2 = \underline{78x^2} \end{aligned}$$

③ Constant at $A(x)$

$$(1)^6 (3x^2)^0 (2x)^0 \times 6C_0 - 1 = 0.$$

$$A(x) = 0 + \text{★}x + 78x^2 + \dots$$

(in ascending order)

$$(4 - x^2)(0 + \text{★}x + 78x^2 + \dots)$$

$$0 + \text{★}x + (4 \times 78x^2 - 0x^2)$$

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