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VCE Mathematical Methods ½

Circular Function Exam Skills [0.18]

Workshop

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Section A: Recap

The Exact Values Table



х	0 (0°)	$\frac{\pi}{6} \ (30^{\circ})$	$\frac{\pi}{4}~(45^{\rm o})$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$ (60°)	$\frac{\pi}{2}$ (90°)
$\sin(x)$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	1
$\cos(x)$	1	$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
tan(x)	0	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	1	$\sqrt{3}$	Undefined

Particular Solutions



- Solving trigonometric equations for finite solutions.
- Steps:
 - 1. Make the trigonometric function the subject.



- 2. Find the necessary angle for one period.
- **3.** Solve for x by equating the necessary angles to the inside of the trigonometric functions.
- 4. Add and subtract the period to find all other solutions in the domain.

General Solutions

- Solving infinite trigonometric equations.
- Steps:
 - 1. Make the trigonometric function the subject.
 - **2.** Find the necessary angle for one period.
 - **3.** Solve for *x* by equating the necessary angles to the inside of the trigonometric functions.
 - **4.** Add period $\cdot n$ where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Multiple Forms of a General Solution

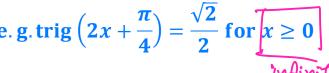
al Solution $A + Period \cdot n = b + Period \cdot n$ Point



If the difference of a and b is a multiple of period.

General Solution with Domain Restriction

e. g. trig $\left(2x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ for $x \ge 0$



- We can have infinite solutions for a restricted domain.
- The value of n is also restricted.



Period of a Trigonometric Function



period of $\sin(nx)$ and $\cos(nx)$ functions $=\frac{2\pi}{n}$

period of
$$tan(nx)$$
 functions $=\frac{\pi}{n}$

where n = coefficient of x and n > 0

Hidden Quadratics



$$af(x)^2 + bf(x) + c = 0$$

Let
$$A = f(x)$$

Pythagorean Identity



$$\sin^2(\theta) + \cos^2(\theta) = 1$$



Section B: Warm up Questions (13 Marks)

INSTRUCTION:

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- Regular: 13 Marks, 15 Minutes Writing.
- Extension: Skip

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Question 1 (6 marks)

Solve the following trigonometric equations over the specified domain:

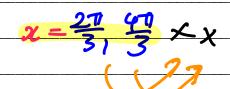
a.
$$\cos(x) = -\frac{1}{2}$$
 for $x \in [0, 2\pi]$. (2 marks)

S quad 2,3



ref 3

angle x=11-13, 11+13



b. $\sin(2x) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ for $x \in [0, 2\pi]$. (2 marks)

quad 1,2

ref 3

period 27 = 7

angle

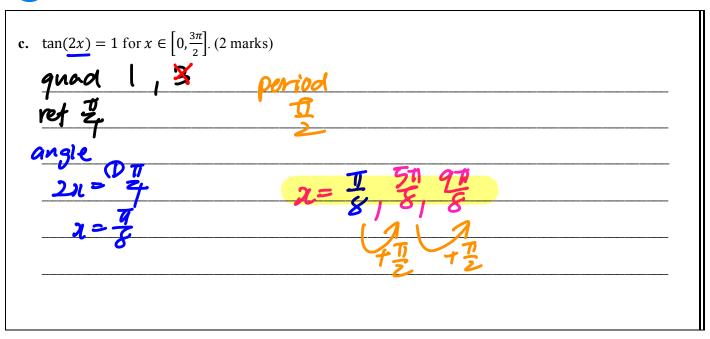
 $2u = \frac{OII}{3}, \frac{O}{7}\pi - \frac{11}{3}$

 $2x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}$

 $\chi = \frac{\pi}{7}, \frac{\pi}{3}$







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Question 2 (4 marks)

Solve the following trigonometric equations:

a.
$$\cos(3x) = -\frac{1}{2}$$
. (2 marks)

$$\frac{\text{quad } 2,5}{\text{ref } \frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\frac{34 = 71 - \frac{1}{3}}{3}, \frac{1173}{3}$$

$$\frac{21}{3} + \frac{21}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}$$

b.
$$\tan(x - \frac{\pi}{6}) = -1 \text{ for } x \ge 0 \text{ (2 marks)}$$

quad
$$2.4$$
 period $\frac{\pi}{1} = \pi$

angle
$$a-\overline{t} = \overline{t} - \overline{z}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{12} + \overline{t} n, \quad \text{No-} \overline{Z} \cup S$$



Question 3 (3 marks)
Solve the equations $\tan^2\left(x-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)=\frac{1}{3}$.

$$\tan(x-\frac{10}{3})^3=\pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\tan(x-\frac{\pi}{3}) = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{3}}$$
 $\tan(x-\frac{\pi}{3}) = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{3}}$

$$tun(x-\frac{\pi}{3}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{1$$

$$tan(2-\frac{\pi}{3}) = \frac{3}{3}$$
 $tan(2-\frac{\pi}{3}) = -\frac{3}{3}$

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$$\chi - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

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$$\chi = \frac{\pi}{4} + \pi \qquad \qquad \chi = 27 +$$



Section C: Exam 1 Questions (19 Marks)

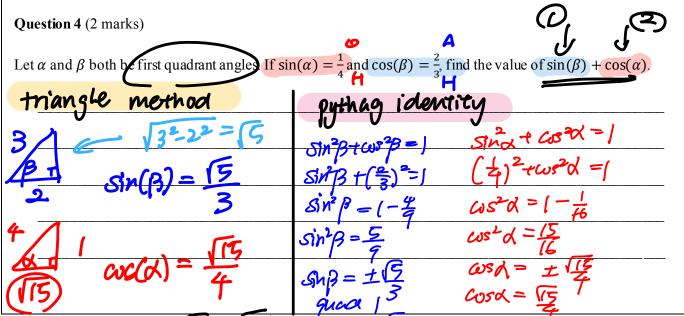
INSTRUCTION:

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- Regular: 19 Marks, Minutes Reading, Minutes Writing.
- > Extension: 19 Marks. 5 Minutes Reading. 19 Minutes Writing.





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Question 5 (5 marks)

a. Find the general solution for the following equation: (3 marks)

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$\cos\left(2\left(x+\frac{\pi}{6}\right)\right)=-\frac{1}{2},$	$x \ge 0$

quad
$$2,3$$
 period $=\frac{2\pi}{2}=\pi$

- $\frac{\chi = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{3}}{\chi = \frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{\pi}{2}}$
- **b.** Hence, find the sum of solutions for $x \in [0, 2\pi]$. (2 marks)

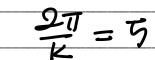
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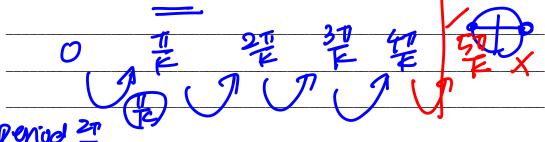
Question 6 (4 marks)

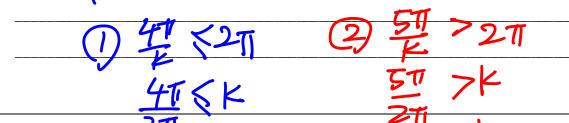
Consider the function $f(x) = \sin(kx)$, where k > 0.

a. Find the value of k if f(x) has a period of 5. (1) marks)



b. Find the value(s) of k if f(x) = 0 has exactly 5 solutions on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$. (2 marks)







Question 7 (4 marks)

a. Find the general solution to the equation: (3 marks)

$$Tan = \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha}$$

$$\cos(3x) = \cos\left(3x - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$as(3x) = -sin(3x)$$

$$=-\sin(3a)$$

$$\int \frac{\sin(3x)}{\cos(3x)} \qquad quad \geq \qquad period = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\int = -\tan(3x) \qquad ref = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

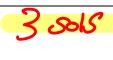
$$\int = -\tan(3x) \qquad 3x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

) ÷ cos(32)

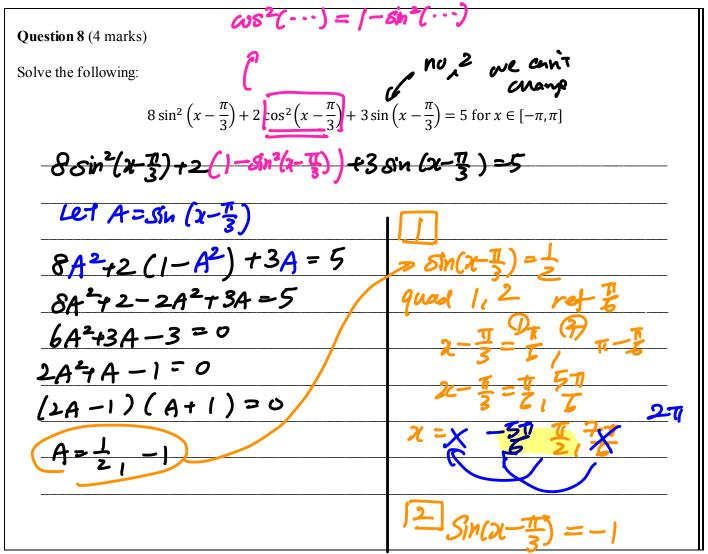
b. Hence, find how many points of intersection exist between $\cos(3x)$ and $\cos\left(3x - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$ on $[0, \pi]$. (1 mark)

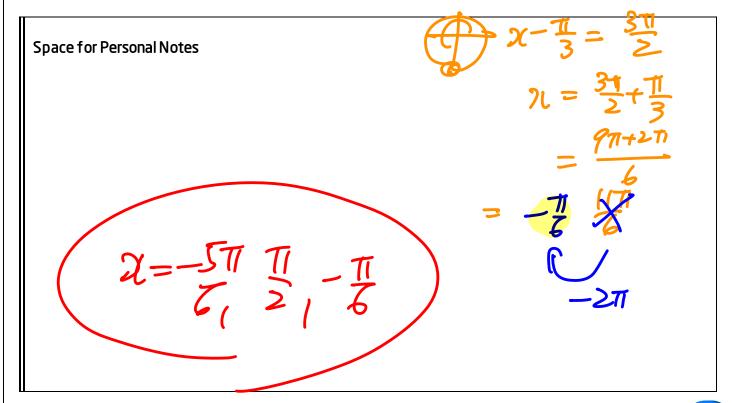






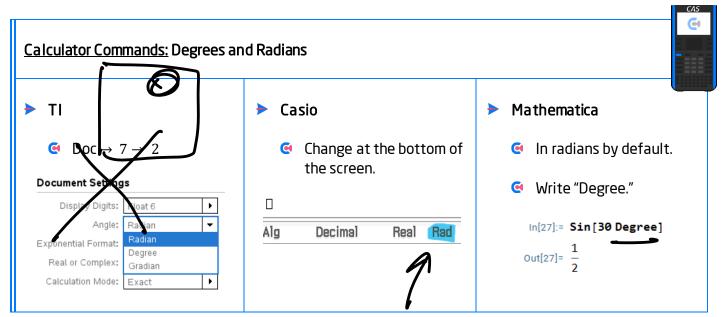








Section D: Tech-Active Exam Skills



<u>Calculator Commands:</u> Solving Trigonometric Functions

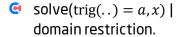
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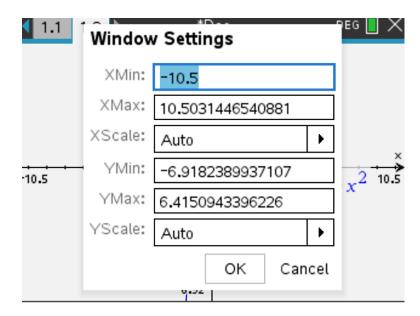
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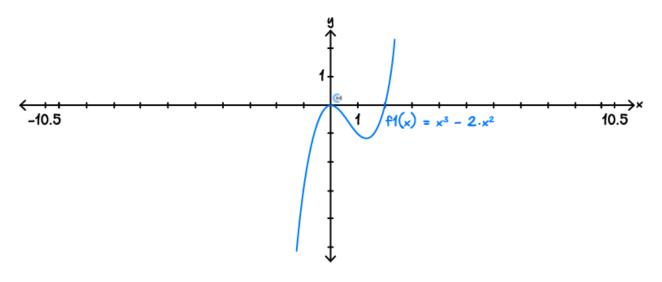
Calculator Commands: Graphing



- Open a graph page and plot your function.
- **>** Zoom settings: Menu \rightarrow 4 (window / zoom) \rightarrow 1 enter your x and y-ranges.

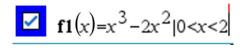


Can also click the axis numbers on the graph and alter them directly.



- Menu \rightarrow 6 (Analyse) to find min / max x and y-intercepts.
- Restrict the domain to 0 < x < 2, use the bar to get it from

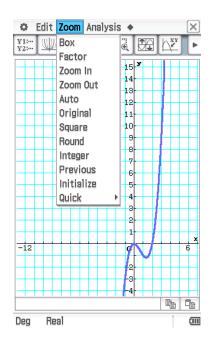




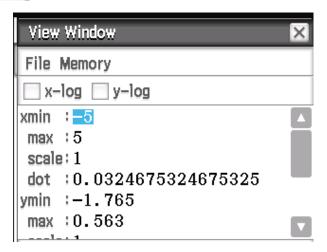


Casio: Click graph & table, and enter the function.





- Analysis → G-Solve to find intercepts.
- Use this button to set the view window.



Use | to restrict the domain → find it in Math 3.

$$V_{y1=x^3-2\cdot x^2|_{0\leq x\leq 2}}$$

- ► **Mathematica**: Plot[function, $\{x, xmin, xmax\}$, PlotRange $\rightarrow \{ymin, ymax\}$]
 - PlotRange is optional but can be used to make the scale appropriate for the question.





Section E: Exam 2 Questions (24 Marks)

INSTRUCTION:



- Regular: 24 Marks. 5 Minutes Reading. 35 Minutes Writing.
- Extension: 24 Marks. 5 Minutes Reading. 24 Minutes Writing.

Question 9 (1 mark)

Let
$$f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$$
, $f(x) = 1 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{3}\right)$.

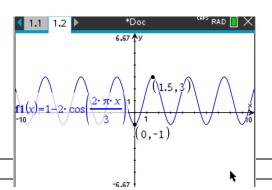
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The period and range of this function are respectively:



B. 4 and
$$[-2, 2]$$

D.
$$6\pi$$
 and $[-1, 1]$



Question 10 (1 mark)

The solutions of the equation;

$$2\cos\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + 1 = 0$$

are:

A.
$$x = \frac{\pi(24k+11)}{24}$$
 or $x = \frac{\pi(24k-5)}{24}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

B.
$$x = \frac{\pi(12k+1)}{24}$$
 or $x = \frac{\pi(12k+5)}{24}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

C.
$$x = \frac{\pi(4k-3)}{24}$$
 or $x = \frac{\pi(4k+1)}{24}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

D.
$$x = \frac{\pi(4k+2)}{8}, k \in Z$$

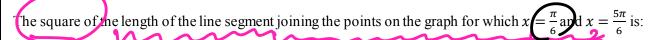
solve
$$\left(2 \cdot \cos\left(2 \cdot x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + 1 = 0, x\right)$$

$$x = \frac{\left(24 \cdot \cancel{\cancel{0}} \cdot \cancel{\cancel{0}} - 5\right) \cdot \pi}{24} \text{ or } x = \frac{\left(24 \cdot \cancel{\cancel{0}} \cdot \cancel{\cancel{0}} + 11\right) \cdot \pi}{24}$$

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Question 11 (1 mark)

Consider the function $f(x) = \sin(3x)$, where $x \in [0, \pi]$.



A.
$$\frac{25+\pi^2}{9}$$

B.
$$\frac{4\pi^2}{9}$$

C.
$$\pi + 4$$

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{5 \cdot \pi}{6} - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)^2 - \left(\sqrt{\frac{5 \cdot \pi}{6}}\right) - \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{6}}\right)^2} \qquad \frac{2 \cdot \pi}{3}$$

$$\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2$$

Question 12 (1 mark)

The sum of the solutions to the equation $\sin(2x) = \frac{1}{2}$ over the interval $[-\pi, d]$ is $\frac{\pi}{12}$.

The value of *d* could be:

A.
$$\frac{\pi}{3}$$

B.
$$\frac{5\pi}{6}$$

C.
$$\frac{7\pi}{6}$$

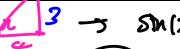
D.
$$\frac{15\pi}{4}$$



solve
$$\left| \sin(2 \cdot x) = \frac{1}{2} x \right| |-\pi \le x \le \frac{7 \cdot \pi}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{-11 \cdot \pi}{12}$$
 or $x = \frac{-7 \cdot \pi}{12}$ or $x = \frac{\pi}{12}$ or $x = \frac{5 \cdot \pi}{12}$ or $x = \frac{5 \cdot \pi}{12}$

Question 13 (1 mark)



Let $cos(x) = \frac{4}{5}$ and $sin^2(y) = \frac{9}{25}$, where $x, y \in [\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi]$.)

The value of $sin(x) + cos^2(y)$ is.

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A.
$$-\frac{23}{125}$$

B.
$$-\frac{1}{2}$$

$$(48^{2} \text{cy}) = (-8 \text{in}^{2} \text{cy})$$

$$= (-\frac{9}{25})$$

C.
$$\frac{1}{25}$$

$$=\frac{16}{25}$$

D. $\frac{1}{5}$

Question 14 (1 mark)

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Given that $\tan(\alpha) = d$ where d > 0 and $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$, the sum of the solutions to $\tan(2x) = d$ where $0 < x < \frac{3\pi}{4}$, in terms of α , is:

A.
$$\frac{\pi+\sqrt{\alpha}}{2}$$

Ref angle: X

angle

$$2a = 0$$

B. 2α

C. $\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha$

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D. $\frac{3(\pi+\alpha)}{\alpha}$

Question 15 (1 mark)

Consider the function $f: [-a\pi, a\pi] \to \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \sin(ax)$, where a is a positive integer.

The number of solutions to f(x) = -1 is always equal to:

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A. *a*

B. 2*a*

period: 27

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D. a^2

C. 4

period 20



Question 16 (9 marks)

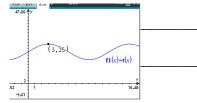
a. During a particular day at the Contour office, the temperature inside the building between 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM fluctuates so that t hours after 10:00 AM, the temperature T° C is given by:

$$T = 20 + 5\sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right)$$

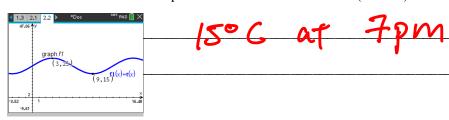
 $f(x) = x^2$

i. State the implied domain for T. (1 mark)

ii. State the maximum temperature and the time it occurs. (1 mark)



iii. State the minimum temperature and the time it occurs. (1 mark)



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b.

i. Calculate the temperature in the building at 11:30 AM. Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place. (1 mark)

t=1.5

T(1.5) =23.5°C

ii. At what time does the temperature first reach 24°C? (2 marks)

to the nearest min

solve $(t(x)=24,x)|0 \le x \le 2$ 0.7710034118052.60

x=1.771 46.2602

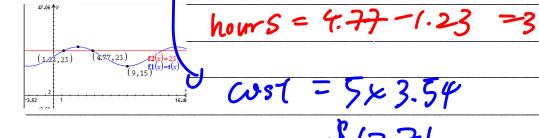
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11:46 am

When the temperature reaches 23°C, an air conditioner in only the boardroom is switched on, and it is switched off when the temperature in the rest of the building falls below 23°C. Assume that the air conditioning in the board room does not affect the temperature in the rest of the building.

c. The air conditioner in the boardroom costs \$5 per hour to run. Determine the cost of running the air conditioner in the boardroom during the day. Give your answer correct to the nearest cent. (3 marks)

Wot = 5x No. hours temp >23°C





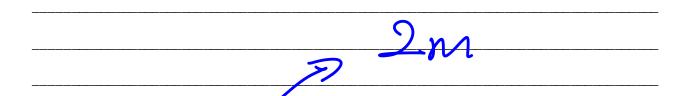
Question 17 (8 marks)

The height above ground level of a particular carriage on a Ferris wheel is given by:

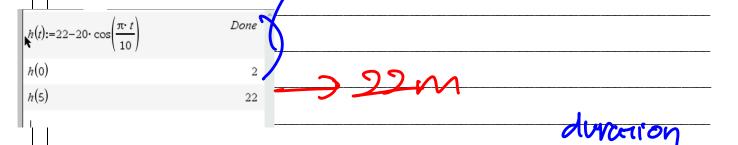
$$h = 22 - 20\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{10}t\right)$$

where h is the height in metres above the ground and t is the time in minutes after boarding the ride.

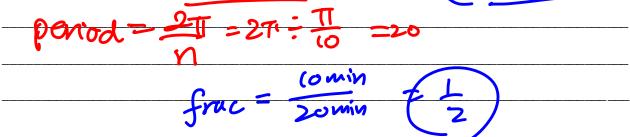
a. Calculate how far above the ground the carriage is initially. (1 mark)



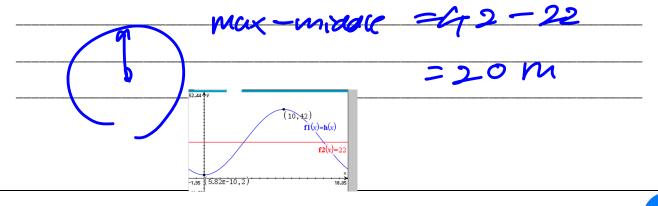
b. Calculate how high the carriage will be after 5 minutes. (1 mark)



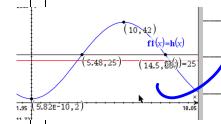
c. Determine what fraction of a revolution the Ferris wheel will complete in (10-minute time interval (1 mark)



d. The carriage is attached by strong steel radial spokes to the centre of the circular wheel. State the length of a radial spoke. (1 mark)



e. Calculate the total amount of time, to the nearest second, in one revolution, that the carriage is higher than 25 metres above the ground. (2 marks)



h(t) = 12-20

The operator doubles the speed of the Ferris wheel. Write a new equation for the height h in terms of t. (2 marks)



Section F: Extension Exam 1 (10 Marks)

INSTRUCTION:



- ► Regular: Skip
- Extension: 10 Marks. 2 Minutes Reading. 15 Minutes Writing.

Question 18 (3 marks)

Solve the following equation,

$$5\cos\left(2x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - 2 = 1, \text{ for } x \in [-\pi, \pi]$$

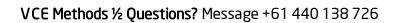
You will need to use the inverse cos function \cos^{-1} in your answer.

Hint: $\sqrt{2} \approx 1.41$



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Question 19 (2 marks)		
Show that:		
	$1 + \tan^2(x) = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)}$	
	$\cos^{-}(x)$	
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Question 20 (5 marks)		
Consider the function $f(x) = \sin\left(n^2x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.		
a. Find the value(s) of n if $f(x)$ has a period of 3π . (2 marks)		
Now only consider when $n > 0$. Find the value(s) of n such that $f(x) = 0$ has 6 solutions on the interval $[0, 2\pi]$. (3 marks)		
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Section G: Extension Exam 2 (15 Marks)

INSTRUCTION:



- Regular: Skip
- Extension: 15 Marks. 2 Minutes Reading. 16 Minutes Writing.

Question 21 (15 marks)

In a greenhouse, the temperature is carefully controlled to ensure optimal growth conditions for a rare species of orchid. The temperature $T^{\circ}C$ varies according to the rule:

$$T = 25 - 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{12}\right)$$

where t is the time **in minutes** since the heating cycle began.

a. State the range of temperature in the greenhouse. (1 mark)

b. Determine the time after the cycle begins when the temperature reaches its maximum value. (1 mark)

c. How many complete heating cycles occur in one hour? (2 marks)



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d. If the heating system runs continuously for 2 hours, what is the temperature at	he end of this time? (2 marks)
e. Express the rule for the temperature in terms of a sine function. Write your ans $a \sin(b(t-c)) + d$. Where a, c, d are positive integers and b is a real number.	
After observing fluctuations in external weather conditions, the greenhouse technic temperature program. The goal is to start the heating cycle 2 minutes later than usu to respond more quickly to rapid temperature changes.	<u> </u>
f. Write a rule for the image of <i>T</i> under these changes. (2 marks)	

a	Let $T(t) = 25 - 2\cos(\frac{\pi t}{t})$ and define a new function $T(t) = T(6t - 12)$. State the transformations that		
g.	g. Let $T_1(t) = 25 - 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{12}\right)$ and define a new function $T_2(t) = T_1(6t - 12)$. State the transformations that map the graph of T_1 to the graph of T_2 . (2 marks)		
	map the graph of I_1 to the graph of I_2 . (2 marks)		
We	eather conditions fluctuate again. The technician decides to change the heating cycle to following the rule:		
	$T_3(t) = k - 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{12}\right)$		
h.	Find the value of k if, over one complete cycle, the temperature is above 26° for 60% of the time. Give your answer correct to three decimal places. (3 marks)		
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 Book via bit.ly/contour-methods-consult-2025 (or QR code below). One active booking at a time (must attend before booking the next). 	 Message <u>+61 440 138 726</u> with questions. Save the contact as "Contour Methods".

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