



Trial Examination 2018

VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3&4

Written Examination 1

Suggested Solutions

Neap Trial Exams are licensed to be photocopied or placed on the school intranet and used only within the confines of the school purchasing them, for the purpose of examining that school's students only. They may not be otherwise reproduced or distributed. The copyright of Neap Trial Exams remains with Neap. No Neap Trial Exam or any part thereof is to be issued or passed on by any person to any party inclusive of other schools, non-practising teachers, coaching colleges, tutors, parents, students, publishing agencies or websites without the express written consent of Neap.

Question 1 (4 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } \frac{d}{dx}[x^3 \log_e(x+2)] &= 3x^2 \times \log_e(x+2) + x^3 \times \frac{1}{x+2} \\ &= 3x^2 \log_e(x+2) + \frac{x^3}{x+2} \end{aligned}$$

A1

$$\text{b. } f'(x) = \frac{-2x \sin(2x) - \cos(2x)}{x^2}$$

A1

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{-2 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times \sin\left(2 \times \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \cos\left(2 \times \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2}$$

M1

$$= -\frac{8}{\pi}$$

A1

Question 2 (3 marks)

$$g(x) = \int (4-x)^2 dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3}(4-x)^3 + c$$

A1

$$g(1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = -\frac{1}{3}(4-x)^3 + c$$

M1

$$c = 9$$

$$\therefore g(x) = -\frac{1}{3}(4-x)^3 + 9$$

A1

Question 3 (4 marks)

$$\text{a. } (3^2)^{1-3x} = 3^{-3}$$

$$2(1-3x) = -3$$

M1

$$x = \frac{5}{6}$$

A1

$$\text{b. } \log_2\left(\frac{3x(x+4)}{15}\right) = 0$$

$$\frac{3x(x+4)}{15} = 1$$

M1

$$3x(x+4) = 15$$

$$3x^2 + 12x - 15 = 0$$

$$3(x+5)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 1 \text{ as } x > 0$$

A1

Question 4 (4 marks)

$$\text{a. } f(g(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{4}}}$$

M1

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{4-x^2}{4}}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

A1

$$\text{b. } \text{range } g(x) \subseteq \text{domain } f(x)$$

$$\text{range } g(x) = (-\infty, 1]$$

$$\text{domain } f(x) = (0, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{x^2}{4} > 0$$

A1

$$\therefore x \in (-2, 2)$$

A1

Question 5 (7 marks)

$$\text{a. } \text{range } f = [0, 6]$$

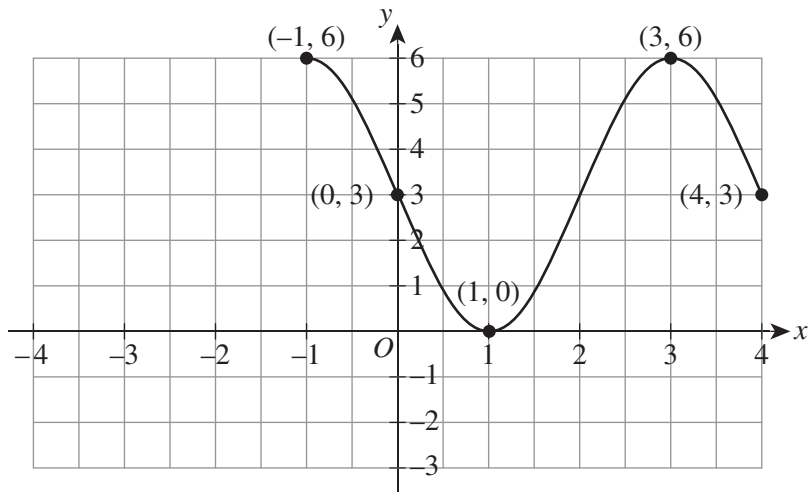
A1

$$\text{period} = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$= 4$$

A1

b.

*correct shape (must not be linear between turning points) A1**correct intercepts labelled as coordinates A1**correct turning points labelled as coordinates A1*

c. $-3 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) + 3 = \frac{3}{2}$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

A1

$$\frac{\pi x}{2} = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \text{ or } x = \frac{5}{3}$$

A1

Question 6 (9 marks)

a. $\Pr(JJJ) = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3$
 $= \frac{1}{64}$

A1

b. $\Pr(JJJ | \text{at least 1 J}) = \frac{\Pr(JJJ \cap \text{at least 1 J})}{\Pr(\text{at least 1 J})}$
 $= \frac{\Pr(JJJ \cap \text{at least 1 J})}{1 - \Pr(\text{no J})}$
 $= \frac{\frac{1}{64}}{1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3}$
 $= \frac{\frac{1}{64}}{\frac{37}{64}}$
 $= \frac{1}{37}$

M1

A1

c. $\Pr(J) = p$

$$\Pr(J') = 1 - p$$

$$\Pr(\text{exactly 1 J}) = \Pr(JJ') + \Pr(J'J)$$

$$\Rightarrow p(1-p) + (1-p)p = \frac{8}{25} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$2p(1-p) = \frac{8}{25}$$

$$25p^2 - 25p + 4 = 0$$

$$(5p-1)(5p-4) = 0$$

$$p = \frac{1}{5} \text{ or } p = \frac{4}{5} \quad \text{M1}$$

However, $\Pr(J) < \frac{1}{4}$.

$$\therefore p = \frac{1}{5} \text{ only} \quad \text{A1}$$

d. $X \sim N(20, 36)$

$$Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\Pr(X < 14) = \Pr(Z < -1)$$

$$= \Pr(Z > 1)$$

$$= 0.16 \quad \text{A1}$$

e. $\Pr(14 < X < 20 | X > 14) = \frac{\Pr(14 < X < 20)}{\Pr(X > 14)}$

$$= \frac{\Pr(-1 < Z < 0)}{\Pr(Z > -1)}$$

$$= \frac{0.34}{0.84}$$

$$= \frac{17}{42} \quad \text{A1}$$

f. $\Pr(X < 10) = \Pr(X > 30) = k$

$$\Pr(X < 26) = \Pr(Z < 1) = 0.84$$

$$\Pr(10 < X < 26) = 0.84 - k \quad \text{A1}$$

Question 7 (9 marks)

a. $f'(x) = -\frac{2k}{x^3}$

$$f'(k) = -\frac{2}{k^2}$$

$$f(k) = \frac{1}{k}$$

The tangent passes through $\left(k, \frac{1}{k}\right)$ with gradient $-\frac{2}{k^2}$.

A1

$$y - \frac{1}{k} = -\frac{2}{k^2}(x - k)$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{k^2}x + \frac{3}{k}$$

A1

b. point A (y-intercept of tangent line): $\left(0, \frac{3}{k}\right)$

A1

point B: $\left(0, -\frac{3}{k}\right)$

A1

Let $y = 0$ (for point C).

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{2}{k^2}x + \frac{3}{k} = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{3k}{2}$$

point C: $\left(\frac{3k}{2}, 0\right)$

A1

c. area = $\frac{1}{2}bh$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times \frac{3}{k} \times \frac{3k}{2}$$

M1

$$= \frac{9}{2}$$

A1

$\therefore$ The area is constant and independent of k .

d. $\hat{ABC} = \frac{\pi}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = m_{BC}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} = \frac{2}{k^2}$$

M1

$$k^2 = 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$= \sqrt{12}$$

$$\therefore k = 12^{\frac{1}{4}} \text{ as } k > 0$$

A1