

VCE Mathematical Methods Units 1&2

Written Examination 2

Suggested Solutions

SECTION A – MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

1	☒ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E
2	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☒ D	☐ E
3	☐ A	☒ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E
4	☐ A	☐ B	☒ C	☐ D	☐ E
5	☒ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E
6	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☒ D	☐ E
7	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☒ E
8	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☒ E
9	☒ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E
10	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☒ E

11	☐ A	☒ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E
12	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☒ D	☐ E
13	☐ A	☐ B	☒ C	☐ D	☐ E
14	☐ A	☐ B	☒ C	☐ D	☐ E
15	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☒ D	☐ E
16	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☒ E
17	☐ A	☐ B	☒ C	☐ D	☐ E
18	☐ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☒ E
19	☒ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E
20	☒ A	☐ B	☐ C	☐ D	☐ E

Question 1 A

$$Q(-1) = 3(-1)^3 - a(-1)^2 + b(-1) + c = -6 \quad (\text{equation 1})$$

$$Q(3) = 3(3)^3 - a(3)^2 + b(3) + c = 66 \quad (\text{equation 2})$$

$$Q(-3) = 3(-3)^3 - a(-3)^2 + b(-3) + c = -126 \quad (\text{equation 3})$$

Solving simultaneous equations using CAS gives $a = 4$, $b = 5$, and $c = 6$.

Question 2 D

The correct period is π . The amplitude is 3. Translation is one unit up. Therefore, a possible equation for the graph is $y = 3 \sin(2x) + 1$.

Question 3 B

The function can be sketched using CAS. For the function to have an inverse, it must be a one-to-one function. Therefore, to suit the specified domain, the largest possible value of q is -1 .

Question 4 C

Solving for x manually gives:

$$3x^2 - 6x + 4 = x$$

$$3x^2 - 7x + 4 = 0$$

$$(3x - 4)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } \frac{4}{3}$$

OR

Solving for x using CAS gives $x = 1$ or $\frac{4}{3}$.

For either method, by inspection:

$$f(x) \geq x \text{ when } x \leq 1, \text{ and } x \geq \frac{4}{3}.$$

Question 5 A

Sketching the graph using CAS gives a semi-circle with domain $-6 \leq x \leq 6$.

Question 6 D

The function is a truncus graph, so **A** and **B** are incorrect. **E** represents an inverted truncus, so is incorrect.

The sketch shows a vertical asymptote at $x = 2$. Therefore, the denominator of the truncus fraction is $(x - 2)^2$. The horizontal asymptote is at $y = -4$. Therefore, **D** is correct and **C** is incorrect.

Question 7 E

Completing the square:

$$x^2 + y^2 - 10x + 4y = -25$$

$$x^2 - 10x + 5^2 - 5^2 + y^2 + 4y + 2^2 - 2^2 = -25$$

$$(x - 5)^2 - 25 + (y + 2)^2 - 4 = -25$$

$$(x - 5)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 4$$

This is a circle in the form $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$, where the centre is (h, k) and radius r . Therefore, the centre is $(5, -2)$ and radius is 2.

Question 8 E

Equating the equations $3x^2 + mx - 2 = x - 5$ and rearranging into the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ gives:

$$3x^2 + mx - x - 2 + 5 = 0$$

$$3x^2 + x(m - 1) + 3 = 0$$

Solving for the discriminant equalling zero ($\Delta = 0$) gives:

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$(m - 1)^2 - 4(3)(3) = 0$$

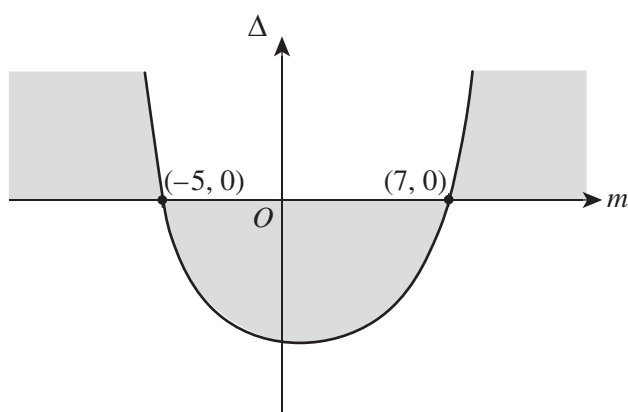
$$(m - 1)^2 - 36 = 0$$

$$(m - 1)^2 = 36$$

$$m - 1 = \pm 6$$

$$m = -5 \text{ or } 7$$

Graph of the discriminant against m :



Reading from the graph, **E** is correct.

Question 9 A

Using CAS, in Statistics, x -values are entered into List 1 and y -values are entered into List 2. Calculating the regression line in the form $y = a \times b^x$ gives **A**.

Question 10 E

Solving the equation for x using CAS gives the general solutions:

$$x = \frac{2\pi n}{3} - \frac{\pi}{18} \text{ and } x = \frac{2\pi n}{3} + \frac{7\pi}{18}, \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\text{For } n = -2, x = -\frac{25\pi}{18}, -\frac{17\pi}{18}.$$

$$\text{For } n = -1, x = -\frac{13\pi}{18} \text{ and } x = -\frac{5\pi}{18}.$$

$$\text{For } n = 0, x = \frac{\pi}{18} \text{ and } x = \frac{7\pi}{18}.$$

$$\text{For } n = 1, x = \frac{11\pi}{18} \text{ and } x = \frac{19\pi}{18}.$$

Only the six values $-\frac{17\pi}{18}, -\frac{13\pi}{18}, -\frac{5\pi}{18}, \frac{\pi}{18}, \frac{7\pi}{18}, \frac{11\pi}{18}$ are within the specified domain.

OR

Solving using the specified domain gives the six solutions.

Question 11 B

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= -2x^3 + \frac{2}{x^2} + 3x + 4 \\ &= -2x^3 + 2x^{-2} + 3x + 4 \\ f'(x) &= -6x^2 - 4x^{-3} + 3 \\ &= -6x^2 - \frac{4}{x^3} + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Question 12 D

Calculating the antiderivative using CAS gives $x^4 - \frac{2}{3}x^3 + 3x^2$, where $c = 0$. Therefore, **D** is correct, where $c = -3$.

Question 13 **C**

$f(-1) = -3$ and $f'(-1) = 0$, so $(-1, -3)$ is a stationary point. Therefore, **D** and **E** are incorrect.

$f'(x) < 0$ for $x < -1$, so when x is less than -1 , the gradient of the graph is negative. $f'(x) > 0$ for $x > -1$, so when x is greater than -1 , the gradient of the graph is positive. Therefore, the point $(-1, -3)$ is a local minimum, so **C** is correct.

Question 14 **C**

Either using CAS, or manually, finding $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x + 3$ gives $y = 2x^2 + 3x + c$.

Since $y = 9$ when $x = 2$, substituting these values into the equation and solving for c gives:

$$9 = 2(2)^2 + 3 \times 2 + c$$

$$9 = 8 + 6 + c$$

$$c = -5$$

$$\text{So, } y = 2x^2 + 3x - 5.$$

Question 15 **D**

Finding the gradient of the line gives $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{-5 - (-2)}{2 - 1} = -3$.

Solving using CAS gives

$$m = \tan(\theta)$$

$$-3 = \tan(\theta)$$

$$\tan^{-1}(-3) = \theta$$

$$\theta = -71.5650^\circ$$

However, this is not the required angle; the angle that is made with the positive direction of the x -axis is $180 - 71.5650 = 108.435^\circ$, correct to three decimal places.

Question 16 **E**

For independent events, $\Pr(A) \times \Pr(B) = \Pr(A \cap B)$.

$$0.55 \times \Pr(B) = 0.363$$

$$\Pr(B) = 0.66$$

Question 17 **C**

$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$$

$$= \frac{0.363}{0.66}$$

$$= 0.55$$

Question 18 **E**

$$\Pr(\text{both Jane and Ken have cereal for breakfast}) = 0.65 \times 0.55 = 0.3575$$

Question 19 **A**

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(\text{only one of them has cereal for breakfast}) &= \Pr(\text{Jane has cereal and Ken has toast}) + \\ &\quad \Pr(\text{Ken has cereal and Jane has toast}) \\ &= 0.65 \times 0.45 + 0.55 \times 0.35 \\ &= 0.4850\end{aligned}$$

Question 20 **A**

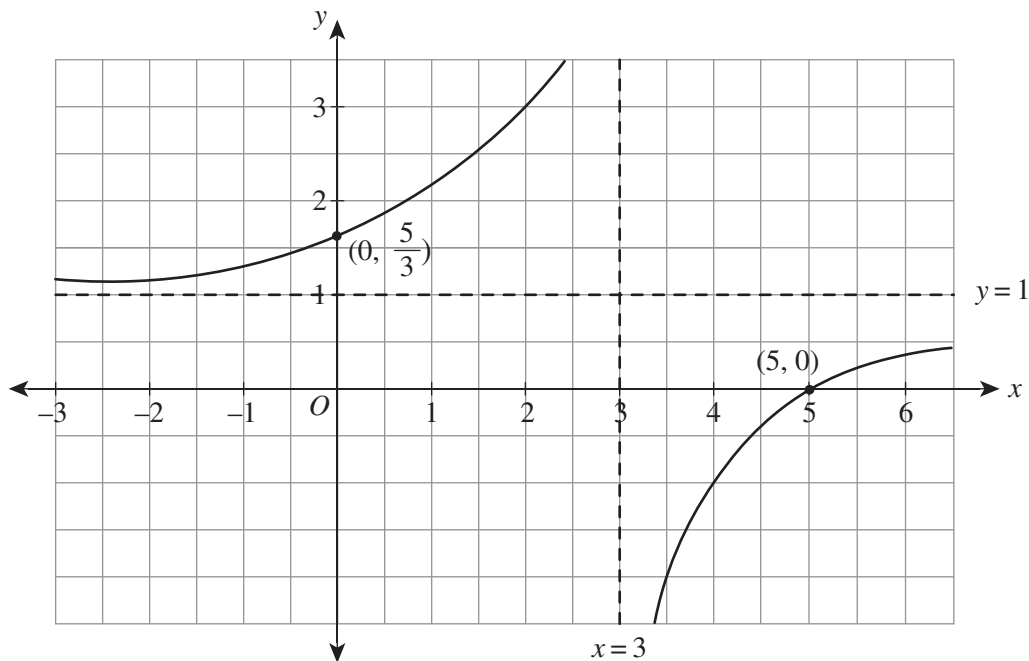
	N	N'	
F	0.45	0.18	0.63
F'	0.36	0.01	0.37
	0.81	0.19	1

$\Pr(F' \cap N')$ is 0.01, so **A** is correct.

SECTION B

Question 1 (15 marks)

a.



Key points and asymptotes can be found using CAS or manually.

correct shape A1

correct x- and y-intercepts labelled (5, 0) and $(0, \frac{5}{3})$ A1

correct x-asymptote labelled $(x = 3)$ A1

correct y-asymptote labelled $(y = 1)$ A1

b. one-to-one

A1

c. Let $y = \frac{2}{x-3} + 1$.

Therefore, for the inverse function:

$$x = -\frac{2}{y-3} + 1$$

M1

$$x - 1 = -\frac{2}{y-3}$$

$$1 - x = \frac{2}{y-3}$$

M1

$$y - 3 = \frac{2}{1-x}$$

M1

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{2}{1-x} + 3$$

d. domain: $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$

A1

range: $y \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{3\}$

A1

- e. The first transformation is a vertical translation of 1 unit down (in the negative direction of the y -axis). A1

The second transformation is a horizontal translation of 3 units left (in the negative direction of the x -axis). A1

The third transformation is a reflection in the x -axis, and the fourth transformation is a dilation by a factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ from the y -axis. A1

f. $f(x) = -\frac{2}{x-3} + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} f(4) &= -\frac{2}{4-3} + 1 && \text{M1} \\ &= -\frac{2}{1} + 1 \\ &= -1 && \text{A1} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2 (15 marks)

- a. The amplitude is 3. A1

b. $P = \frac{2\pi}{n}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{4}} \\ &= 8 && \text{A1} \end{aligned}$$

c. $D(t) = 20 + 3\cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{4}\right), 0 \leq t \leq 16$

$$\begin{aligned} D(0) &= 20 + 3\cos\left(\frac{\pi \times 0}{4}\right) && \text{(Solve using CAS)} \\ &= 20 + 3\cos(0) \\ &= 23 \text{ metres} && \text{A1} \end{aligned}$$

- d. Sketching the graph $D(t)$ using CAS (trace function):

Maximum depth is 23 metres.

A1

Minimum depth is 17 metres.

A1

OR

Using $D(t) = 20 + 3 \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{4}\right)$, the mid-line of the graph is at $y = 20$.

From **part a.**, the amplitude is 3 metres. Therefore:

$$\text{maximum depth} = 20 + 3$$

$$= 23 \text{ metres}$$

A1

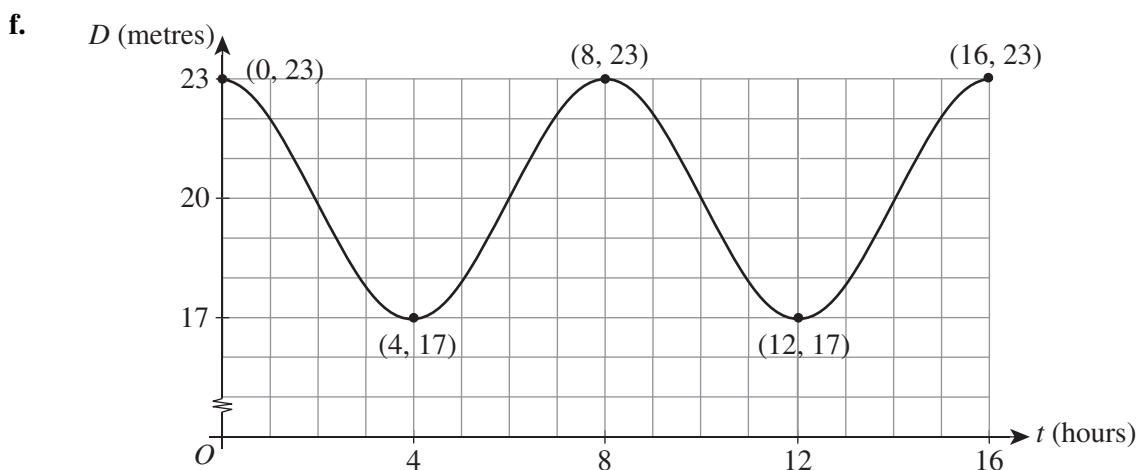
$$\text{minimum depth} = 20 - 3$$

$$= 17 \text{ metres}$$

A1

- e. i. Sketching the graph over the 16 hours using CAS, we can see there are **three** high tides. A1
- ii. The high tides occur at 6.00 am, 2.00 pm and 10.00 pm. A1

*Note: All **three** times must be provided.*



correct start and endpoints labelled $(0, 23)$ and $(16, 23)$ A1

correct maximum and minimum points labelled $(4, 17)$, $(8, 23)$ and $(12, 17)$ A1

correct shape A1

- g. i. $D(t) = 20 + 3 \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{4}\right)$, $0 \leq t \leq 16$ M1

$$19 = 20 + 3 \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{4}\right)$$

$$t = 2.43, 5.57, 10.43 \text{ and } 13.57$$

A1

- ii. From **part g.(i)**. $t = 2.43, 5.57, 10.43$ and 13.57 .

The depth (D) of water, in metres, is given at time t hours after 6.00 am. Therefore,
 $t = 8.43, 11.57, 16.43$ and 19.57 (in 24-hour form).

Reading the graph, at 6.00 am the depth of water is 23 metres. Therefore, the ship
can sail to and from the pier during the times:

6.00–8.43

11.57–16.43

19.57–22.00

Converting the decimal part of the time to minutes (12-hour system form)

by multiplying by $\frac{60}{100}$ gives:

6:00–8:26 am

A1

11:34 am–4:26 pm

A1

7:34–10:00 pm.

A1

Award one mark for each correct time range provided.

Question 3 (14 marks)

- a. Using CAS, solving for x gives:

$$0 = -x^4 - 4x^3 - x^2 + 8x + 4$$

M1

$$x = -2.81, -2.00, -0.53, 1.34$$

A1

- b. Sketching the graph using CAS to find the maximum and minimum points gives:

$(-2.47, 1.20)$ maximum

A1

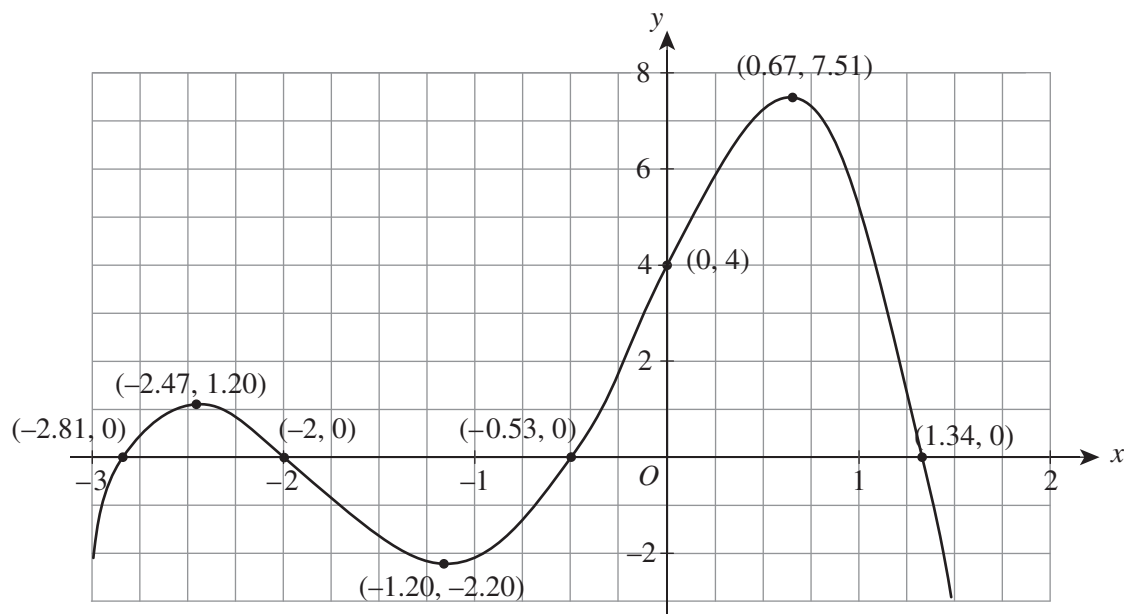
$(-1.20, -2.20)$ minimum

A1

$(0.67, 7.51)$ maximum.

A1

c.



correct x-intercepts labelled $(-2.81, 0)$, $(-2, 0)$, $(-0.53, 0)$ and $(1.34, 0)$ A1

correct y-intercept labelled $(0, 4)$ A1

correct maximum and minimum labelled $(-2.47, 1.20)$, $(-1.20, -2.20)$ and $(0.67, 7.51)$ A1

correct shape A1

d.

$$f(x) = -x^4 - 4x^3 - x^2 + 8x + 4$$

$$f(0) = 4$$

$$f(0.5) = 7.1875$$

M1

$$\text{average rate of change} = \frac{f(0.5) - f(0)}{0.5 - 0}$$

$$= \frac{7.1875 - 4}{0.5}$$

$$= 6.375$$

A1

e. Finding $f'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ to find the instantaneous rate of change gives:

$$f'(x) = -4x^3 - 12x^2 - 2x + 8$$

M1

$$f'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 12\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 8$$

$$f'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{7}{2}$$

A1

$$\text{OR } 3\frac{1}{2}$$

f. Solving using CAS gives:

$$\int_{-1.2}^{1.2} f(x) dx = \int_{-1.2}^{1.2} (-x^4 - 4x^3 - x^2 + 8x + 4) dx$$

$$= 7.453$$

A1

Question 4 (16 marks)

a. i. $\Pr(\text{red, blue, green}) = 6 \times \left(\frac{4}{12} \times \frac{5}{12} \times \frac{3}{12} \right)$
 $= \frac{5}{24}$ A1

ii. $\Pr(\text{green, green, green}) = \frac{3}{12} \times \frac{3}{12} \times \frac{3}{12}$
 $= \frac{1}{64}$ A1

iii. $\Pr(\text{green, green, green}) = \frac{3}{12} \times \frac{3}{12} \times \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{64}$

$$\Pr(\text{red, red, red}) = \frac{4}{12} \times \frac{4}{12} \times \frac{4}{12} = \frac{1}{27}$$

$$\Pr(\text{blue, blue, blue}) = \frac{5}{12} \times \frac{5}{12} \times \frac{5}{12} = \frac{125}{1728}$$

*correctly provides probabilities of all **three** colours* M1

$$\Pr(\text{three marbles of the same colour}) = \frac{1}{64} + \frac{1}{27} + \frac{125}{1728} = \frac{1}{8}$$
 A1

b. i. red red, red blue, red green, blue red, blue blue, blue green, green red,
green blue, green green
 $9 - 3 = 6$ A1

ii. $\Pr(\text{green, green}) = \frac{3}{12} \times \frac{2}{11} = \frac{1}{22}$ A1

iii. $\Pr(\text{two marbles of the same colour}) = \frac{4}{12} \times \frac{3}{11} + \frac{5}{12} \times \frac{4}{11} + \frac{3}{12} \times \frac{2}{11} = \frac{19}{66}$ A1

iv. $1 - \Pr(\text{two marbles of the same colour}) = 1 - \frac{4}{12} \times \frac{3}{11} + \frac{5}{12} \times \frac{4}{11} + \frac{3}{12} \times \frac{2}{11}$ M1
 $= \frac{47}{66}$ A1

OR

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr((\text{red, blue}) + (\text{blue, red}) + (\text{red, green}) + (\text{green, red}) + \\ &\quad (\text{green, blue}) + (\text{blue, green})) \\ &= \frac{4}{12} \times \frac{5}{11} + \frac{5}{12} \times \frac{4}{11} + \frac{4}{12} \times \frac{3}{11} + \frac{3}{12} \times \frac{4}{11} + \frac{3}{12} \times \frac{5}{11} + \frac{5}{12} \times \frac{3}{11} \\ &= \frac{47}{66} \end{aligned}$$
 M1
A1

v. $\Pr(\text{green second} | \text{green first}) = \frac{\Pr(\text{green} \cap \text{green})}{\Pr(\text{green first})} = \frac{\frac{2}{22}}{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{2}{11}$ A1

- c. i.** combinations = $\frac{12!}{5! \times 4! \times 3!} = 27\,720$ A1
- ii.** combinations = $\frac{9!}{5! \times 3!}$ M1
 = 504 A1
- iii.** combinations = $3! = 6$ A1
- d. i.** $12C_5 = 792$ A1
- ii.** $10C_3 = 120$ A1