

VCE Specialist Mathematics Units 3&4

Written Examination 2

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SECTION 1**Question 1 E**

The maximum and minimum values of y occur when $x = -3$, that is, when $\frac{(y-3)^2}{6} = k$.

Solving this equation for y gives $y = 3 \pm \sqrt{6k}$.

Hence the maximum value is $3 + \sqrt{6k}$.

Question 2 E

If $x^2 + bx - c = 0$ has two solutions then the graph of f has two vertical asymptotes.

If $x^2 + bx - c = 0$ has two solutions then $\Delta > 0$.

$$b^2 - 4(1)(-c) > 0 \text{ and so } b^2 + 4c > 0.$$

$$\text{So } b^2 > -4c.$$

Question 3 B

Vertical asymptotes occur for values of x such that $\sin(2x) = 0$.

$$\text{Hence } 2x = n\pi, \text{ that is, } x = \frac{n\pi}{2}.$$

Question 4 C

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(x) &= \pm \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^2} \\ &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{99}}{10}\end{aligned}$$

As $\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi$, $\sin(x)$ is positive.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(x) &= \frac{\sqrt{99}}{10} \\ &= \frac{3\sqrt{11}}{10}\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } \operatorname{cosec}(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}, \text{ we obtain } \operatorname{cosec}(x) = \frac{10}{3\sqrt{11}}.$$

Question 5 E

$$h'(x) = f'(g(x))g'(x)$$

$$h''(x) = f''(g(x))g'(x)g'(x) + f'(g(x))g''(x)$$

$$\text{So } h''(x) = f''(g(x))(g'(x))^2 + f'(g(x))g''(x).$$

Question 6 **A**

$$\begin{aligned}
 z &= \frac{i}{2-i} \\
 &= \frac{i}{2-i} \times \frac{2+i}{2+i} \\
 &= \frac{-1+2i}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

So $x = -\frac{1}{5}$ and $y = \frac{2}{5}$.

Question 7 **D**

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1+i)(x+yi) + (1-i)(x-yi) &= 6 \\
 x+yi+xi+i^2y + x-yi-xi+i^2y &= 6 \\
 x+yi+xi-y + x-yi-xi-y &= 6 \\
 2x-2y &= 6
 \end{aligned}$$

So $y = x - 3$.

Question 8 **C**

If $z = \cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)$ then $z^n = \cos(n\theta) + i\sin(n\theta)$.

If $\frac{1}{z} = \cos(\theta) - i\sin(\theta)$ then $\frac{1}{z^n} = \cos(n\theta) - i\sin(n\theta)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 z^n - \frac{1}{z^n} &= \cos(n\theta) + i\sin(n\theta) - (\cos(n\theta) - i\sin(n\theta)) \\
 &= 2i\sin(n\theta)
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 9 **B**

Looking at the direction field, all the gradients along the diagonal with equation $y = -x$ appear to be approaching zero.

Question 10 **A**

There is a repeated linear factor in the denominator, that is, $x^2 + 6x + 9 = (x+3)^2$, so the partial fraction form is $\frac{A}{(x+3)} + \frac{B}{(x+3)^2}$.

Question 11 **D**

The amount of dissolved chemical at t minutes is y grams.

So the amount of undissolved chemical at t minutes is $(8-y)$ grams.

As the chemical dissolves at a rate equal to 10% of $(8-y)$ per minute, then $\frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{8-y}{10}$.

Question 12 **C**

Let V be the volume.

Using $V = \pi \int_a^b y^2 dx$ we obtain:

$$V = \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sec^2(x) dx$$

$$= \pi [\tan(x)]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$= \pi \left[\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - \tan(0) \right]$$

$$= \pi$$

Question 13 **B**

Let $u = \sin(x)$ and so $\frac{du}{dx} = \cos(x)$.

When $x = 0$, $u = 0$ and when $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$, $u = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$.

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\cos(x)}{1 + \sin^2(x)} dx = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \frac{\frac{du}{dx}}{1 + u^2} dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} \frac{1}{1 + u^2} du$$

Question 14 **B**

$$\begin{aligned} |\vec{AB}| \cos(\theta) &= \frac{\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{v}}{|\vec{v}|} \\ &= \frac{(-2\mathbf{i} - 11\mathbf{j} + 9\mathbf{k}) \cdot (\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k})}{\sqrt{1^2 + (-2)^2 + (-2)^2}} \\ &= \frac{-2 + 22 - 18}{3} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Question 15 E

Two vectors, $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$, are linearly dependent if they are parallel.

If $\vec{a}$ is parallel to $\vec{b}$, then $\vec{a} = k\vec{b}$, $k \neq 0$.

This is the case in **E**, where $\vec{a} = -\frac{1}{3}\vec{b}$.

Question 16 D

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{OP} &= 300\vec{j} + (200\cos(30^\circ)\vec{i} + 200\sin(30^\circ)\vec{j}) \\ &= 100\sqrt{3}\vec{i} + (300 + 100)\vec{j} \\ &= 100\sqrt{3}\vec{i} + 400\vec{j}\end{aligned}$$

Question 17 C

The parametric equations are:

$$x = t - 1 \quad (1)$$

$$y = 4(t - 1)^2 \quad (2)$$

Substituting (2) into (1) we obtain $y = 4x^2$.

If $t \geq 0$ then from (1) we obtain $x \geq -1$.

Question 18 D

The parametric equations are $x = t^3 - 2t^2 - 5$ and $y = t^4 + 2t^2 - 8t$.

$$\text{So } \frac{dx}{dt} = 3t^2 - 4t \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = 4t^3 + 4t - 8.$$

$$\text{Using } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx} \text{ we obtain } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4t^3 + 4t - 8}{t(3t - 4)}.$$

Vertical tangents occur when $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is undefined.

This occurs for $t = 0$ and $t = \frac{4}{3}$ only.

Question 19 B

$$v^2 = 36x - 4x^2 \text{ and so } \frac{1}{2}v^2 = 18x - 2x^2.$$

$$\text{Using } a = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{2}v^2\right) \text{ we obtain } \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{2}v^2\right) = 18 - 4x.$$

$$\text{So } a = 18 - 4x.$$

$$\text{When } x = 9:$$

$$a = 18 - (4)(9)$$

$$= -18$$

$$\text{So the acceleration is } -18 \text{ m/s}^2.$$

Question 20 A

Let the normal reaction force exerted by the lift floor on the man be R newtons.

$$\text{The equation of motion is } 85g - R = 85a.$$

$$\text{So } R = 85(g - a).$$

$$\text{As the downward acceleration is } 3 \text{ m/s}^2, \text{ we obtain } R = 85(g - 3).$$

Question 21 D

The initial momentum (p_i) is 0 (kg m/s).

To calculate the final momentum (p_f) we need to find the particle's final velocity.

Taking downwards as a positive, we have $u = 0$, $a = 9.8$ and $t = 2$.

Using $v = u + at$ we obtain:

$$v = 0 + (9.8)(2)$$

$$= 19.6$$

The final momentum (p_f) is 0.25×19.6 , that is, 4.9 (kg m/s).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Change in momentum } (\Delta p) &= p_f - p_i \\ &= 4.9 \text{ (kg m/s)} \end{aligned}$$

Question 22 A

Let the tension in the string be T newtons.

Resolving forces vertically:

$$mg = T \sin(\alpha) + T \sin(\alpha)$$

$$mg = 2T \sin(\alpha)$$

$$\text{So } T = \frac{mg}{2 \sin(\alpha)}.$$

SECTION 2**Question 1 (9 marks)**

a. $3.8 - 9.8t = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0.3877\dots$ (s) A1

$$y(t) = 11.6 + 3.8t - 4.9t^2 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$y(0.3877\dots) = 12.34 \text{ (m) (correct to two decimal places)} \quad \text{A1}$$

b. Solving $11.6 + 3.8T - 4.9T^2 = 0$ for T gives $T = 1.97$ (s) (correct to two decimal places). M1 A1

c. $d = \int_0^{1.9744\dots} \sqrt{(0.9)^2 + (3.8 - 9.8t)^2} dt \quad \text{M1}$

$$d = 13.3 \text{ (m) (correct to one decimal place)} \quad \text{A1}$$

d. When $t = 1.9744\dots$, $\alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3.8 - 9.8(1.9744\dots)}{0.9}\right)$. M1

$$\text{So } \alpha = 86.7^\circ \text{ (correct to the nearest tenth of a degree).} \quad \text{A1}$$

Question 2 (12 marks)

a. As $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ and $k \neq 0$, the complex linear factors of $P(z)$ occur in conjugate pairs, that is, $(z - ki)$ and $(z + ki)$ are both complex linear factors of $P(z)$. A1

b. Method 1

$$P(ki) = 0 \Rightarrow k^4 - ak^3i + bki + c = 0 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{Equating imaginary parts we obtain } -ak^3 + bk = 0 \Rightarrow bk = ak^3.$$

$$\text{As } k \neq 0, b = ak^2. \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Award A1 only if } -ak^3 + bk \text{ or } bk = ak^3 \text{ are seen.}$$

$$\text{Award as above for } P(-ki) = 0 \Rightarrow k^4 + ak^3i - bki + c = 0, \text{ leading to } ak^3 - bk = 0 \Rightarrow bk = ak^3.$$

OR

Method 2

$$P(z) = (z^2 + k^2)(z^2 + mz + n) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{Equating coefficients of } z^3 \text{ we obtain } a = m.$$

$$\text{Equating coefficients of } z \text{ we obtain } b = k^2m.$$

$$\text{So } b = ak^2. \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{Award A1 only if } a = m \text{ and } b = ak^2 \text{ are seen.}$$

c. $P(ki) = 0 \Rightarrow k^4 - ak^3i + bki + c = 0$

Equating real parts we obtain $k^4 + c = 0$.

M1

$$k^2 = \frac{b}{a} \Rightarrow \frac{b^2}{a^2} + c = 0$$

So $b^2 + a^2c = 0$.

A1

d. Solving $P(2) = 0$ for b with $c = -\frac{b^2}{2}$.

M1 A1

So $b = 2a(a + 2)$ or $b = -4a$, that is, b is an even number.

A1

e. If $W(u) = 0$, then $mu^3 + nu^2 + pu + q = 0$.

$$\overline{mu^3 + nu^2 + pu + q} = \bar{0} \text{ (taking the conjugate of both sides)}$$

M1

$$\overline{mu^3 + nu^2 + pu + q} = \bar{0} \quad (\overline{z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + \dots} = \bar{z_1} + \bar{z_2} + \bar{z_3} + \dots)$$

A1

$$\bar{a} = a \text{ when } a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } (\bar{z})^n = \overline{z^n}.$$

A1

So $m(\bar{u})^3 + n(\bar{u})^2 + p(\bar{u}) + q = 0$ and $P(\bar{u}) = 0$.

A1

Question 3 (13 marks)

a. The equations of motion are $60g \cos(30^\circ) - F_r = 60a$ and $N - 60g \sin(30^\circ) = 0$.

A1

Attempting to solve for a with $F_r = 15g \sin(30^\circ)$ (or equivalent).

M1

$$a = \frac{g(4\sqrt{3} - 1)}{8} \text{ (m/s}^2\text{)}$$

A1

b. Use of $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ with $u = 0$, $a = \frac{g(4\sqrt{3} - 1)}{8}$ and $s = 30$.

M1

$$v = \frac{\sqrt{30g(4\sqrt{3} - 1)}}{2} \text{ (m/s)}$$

A1

c. The equations of motion are $-F_r = 60a$ and $N - 60g = 0$.

A1

$$a = -\frac{g}{4} \text{ (m/s}^2\text{)}$$

M1

Use of $V^2 = u^2 + 2as$ with $u = \frac{\sqrt{30g(4\sqrt{3} - 1)}}{2}$, $a = -\frac{g}{4}$ and $s = 15$.

M1

$$V = \sqrt{15g(2\sqrt{3} - 1)} \text{ (m/s)}$$

A1

- d. Use of $y = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ with $y = 1.5$, $u = 0$ and $a = g$ to obtain $1.5 = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$. M1

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{3}{g}} \text{ (s)} \quad \text{A1}$$

Use of $x = Vt$ with $V = \sqrt{15g(2\sqrt{3}-1)}$ and $t = \sqrt{\frac{3}{g}}$. M1

$$x = 10.5 \text{ (m) (correct to one decimal place)} \quad \text{A1}$$

Question 4 (11 marks)

a. $V = \pi \int_0^\pi (3 \cos(2y) + 4)^2 dy$ A1

$$= \frac{41\pi^2}{2} \text{ (m}^3\text{)} \quad \text{A1}$$

- b. attempting to use $\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dt} \times \frac{dh}{dV}$ with $\frac{dV}{dt} = 2$ M1

$$\frac{dV}{dh} = \frac{d}{dh} \left(\pi \int_0^h (3 \cos(2y) + 4)^2 dy \right) \quad \text{M1}$$

So $\frac{dV}{dh} = \pi(3 \cos(2h) + 4)^2$. A1

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{2}{\pi(3 \cos(2h) + 4)^2} \quad \text{A1}$$

When $h = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{1}{8\pi}$ (m/min) A1

c. $\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{2}{\pi(3 \cos(2h) + 4)^2}$ A1

using either integration or a differential equation solver with $t = 0$ when $h = 0$ M1

$$t = \frac{\pi}{16}(9 \sin(4h) + 4(24 \sin(2h) + 41h)) \text{ (or equivalent)} \quad \text{A1}$$

When $h = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $t = 44.1$ (min). A1

Question 5 (13 marks)

- a. $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{(\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}) \cdot (3\vec{i} - 6\vec{j} + 6\vec{k})}{|\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}| |3\vec{i} - 6\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}|} \right)$ M1 A1
- $$= \cos^{-1} \left(-\frac{9}{9\sqrt{11}} \right)$$
- $$= \cos^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{11}} \right)$$
- A1
- b. $A = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}| |3\vec{i} - 6\vec{j} + 6\vec{k}| \sin \left(\cos^{-1} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{11}} \right) \right)$ M1
- $$= \frac{9\sqrt{10}}{2}$$
- A1
- c. $\vec{RM} = (-1 - 2\lambda)\vec{i} + (7 + 4\lambda)\vec{j} + (-3 - 4\lambda)\vec{k}$ and $\vec{RQ} = -2\vec{i} + 9\vec{j} - 5\vec{k}$. A1
- $$\left| \frac{((-1 - 2\lambda)\vec{i} + (7 + 4\lambda)\vec{j} + (-3 - 4\lambda)\vec{k}) \cdot (-2\vec{i} + 9\vec{j} - 5\vec{k})}{|(-1 - 2\lambda)\vec{i} + (7 + 4\lambda)\vec{j} + (-3 - 4\lambda)\vec{k}| | -2\vec{i} + 9\vec{j} - 5\vec{k}|} \right| = \sqrt{110}$$
- M1 A1
- attempting to solve the above equation for λ M1
- $$\lambda = -\frac{19}{6} \text{ or } \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$
- A1
- d. $\vec{MP} = -2\lambda(-\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 2\vec{k})$ and $\vec{PQ} = -\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$. A1 A1
- $\vec{MP} = -2\lambda(\vec{PQ})$ and so M, P and Q are collinear for $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. A1