



Victorian Certificate of Education – Free Trial Examinations

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SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS

Free Trial Written Examination 2

Reading time: 15 minutes

Writing time: 2 hours

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
A	20	20	20
B	6	6	60
			Total: 80

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Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 23 pages
- Formula sheet
- Answer sheet for multiple-choice questions

Instructions

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- Check that your **name** and **student number** as printed on your answer sheet for multiple-choice questions are correct, **and** sign your name in the space provided to verify this.
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- All written responses must be in English.

At the end of the examination

- Place the answer sheet for multiple-choice questions inside the front cover of this book.
- You may keep the formula sheet.

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SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions**Instructions for Section A**

Answer **all** questions in pencil on the answer sheet provided for multiple-choice questions.

Choose the response that is **correct** for the question.

A correct answer scores 1; an incorrect answer scores 0.

Marks will **not** be deducted for incorrect answers.

No marks will be given if more than one answer is completed for any question.

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Take the **acceleration due to gravity** to have magnitude $g \text{ ms}^{-2}$, where $g = 9.8$.

Question 1

The number of asymptotes the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - x - 2}$ has is

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4

Question 2

The solutions to the inequation $\cos(x) > \frac{1}{2} \cot(x)$, where $x \in (0, 2\pi) \setminus \{\pi\}$ are given by

- A. $x \in \left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right)$
- B. $x \in \left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right)$
- C. $x \in \left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{5\pi}{6}, \pi\right) \cup \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right)$
- D. $x \in \left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right) \cup \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right)$
- E. $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \cup \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right) \cup \left(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$

Question 3

The implied domain of the function $f(x) = \arcsin\left(\frac{a}{x}\right)$, where $a > 0$, is

- A. $\mathbb{R}$
- B. $(-\infty, -a] \cup [a, \infty)$
- C. $\left[\frac{-1}{a}, \frac{1}{a}\right] \setminus \{0\}$
- D. $[-a, a] \setminus \{0\}$
- E. $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

Question 4

A polynomial with real coefficients, defined for a complex variable, has $3 - i$, $3 + i$, 2 and $4 + 3i$ amongst its roots.

The minimum degree of the polynomial is

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 7
- E. 8

Question 5

In the complex plane, which one of the graphs of the following relations passes through the point $1 - \sqrt{3}i$?

- A. $|z - (1 - \sqrt{3}i)| = 4$
- B. $z + \bar{z} = 1$
- C. $\operatorname{Re}(z + 1) + \sqrt{3} \operatorname{Im}(z + 1) = 1$
- D. $|z - 4| = |z - (-2 - 2\sqrt{3}i)|$
- E. $|z - (1 - \sqrt{3}i)| = |z - (-1 + \sqrt{3}i)|$

Question 6

The number of solutions to the equation $z^n = \bar{z}$ for z , where n is an integer greater than 1 and $z \in \mathbb{C}$, is

- A. 0
- B. $n - 1$
- C. n
- D. $n + 1$
- E. $n + 2$

Question 7

Given that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\arccos(y)}{\log_e(x)}$, the value of $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ at the point $\left(e, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$ is

- A. $-\left(2 + \frac{\pi}{6e}\right)$
- B. $\frac{\pi}{6}\left(2 - \frac{1}{e}\right)$
- C. $\frac{\pi}{3}\left(2 - \frac{1}{e}\right)$
- D. $\frac{-\pi}{6}\left(2 + \frac{1}{e}\right)$
- E. $\frac{-\pi}{3}\left(1 + \frac{1}{e}\right)$

Question 8

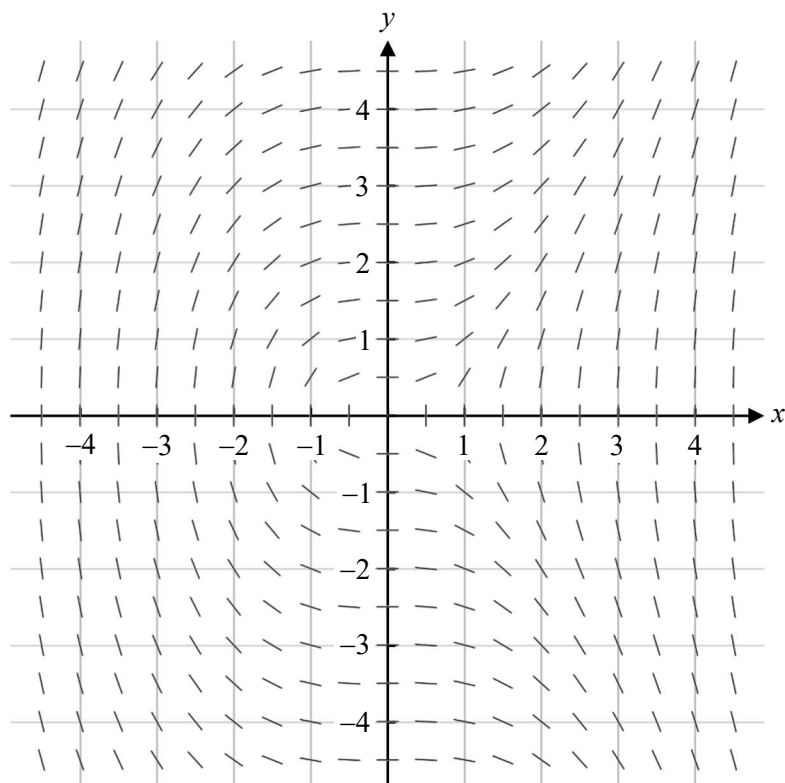
With a suitable substitution, $\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \sin^5(x) dx$ can be expressed as

- A. $\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} (u^4 - 2u^2 + 1) du$
- B. $-\int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} (u^4 - 2u^2 + 1) du$
- C. $\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} (u^4 - 2u^2 + 1) du$
- D. $-\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} (u^4 - 2u^2 + 1) du$
- E. $\int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}^{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} (u^4 - 2u^2 + 1) du$

Question 9

A solution to the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin(x + y) + \cos(x - y)$ can be obtained from

- A. $\int [\sin(y) + \cos(y)] dy = \int [\sin(x) + \cos(x)] dx$
- B. $\int \frac{1}{\sin(y) + \cos(y)} dy = \int [\sin(x) + \cos(x)] dx$
- C. $\int \frac{1}{\cos(y) - \sin(y)} dy = \int [\cos(x) - \sin(x)] dx$
- D. $\int \sec(y) dy = \int 2 \sin(x) dx$
- E. $\int \sec(y) dy = \int 2 \cos(x) dx$

Question 10

The differential equation which best describes the direction field is

- A. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{y}$
- B. $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x^2}{y}$
- C. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{y^2}$
- D. $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y^2}$
- E. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x^2}$

Question 11

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\arctan(x)}$, where $y(2) = y_0 = 1$.

Using Euler's method with a step size of 0.1, $y(1.7) = y_3$, correct to four decimal places is

- A. 0.7236, and this is an overestimate of $y(1.7)$.
- B. 0.7236, and this is an underestimate of $y(1.7)$.
- C. 1.2665, and this is an overestimate of $y(1.7)$.
- D. 1.2665, and this is an underestimate of $y(1.7)$.
- E. 1.2823, and this is an overestimate of $y(1.7)$.

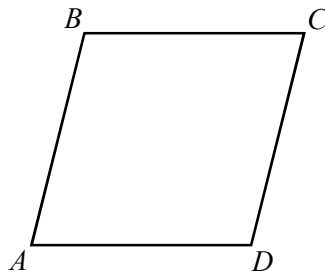
Question 12

If $\mathbf{u} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$, then the vector resolute of $\mathbf{v}$ in the direction of $\mathbf{u}$ is

- A. $\frac{7}{12}\mathbf{u}$
- B. $\frac{7}{6}\mathbf{u}$
- C. $\frac{14}{9}\mathbf{v}$
- D. $\frac{7}{3}\mathbf{u}$
- E. $\frac{28}{9}\mathbf{v}$

Question 13

Consider a quadrilateral $ABCD$.



To prove that $ABCD$ is a rhombus, it would be sufficient to show that

- A. $\overrightarrow{AB} \parallel \overrightarrow{DC}$ and $\overrightarrow{AD} \parallel \overrightarrow{BC}$
- B. $\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{CD} = \mathbf{0}$ and $\overrightarrow{BC} + \overrightarrow{DA} = \mathbf{0}$
- C. $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{DC}$ and $|\overrightarrow{AB}| = |\overrightarrow{BC}|$
- D. $\overrightarrow{AC} \cdot \overrightarrow{BD} = 0$
- E. $\overrightarrow{AB} \parallel \overrightarrow{DC}$ and $|\overrightarrow{AB}| = |\overrightarrow{BC}|$

Question 14

The vectors $\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + \alpha\mathbf{k}$, $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{c} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$, where $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, are linearly independent if

- A. $\alpha = 1$
- B. $\alpha = 11$
- C. $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$
- D. $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{11\}$
- E. $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$

Question 15

A 20 kg object has a velocity of $-3\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} \text{ ms}^{-1}$ at a particular time. The object moves with constant acceleration, and after four seconds, its velocity is $5\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

The magnitude of the net force, in newtons, that acts on the body during the period of motion is

- A. $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{2}$
- B. $\frac{5}{2}$
- C. $10\sqrt{10}$
- D. 50
- E. 200

Question 16

An object of mass 10 kg is initially at rest on a rough plane inclined at 30° to the horizontal. The object is pulled along the surface up the plane by a force of 144 N, acting parallel to the inclined plane. A friction force of 80 N opposes the motion.

After the pulling force has acted for 10 s, the magnitude of the momentum, in kg ms^{-1} , of the object is

- A. 15
- B. 80
- C. 150
- D. 640
- E. 950

Question 17

A particle of mass m kg moves in a straight line due to a resultant force F newtons, where $F = f(x)$.

Given that the particle's velocity is $p \text{ ms}^{-1}$ where its position is q m from a fixed point, where $p, q > 0$, an expression for the particle's velocity, $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$, in terms of its position, x m, is given by

- A. $v = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} \int_q^x \sqrt{f(z)} dz} + p$
- B. $v = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} \int_p^x f(z) dz} + q$
- C. $v = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} \int_q^x f(z) dz} + p$
- D. $v = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} \int_q^x f(z) dz} + p^2$
- E. $v = \sqrt{\frac{2}{m} \int_q^x (f(z) + p^2) dz}$

Question 18

The heights of males in Australia vary normally with a mean of μ cm and a standard deviation of $\sigma = 8$ cm. The mean height of 100 randomly selected Australian males is found to be 176 cm.

Based on this sample, a 99% confidence interval for μ , correct to one decimal place, is

- A. (175.8, 176.2)
- B. (160.3, 191.7)
- C. (174.4, 177.6)
- D. (155.4, 196.6)
- E. (173.9, 178.1)

Question 19

Study scores given to students in a VCE subject with a large cohort vary normally with a mean of 30 and a standard deviation of 7. There are 16 VCE Specialist Mathematics students in a particular class.

The probability that the average study score of this class exceeds 32 is closest to

- A. 0.0163
- B. 0.1265
- C. 0.2498
- D. 0.3854
- E. 0.3875

Question 20

Consider the following statistical test.

$$H_0 : \mu = 20$$

$$H_1 : \mu \neq 20$$

A sample of size 36 is found to have a mean of $\bar{x} = 19$ and a standard deviation of $s = 3$.

Assuming that s is a sufficiently accurate estimate of the population standard deviation σ , then the p value of the test, in terms of the standard normal variable, Z , is given by

- A. $\Pr(Z < -2)$
- B. $\Pr\left(Z < -\frac{1}{3}\right)$
- C. $\Pr(|Z| < 2)$
- D. $2\Pr\left(Z < -\frac{1}{3}\right)$
- E. $\Pr(|Z| > 2)$

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SECTION B**Instructions for Section B**

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Unless otherwise specified, an **exact** answer is required to a question.

In questions where more than one mark is available, appropriate working **must** be shown.

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Take the **acceleration due to gravity** to have magnitude $g \text{ ms}^{-2}$, where $g = 9.8$.

Question 1 (9 marks)

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \frac{12(2x+1)}{x^2+12}$.

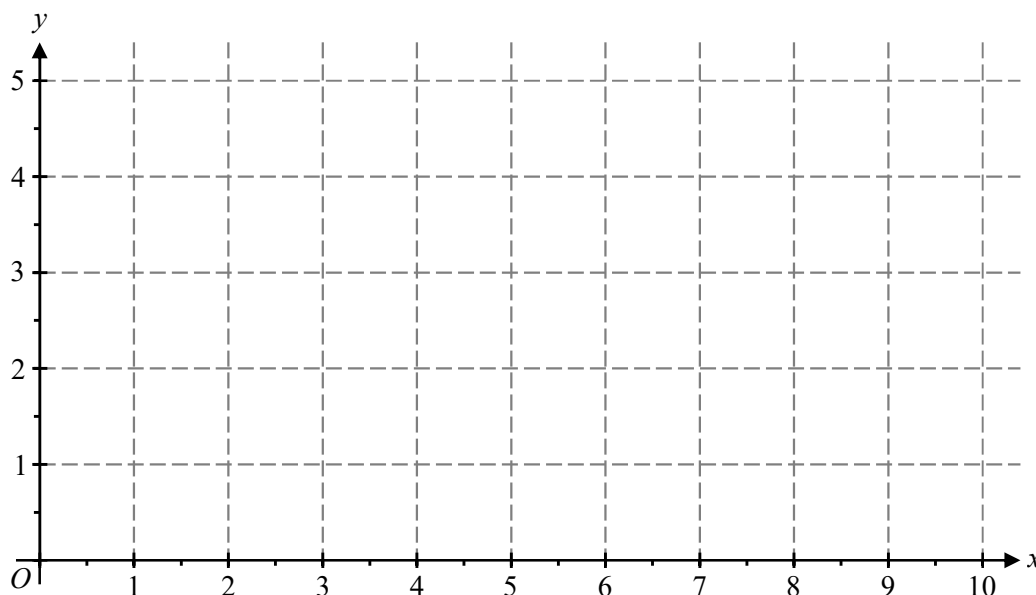
- a. i. State the equations of any asymptotes of the graph of f . 1 mark

- ii. Find the coordinates of any stationary points of the graph of f . 1 mark

- iii. Find the coordinates of any points of inflection of the graph of f , correct to one decimal place. 2 marks

- b. Sketch the graph of f on the axes provided below from $x = 0$ to $x = 10$, marking stationary points, points of inflection and intercepts with the axes, labelling them with their coordinates. Show any asymptotes and label them with their equations.

3 marks



- c. The part of the graph of f from $x = 0$ to $x = 10$ is rotated about the x -axis to form a volume of revolution that is to model part of a wine glass, where units are in centimetres.

- i. Write down a definite integral expression that when evaluated, gives the total volume of the wine glass.

1 mark

- ii. Hence, find the total volume of the wine glass, in cm^3 , correct to one decimal place.

1 mark

Question 2 (11 marks)

- a. Express $u = 2 + 2i$ in polar form.

1 mark

- b. i. Show that the roots of $z^2 + 8i = 0$ are $z = -2 + 2i$ and $z = 2 - 2i$.

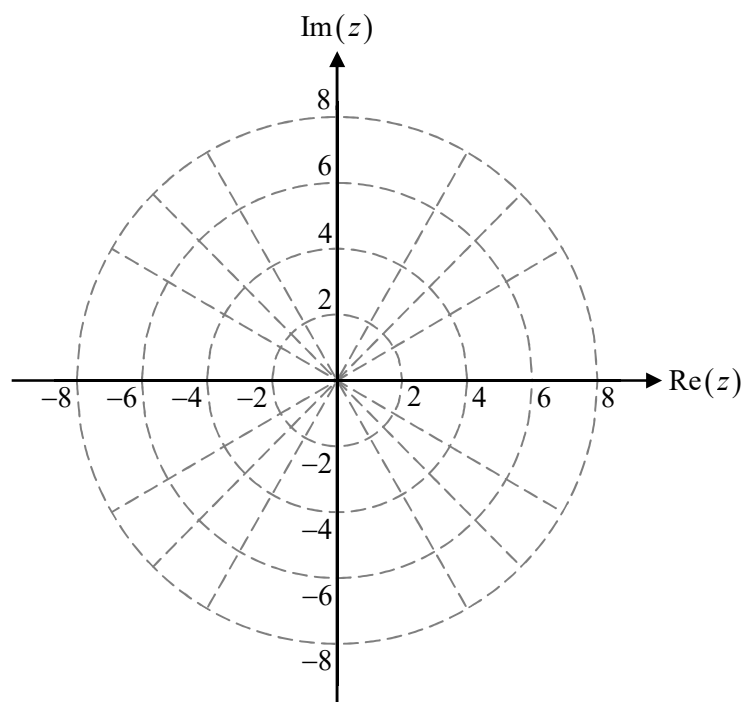
2 marks

- ii. Express the roots of $z^2 + 8i = 0$ in terms of u .

1 mark

- c. Sketch the circle given by $|z - u| = 4$ and plot the roots of $z^2 + 8i = 0$ on the Argand diagram provided below.

2 marks



- d. The equation of the line passing through the roots of $z^2 + 8i = 0$ can be expressed in the form $z = a\bar{z}$, where $a \in \mathbb{C}$.

Find a .

1 mark

- e. The line passing through the roots of $z^2 + 8i = 0$ cuts the circle given by $|z - u| = 4$ into two segments.

Find the area of the major segment.

2 marks

- f. State the range of values of α , where $-\pi < \alpha \leq \pi$, for which the ray given by $\text{Arg}(z + u) = \alpha$ does **not** intersect or touch the circle given by $|z - u| = 4$.

2 marks

Question 3 (10 marks)

A large tank initially contains 100 L of pure water. A solution of salt and water with a salt concentration of 0.05 kg/L flows into the tank at 4 L/min. The mixture, which is kept uniform with stirring, flows out of the tank at 2 L/min.

a. Let x kg be the amount of salt in the tank at time t minutes.

- i.** Write down an expression for the concentration of salt in the tank, in kg/L, in terms of x and t .

1 mark

- ii.** Show that the differential equation relating x and t is given by $\frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{x}{t+50} = \frac{1}{5}$.

2 marks

- b.** It can be shown that $x(t) = \frac{t(t+100)}{10(t+50)}$.

Verify by substitution that the given solution for x satisfies both the differential equation given in **part a.ii.** and the initial condition.

3 marks

- c. Find the time it takes, in minutes, for the **concentration** of salt in the tank to reach 0.02 kg/L. 2 marks

- d. Find the total amount of salt that **flows out of the tank** in the first 20 minutes. 2 marks

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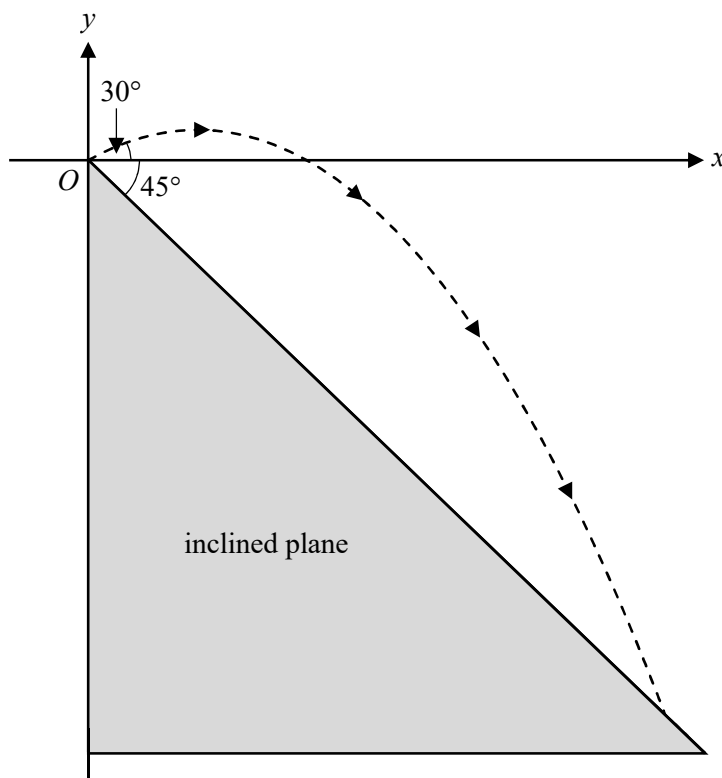
Question 4 (11 marks)

The diagram below shows an inclined plane that makes an angle of 45° with the horizontal. A projectile is fired at time $t = 0$ seconds from the top of the inclined with an initial speed of 10 ms^{-1} at an angle of 30° to the horizontal. The projectile travels in the air for T seconds before landing on the inclined plane.

Let the origin, O , of a cartesian coordinate system be the point where the projectile is fired.

Let $\hat{i}$ and $\hat{j}$ be unit vectors in the positive x and y directions respectively.

All displacements are measured in metres and time is in seconds.



- a. Show that the initial velocity of the projectile is $5\sqrt{3}\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

1 mark

- b.** The acceleration vector of the projectile at time t seconds is given by $\ddot{\mathbf{r}}(t) = -kt\mathbf{i} + (kt - g)\mathbf{j}$, where $k > 0$ and $0 \leq t \leq T$.

Show that the position vector of the projectile at time t seconds is given by

$$\mathbf{r}(t) = \left(5\sqrt{3}t - \frac{k}{6}t^3\right)\mathbf{i} + \left(\frac{k}{6}t^3 - \frac{g}{2}t^2 + 5t\right)\mathbf{j}.$$

3 marks

- c.** Show that $T = \frac{10}{g}(\sqrt{3} + 1)$.

2 marks

The value of k varies day-to-day depending on the wind conditions.

d. Suppose that on a particular day, $k = 0.2$.

- i.** Find the distance from O to the point on the inclined plane where the projectile lands. Give your answer in metres, correct to two decimal places.

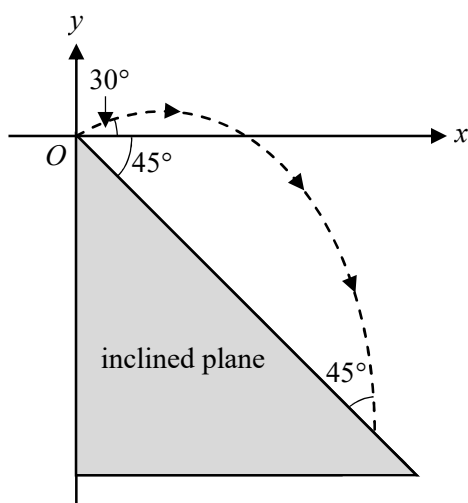
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- ii.** Find the speed at which the particle lands on the inclined plane. Give your answer in ms^{-1} , correct to two decimal places.

1 mark

The projectile is fired under the same launch conditions on another day where the value of k has changed.

- e.** After travelling in the air for T seconds, the projectile lands at an angle of 45° to the inclined plane, as shown below.



Find the value of k on this particular day, correct to two decimal places.

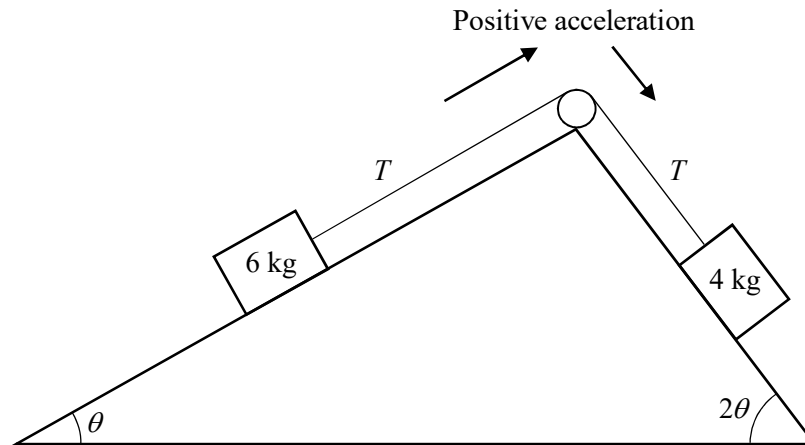
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Question 5 (10 marks)

The diagram below shows a block of mass 6 kg on a frictionless plane inclined at θ to the horizontal. This block is connected by a light, inextensible rope via a frictionless pulley at the top of the inclined plane to another block of mass 4 kg, placed on another frictionless surface inclined at 2θ to the horizontal.

Take acceleration, $a \text{ ms}^{-2}$, to be positive in the direction as indicated and assume that $0^\circ < \theta < 45^\circ$.

The 6 kg block is released from rest and allowed to accelerate up the plane.



- a. i. Write an equation of motion, in the direction of motion, for each block.

2 marks

- ii. Hence, show that $a = \frac{g \sin(\theta)}{5} (4 \cos(\theta) - 3) \text{ ms}^{-2}$.

1 mark

- b.** Find the value of θ , in degrees, for which the system is in equilibrium, correct to one decimal place.

1 mark

- c.** Consider the situation where θ is fixed at 30° .

- i.** Find the tension in the rope, in newtons, expressing your answer in the form $b(\sqrt{c} + d)$, where $b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$.

1 mark

- ii.** Find the magnitude of the momentum of the 6 kg block, in kg ms^{-1} , after it has moved $2\sqrt{3} + 3$ metres up the plane. Express your answer in the form $\frac{p\sqrt{q}}{r}$, where $p, q, r \in \mathbb{N}$.

2 marks

The 6 kg block and the 4 kg block are replaced by blocks of mass m kg and n kg respectively.

- d.** If the system accelerates in the positive direction of motion **for all** $0^\circ < \theta < 45^\circ$, it can be shown that $n \geq km$, where $k > 0$.

Find the smallest possible value of k .

2 marks

Question 6 (9 marks)

A neurologist is investigating the effects of a new drug designed to improve reaction times. It is known that the reaction times of humans responding to visual stimuli vary normally with a mean of 280 ms and a standard deviation of 60 ms.

To test whether the drug results in lower reaction times, a one-tailed statistical test is carried out using a random sample of 100 patients. The mean reaction time of the patients in the sample is found to be 272 ms.

Let $\bar{X}$ denote the mean reaction time of a random sample of 100 patients.

- a. Write down suitable null and alternative hypotheses for this test. 1 mark

- b. Find the p value of the test, correct to four decimal places, and hence, state **with a reason** whether the null hypothesis should be rejected at the 5% level of significance. 2 marks

- c. Find the largest value of the sample mean that could be observed for the null hypothesis to be rejected, correct to two decimal places. 1 mark

- d. If the true mean reaction time of a patient who has taken the drug is in fact 265 ms, find the probability that the null hypothesis will be accepted at the 5% level of significance, correct to three decimal places. Explain whether this result indicates a type I error, a type II error, or no error. 2 marks

- e. In future clinical trials of sufficiently large sample sizes, it was found that the reaction times of patients who took the drug **were in fact lower**, and varied with a mean of 265 ms and a standard deviation of 50 ms.

Find the probability that the reaction time of a randomly selected patient, who took the drug, is lower than the reaction time of a randomly selected patient who did not take the drug. Give your answer correct to three decimal places.

3 marks

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