

VCE Specialist Mathematics Units 1&2

Written Examination 2

Suggested Solutions

SECTION A – MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

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20	A	B	C	D	E

Question 1 B

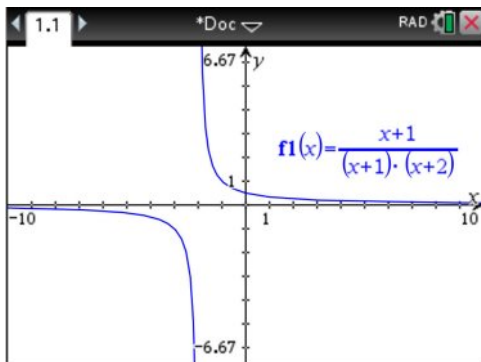
$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\mathbf{i}} + \underline{\mathbf{j}} &= 2(\underline{\mathbf{i}} - \underline{\mathbf{j}}) \\ &= -\underline{\mathbf{i}} + 3\underline{\mathbf{j}}\end{aligned}$$

Question 2 C

$$\begin{aligned}r^4 &= \frac{9}{1} \\ r &= \sqrt[4]{9} \\ t_6 &= r^3 \times t_3 \\ &= 3\sqrt{3} \times 1 \\ &= 3\sqrt{3}\end{aligned}$$

Question 3 D

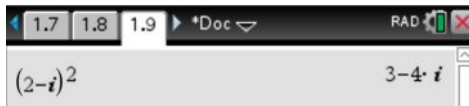
$$\begin{aligned}c^2 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos(\theta) \\ 9^2 &= 7^2 + 8^2 - 2 \times 7 \times 8 \cos(\theta) \\ \cos(\theta) &= \frac{49 + 64 - 81}{112} \\ \theta &= \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{32}{112}\right) \\ &\approx 73^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Question 4 C**Question 5 E**

$$\underline{\mathbf{a}} + \underline{\mathbf{b}} = (m+4)\underline{\mathbf{i}} + (2m+4)\underline{\mathbf{j}}$$

Solving $x = 4 + m$ and $y = 2m + 4$ simultaneously gives infinite solutions for x , y and therefore the solution

is vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Question 6 E**Question 7 D**

$$\begin{aligned}
 |m\mathbf{i} - 2m\mathbf{j}| &= 1 \\
 \sqrt{m^2 + (-2m)^2} &= 1 \\
 m^2 + 4m^2 &= 1 \\
 m^2 &= \frac{1}{5} \\
 m &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 8 C

$$OB = r, OC = 2, \angle BOC = 120^\circ$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos(\theta)$$

$$BC^2 = r^2 + r^2 - 2r \times r \times \cos(120^\circ)$$

$$= 3r^2$$

$$BC = \sqrt{3}r$$

Question 9 B

$$9 \times 4 = x(x + 9)$$

$$36 = x^2 + 9x$$

$$x^2 + 9x - 36 = 0$$

$$(x + 12)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$x = 3 \text{ as } x > 0$$

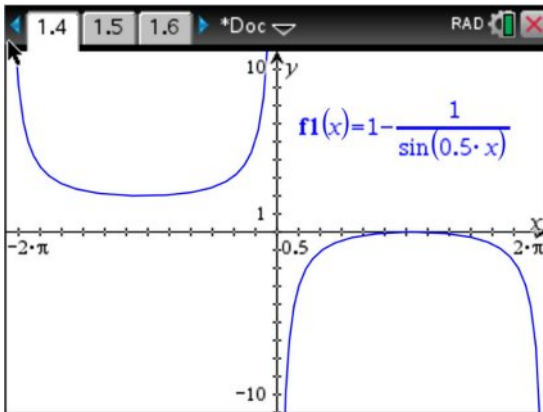
Question 10 D

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

$$= 10a$$

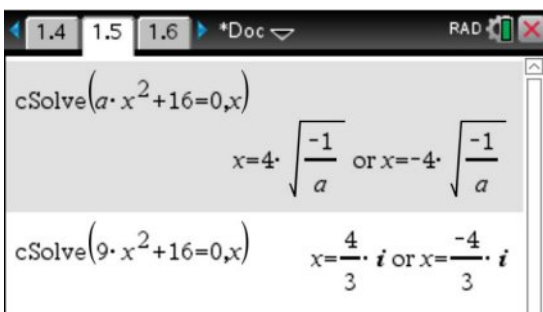
$$10 = \frac{1}{1-r}$$

$$r = \frac{9}{10}$$

Question 11 D**Question 12 C**

$$z = \frac{3}{2} - 2i$$

$$\text{Im}(z) = -2$$

Question 13 E**Question 14 C**

$$\sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (y-6)^2} = \sqrt{(x-2)^2 + (y-0)^2}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 12y + 36 = x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2$$

$$12y = 4x + 32$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{8}{3}$$

Question 15 D

$$x^2 + (y-b)^2 - b^2 + c = 0$$

$$x^2 + (y-b)^2 = b^2 - c$$

$$b^2 - c > 0$$

$$c < b^2$$

Question 16 **A**

$$\angle BAC = \frac{1}{2} \times \angle BOC \text{ (subtended angle)}$$

$$\angle BAC = 50^\circ$$

$$\text{obtuse } \angle BAC = 260^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned}\angle OBA &= 360 - 260 - 50 - 20 \\ &= 30^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Question 17 **C**

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} &= 3m \times m^2 + -6 \times -4 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$3m^3 = 24$$

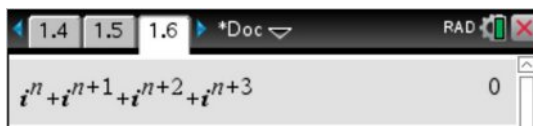
$$m^3 = 8$$

$$m = 2$$

Question 18 **D**

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(\theta) &= \frac{\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}}{|\underline{a}| |\underline{b}|} \\ &= \frac{-2-3}{\sqrt{5} \times \sqrt{10}} \\ &= \frac{-5}{\sqrt{50}} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \theta &= \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{3\pi}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Question 19 **A**



The screenshot shows a TI-Nspire calculator window. The top status bar displays '1.4', '1.5', '1.6', and '*Doc'. The main display area shows the expression $i^n + i^{n+1} + i^{n+2} + i^{n+3}$ and the result '0'.

Question 20 **C**

length ratio:

$$\frac{AB'}{AB} = \frac{3}{4}$$

area ratio:

$$\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{16}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{area } \triangle AB'C' &= \frac{9}{16} \times 40 \\ &= \frac{45}{2} \text{ cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

SECTION B**Question 1** (8 marks)

a.
$$r = \frac{4}{1 + \sin(\theta)}$$

$$r + r\sin(\theta) = 4$$

Let $y = r\sin(\theta)$ and $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$.

$$r + y = 4$$

$$r = 4 - y$$

M1

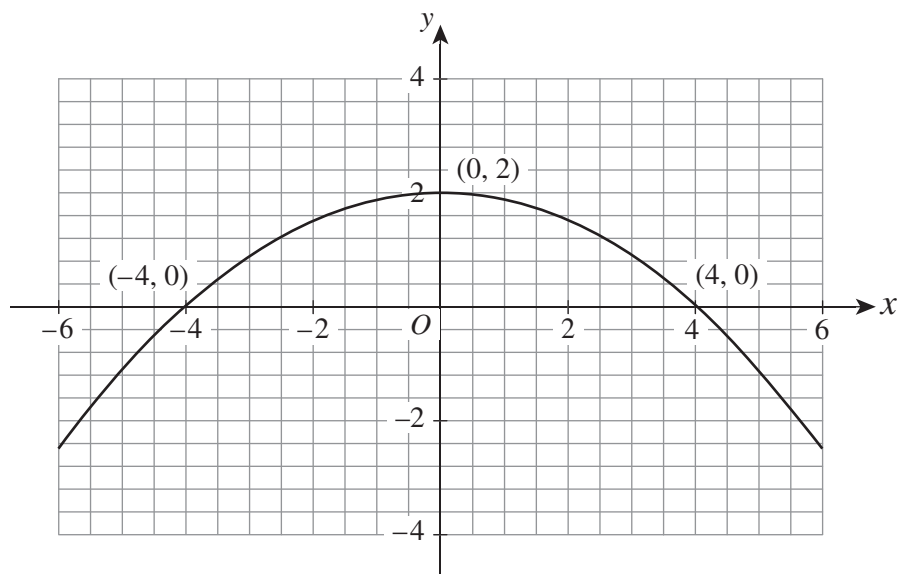
$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= (4 - y)^2 \\ &= 16 - 8y + y^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$8y = 16 - x^2$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{8}x^2 + 2$$

A1

b.



2 marks

parabolic shape A1
labelled intercepts A1

c. $r + r \sin(\theta) = \frac{4}{n}$

Let $y = r \sin(\theta)$ and $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$.

M1

$$r + y = 4$$

$$r = 4 - y$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = \left(\frac{4}{n} - y\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{16}{n^2} - \frac{8}{n}y + y^2$$

M1

$$\frac{8}{n}y = \frac{16}{n^2} - x^2$$

$$y = -\frac{n}{8}x^2 + \frac{2}{n}$$

y-intercept:

$$\left(0, \frac{2}{n}\right)$$

A1

x-intercept:

Let $y = 0$.

$$-\frac{n}{8}x^2 + \frac{2}{n} = 0$$

$$x = \pm \frac{4}{n}$$

The x-intercepts are therefore $\left(-\frac{4}{n}, 0\right)$ and $\left(\frac{4}{n}, 0\right)$.

A1

Note: Alternatively, students may use dilation of factor of $\frac{1}{n}$ as their method mark.

Question 2 (10 marks)

a. Let $z_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i$.

$$r^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2$$

$$r = 1$$

A1

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{4}$$

A1

$$z_1 = \text{cis}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

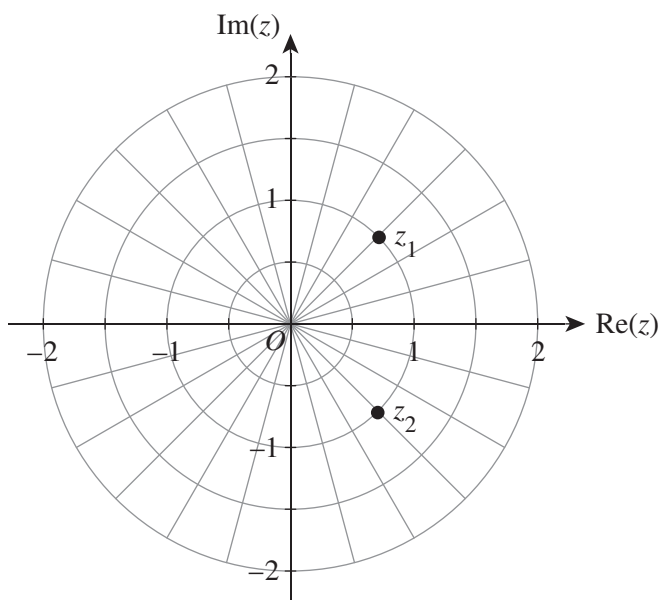
b. i. $z_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i$

A1

ii. $z_2 = \text{cis}\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$

A1

c.

correct z_1 A1correct z_2 A1

$$\text{d. i. } (z - z_1)(z + z_1) = \left(z - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \right) \right) \left(z + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \right) \right) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$(z - z_1)(z + z_1) = z^2 - i \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{ii. } z^2 = i$$

$$z^2 - i = 0$$

$$(z - z_1)(z + z_1) = z^2 - i \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= 0$$

$$z = z_1 \text{ or } z = -z_1$$

$$z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \text{ or } z = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}i \quad \text{A1}$$

Question 3 (9 marks)

$$\text{a. } \angle PAR \text{ corresponding to } \angle QRC$$

$$\angle RPA \text{ corresponding to } \angle CQR \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\therefore \triangle RAP \text{ is similar to } \triangle CRQ \text{ (two angles equal in a triangle)} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{b. } PB = d - x \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{c. } |RQ| = |PB|$$

$$= d - x$$

$$\frac{|RQ|}{|AP|} = \frac{d - x}{x} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{area ratio} = \frac{(d - x)^2}{x^2} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \frac{d^2 - 2dx + x^2}{x^2}$$

$$= \frac{d^2}{x^2} - \frac{2d}{x} + 1$$

- d. $\triangle ABC$ is right-angled (inscribed in semi-circle).

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \angle RCQ &= \angle ARP \\ &= 90^\circ\end{aligned}$$

$$AR^2 + RP^2 = AP^2$$

$$1^2 + RP^2 = x^2$$

$$RP = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

M1

$$\text{area of } \triangle ARP = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

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

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

M1

$$\text{area ratio} = \frac{(d-x)^2}{x^2}$$

$$d = 4 \rightarrow \text{area ratio} = \frac{(4-x)^2}{x^2}$$

M1

$$\text{area of } \triangle CRQ = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}(4-x)^2}{2x^2}$$

A1

Question 4 (11 marks)

a. i. $\vec{OA} = 10\mathbf{i} + 18\mathbf{j}$ and $\vec{OB} = 20\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j}$.

A1

ii. $\vec{AB} = \vec{OA} - \vec{OB}$

$$= (20 - 10)\mathbf{i} + (6 - 18)\mathbf{j}$$

M1

$$= 10\mathbf{i} - 12\mathbf{j} \text{ as required}$$

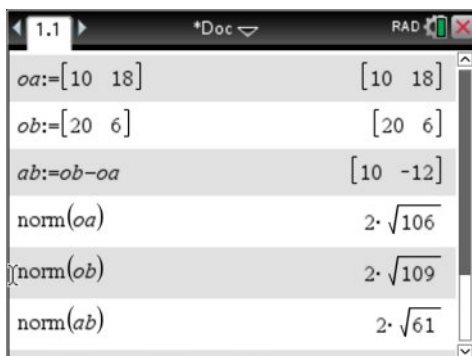
b. $|\vec{OA}| = 2\sqrt{106}$ $|\vec{OB}| = 2\sqrt{109}$ $|\vec{AB}| = 2\sqrt{61}$

A1

$$\text{distance} = |\vec{OA}| + |\vec{OB}| + |\vec{AB}|$$

$$= 57 \text{ km}$$

A1



c. i. $\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OB} = 308$

A1

ii. $\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{\vec{OA} \cdot \vec{OB}}{|\vec{OA}| |\vec{OB}|} \right)$

$$= \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{308}{2\sqrt{106} \times 2\sqrt{109}} \right)$$

M1

$$\approx 44^\circ$$

A1

d. $\underline{u} = \frac{\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b}}{\underline{b} \cdot \underline{b}} \underline{b}$

M1

$$= 14.1\underline{i} + 4.2\underline{j}$$

A1

e. $\underline{v} = \vec{OA} - \underline{u}$

$$= 10\underline{i} + 18\underline{j} - (14.128\dots\underline{i} + 4.238\dots\underline{j})$$

$$= -4.128\dots\underline{i} + 13.76\dots\underline{j}$$

M1

minimum distance = $|\underline{v}|$

$$|\underline{v}| = 14.4 \text{ km}$$

A1

Question 5 (12 marks)

a. i. $125 - 4 \times 15 = 65$

A1

ii. $\frac{125}{15} = 8.33\dots$

$\therefore 8$ years

A1

b. i. $C_5 = 96$

A1

	A	B
2	120.	
3	114.6	
4	108.768	
5	102.469...	
6	95.6669...	

A6 = 1.08 * A5 - 15

ii. 14 years

A1

	A	B
12	41.7725...	
13	30.1143...	
14	17.5235...	
15	3.92539...	
16	-10.760...	

c. $m = 125 \times 0.08$

$= 10$

A1

$n = 1 + \frac{15}{125}$

$= 1.12$

A1

- d. i. 18 ducks after 2 years

A1

1.1	1.2	1.
A		
=		
1		8
2		12.
3		18.
4		27.
5		40.5
A3	$=1.5 \cdot a2$	

- ii. 7 years

A1

1.1	1.2	1.
A		
=		
4		27.
5		40.5
6		60.75
7		91.125
8		136.6875
A8	$=1.5 \cdot a7$	

e. 8×1.5^n

A1

f. $D_{n+1} = 1.5D_n, D_0 = 8$

A1

- g. after 5 years: $C_5 = 96$ and $D_5 = 73$
 after 6 years: $C_5 = 88$ and $D_5 = 106$

M1

Therefore there will be more ducks than chickens after 6 years.

A1

Question 6 (10 marks)

a. $y = \frac{x^2}{4a}$ and $x = 2at$

$$y = \frac{(2at)^2}{4a} = \frac{4a^2 t^2}{4a} = at^2 \text{ as required}$$

A1

b. i. $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$$y - \frac{a}{t^2} = t\left(x - \frac{2a}{t}\right)$$

M1

$$= tx + 2a$$

$$y = tx + 2a + \frac{a}{t^2}$$

A1

$$\begin{aligned}\text{ii.} \quad m_{RP} &= -\frac{1}{m_{QR}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{t}\end{aligned}$$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - at^2 = -\frac{1}{t}(x - 2at) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{t}x + 2a + at^2 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\text{iii.} \quad \text{Let } y_{QR} = y_{RP} \rightarrow tx + 2a + \frac{a}{t^2} = -\frac{1}{t}x + 2a + at^2$$

$$(t^2 + 1)x = at^3 - \frac{a}{t}$$

$$x = \frac{\frac{at^4 - a}{t}}{t^2 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{a(t^4 - 1)}{t(t^2 + 1)}$$

$$= \frac{a(t^2 - 1)(t^2 + 1)}{t(t^2 + 1)} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= a\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{t}x + 2a + at^2$$

$$= ta\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right) + 2a + \frac{a}{t^2} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= at^2 - a + 2a + \frac{a}{t^2}$$

$$x = a\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right), y = a\left(t^2 + 1 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right) \quad \text{A1}$$

c. $x = a\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)$

$$x^2 = a^2\left(t^2 - 2 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= a^2\left(t^2 + 1 + \frac{1}{t^2} - 3\right)$$

$$= a \cdot a\left(t^2 + 1 + \frac{1}{t^2}\right) - 3a^2$$

$$= ay - 3a^2$$

$$ay = x^2 + 3a^2$$

$$y = \frac{x^2}{a} + 3a \quad \text{A1}$$