

Victorian Certificate of Education
2021

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SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS
Written examination 1

Tuesday 1 June 2021

Reading time: 2.00 pm to 2.15 pm (15 minutes)

Writing time: 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm (1 hour)

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
10	10	40

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: any technology (calculators or software), notes of any kind, blank sheets of paper and/or correction fluid/tape.

Materials supplied

- Question and answer book of 12 pages
- Formula sheet
- Working space is provided throughout the book.

Instructions

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the diagrams in this book are **not** drawn to scale.
- All written responses must be in English.

At the end of the examination

- You may keep the formula sheet.

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Instructions

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 (4 marks)

Consider the function f with rule $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} + \sin(x)$.

- a. Find all values of x for which the second derivative is equal to zero.

2 marks

- b. Explain whether the graph of f has any points of inflection.

2 marks

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Question 2 (5 marks)

An object of mass 10 kg on a horizontal plane is acted upon by a constant force of magnitude P newtons and a horizontal resistance force opposing the motion that has a magnitude equal to one quarter of the magnitude of the normal reaction force.

As a result, the object accelerates horizontally at 2 ms^{-2} .

- a. Find the value of P in terms of g if P acts horizontally.

2 marks

- b. Find the value of P in terms of g if P acts at an angle of 30° upwards from the horizontal.

3 marks

Question 3 (3 marks)

Let X be a binomially distributed random variable with $n = 4$ and $p = \frac{1}{2}$. Let Y be a binomially distributed random variable with $n = 6$ and $p = \frac{1}{2}$. X and Y are independent random variables. Let Z be the random variable defined by $Z = 2X + 3Y$.

- a. Find the mean of Z . 1 mark

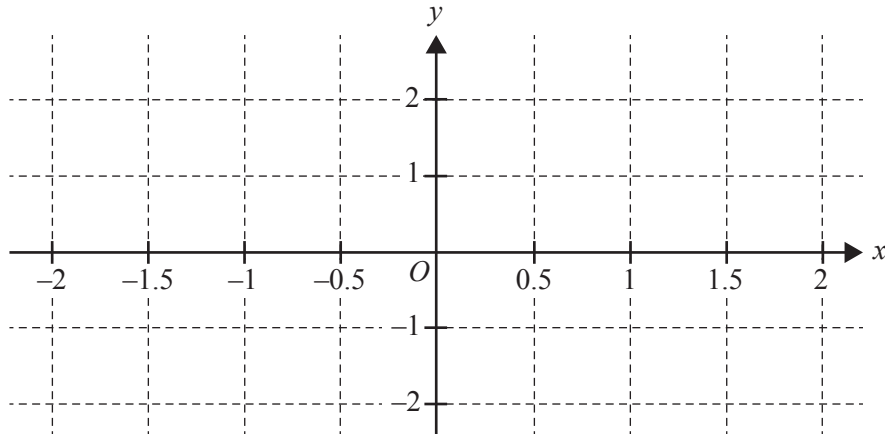
- b. Find the standard deviation of Z . 2 marks

Question 4 (4 marks)

Consider the function $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \arccos(x) - \frac{\pi}{2}$.

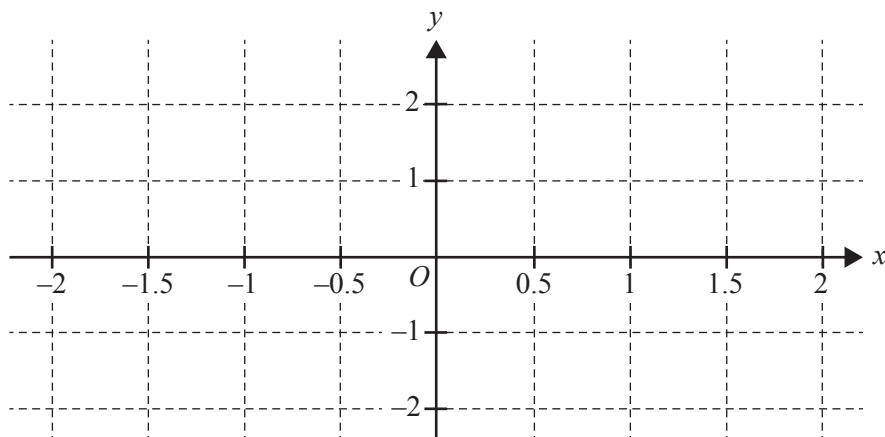
- a. Sketch the graph of f on the axes below, labelling the endpoints with their coordinates.

2 marks



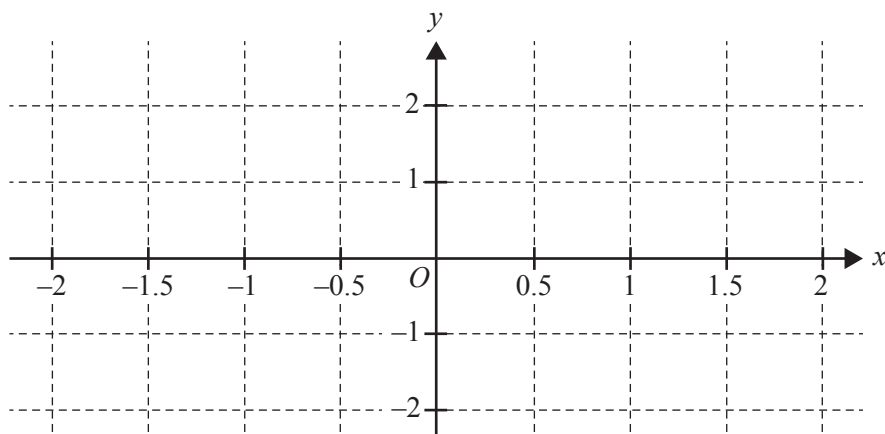
- b. Sketch the graph of $y = |f(x)|$ on the axes below.

1 mark



- c. Sketch the graph of $y = f(|x|)$ on the axes below.

1 mark



Question 5 (4 marks)

- a. Solve the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1+y^2}{1+x^2}$, given that $y(0) = 1$, to show that $y = \frac{x+1}{1-x}$. 3 marks

- b. Find $y\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$ in the form $a + \sqrt{b}$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. 1 mark

Question 6 (4 marks)

Find the values of a and b for $x^3y + ay^2 = b$, given that the tangent to the graph of the relation at $(1, 1)$ has the equation $4x + 5y = 9$.

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A particle moves in a straight line so that its acceleration is $(5 + 6x) \text{ ms}^{-2}$, where its displacement from a fixed origin is x metres.

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4 marks

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FORMULA SHEET

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Specialist Mathematics formulas

Mensuration

area of a trapezium	$\frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$
curved surface area of a cylinder	$2\pi rh$
volume of a cylinder	$\pi r^2 h$
volume of a cone	$\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$
volume of a pyramid	$\frac{1}{3}Ah$
volume of a sphere	$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
area of a triangle	$\frac{1}{2}bc \sin(A)$
sine rule	$\frac{a}{\sin(A)} = \frac{b}{\sin(B)} = \frac{c}{\sin(C)}$
cosine rule	$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos(C)$

Circular functions

$\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x) = 1$	
$1 + \tan^2(x) = \sec^2(x)$	$\cot^2(x) + 1 = \operatorname{cosec}^2(x)$
$\sin(x+y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) + \cos(x)\sin(y)$	$\sin(x-y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) - \cos(x)\sin(y)$
$\cos(x+y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) - \sin(x)\sin(y)$	$\cos(x-y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) + \sin(x)\sin(y)$
$\tan(x+y) = \frac{\tan(x) + \tan(y)}{1 - \tan(x)\tan(y)}$	$\tan(x-y) = \frac{\tan(x) - \tan(y)}{1 + \tan(x)\tan(y)}$
$\cos(2x) = \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x) = 2\cos^2(x) - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2(x)$	
$\sin(2x) = 2\sin(x)\cos(x)$	$\tan(2x) = \frac{2\tan(x)}{1 - \tan^2(x)}$

Circular functions – continued

Function	$\sin^{-1}$ or arcsin	$\cos^{-1}$ or arccos	$\tan^{-1}$ or arctan
Domain	$[-1, 1]$	$[-1, 1]$	R
Range	$\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$	$[0, \pi]$	$\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

Algebra (complex numbers)

$z = x + iy = r(\cos(\theta) + i\sin(\theta)) = r \operatorname{cis}(\theta)$	
$ z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = r$	$-\pi < \operatorname{Arg}(z) \leq \pi$
$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 \operatorname{cis}(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$	$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} \operatorname{cis}(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$
$z^n = r^n \operatorname{cis}(n\theta)$ (de Moivre's theorem)	

Probability and statistics

for random variables X and Y	$E(aX + b) = aE(X) + b$ $E(aX + bY) = aE(X) + bE(Y)$ $\operatorname{var}(aX + b) = a^2 \operatorname{var}(X)$
for independent random variables X and Y	$\operatorname{var}(aX + bY) = a^2 \operatorname{var}(X) + b^2 \operatorname{var}(Y)$
approximate confidence interval for μ	$\left(\bar{x} - z \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + z \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$
distribution of sample mean $\bar{X}$	mean $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$ variance $\operatorname{var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

Calculus

$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$	$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} x^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$
$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = ae^{ax}$	$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a} e^{ax} + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_e(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \log_e x + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(ax)) = a \cos(ax)$	$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos(ax)) = -a \sin(ax)$	$\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(ax)) = a \sec^2(ax)$	$\int \sec^2(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan(ax) + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + c, a > 0$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1}(x)) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$	$\int \frac{-1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} dx = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + c, a > 0$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}(x)) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$	$\int \frac{a}{a^2+x^2} dx = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + c$
	$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{1}{a(n+1)} (ax+b)^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$
	$\int (ax+b)^{-1} dx = \frac{1}{a} \log_e ax+b + c$
product rule	$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$
quotient rule	$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$
chain rule	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$
Euler's method	If $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$, $x_0 = a$ and $y_0 = b$, then $x_{n+1} = x_n + h$ and $y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(x_n)$
acceleration	$a = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{dv}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{2}v^2\right)$
arc length	$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} \sqrt{1+(f'(x))^2} dx$ or $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{(x'(t))^2 + (y'(t))^2} dt$

Vectors in two and three dimensions

$\underline{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$
$ \underline{r} = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} = r$
$\dot{\underline{r}} = \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}\hat{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\hat{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\hat{k}$
$\underline{r}_1 \cdot \underline{r}_2 = r_1 r_2 \cos(\theta) = x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2 + z_1 z_2$

Mechanics

momentum	$\underline{p} = m\underline{v}$
equation of motion	$\underline{R} = m\underline{a}$