

VCE Specialist Mathematics Units 1&2

Written Examination 2

Suggested Solutions

SECTION A – MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS

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Question 1 D

$$\begin{aligned}2\overrightarrow{BA} &= 2(\overrightarrow{BO} + \overrightarrow{OA}) \\&= 2(\underline{\underline{i}} - 5\underline{\underline{j}} + 2\underline{\underline{i}} + 3\underline{\underline{j}}) \\&= 2(3\underline{\underline{i}} - 2\underline{\underline{j}}) \\&= 6\underline{\underline{i}} - 4\underline{\underline{j}}\end{aligned}$$

Question 2 C

$$\begin{aligned}t_6 - t_2 &= t_1 + 5d - (t_1 + d) \\&= 4d\end{aligned}$$

$$4d = 16$$

$$d = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned}t_8 - t_5 &= 3d \\&= 12\end{aligned}$$

Question 3 E

$$\begin{aligned}\angle A &= 180 - 32 - 72 \\&= 76^\circ\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{BC}{\sin(A)} &= \frac{AB}{\sin(C)} \\ \frac{BC}{\sin 76} &= \frac{8}{\sin 32} \\ BC &= 14.6482 \\ &\approx 15 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

Question 4 E

Since $2x + 3$ is under the square root:

$$2x + 3 \geq 0$$

$$x \geq -\frac{3}{2}$$

Since $x^2 - 9x + 18$ is the denominator:

$$x^2 - 9x + 18 \neq 0$$

$$(x - 6)(x - 3) \neq 0$$

$$\therefore x \neq 6 \text{ and } x \neq 3$$

Therefore, the domain is $\left[-\frac{3}{2}, 3\right) \cup (3, 6) \cup (6, \infty)$.

Question 5 D

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{a} + \underline{b} &= -2\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} + 5\underline{i} + k\underline{j} \\ &= 3\underline{i} + (k-3)\underline{j}\end{aligned}$$

$\underline{a} + \underline{b}$ being perpendicular to y-axis implies that the $\underline{j}$ component has a coefficient of 0.

$$k - 3 = 0$$

$$k = 3$$

Question 6 B

By the conjugate root theorem, the other root is $5 - 3i$.

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 x_2 &= (5 - 3i)(5 + 3i) \\ &= 34\end{aligned}$$

Question 7 D

D is correct.

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2} = 1$$

Option A:

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\sin(\theta)\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\cos(\theta)\right)^2} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}\sin^2 \theta + \frac{1}{2}\cos^2 \theta} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\end{aligned}$$

Option B:

$$\sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-1)^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

Option C:

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

Option E:

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{5}{13}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{11}{13}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{146}{169}}$$

Question 8 A

The angle between a tangent and a chord drawn from the point of contact is equal to any angle in the alternate segment.

$$\therefore \angle C = 60^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{area of } \triangle ABC &= \frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times 8 \times \sin 60^\circ \\ &= 14\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^2\end{aligned}$$

Question 9 E

Since $\angle B = \angle E$ and $\angle ACB = \angle DCE$, $\triangle ACB$ is similar to $\triangle DCE$.

$$\frac{CE}{BC} = \frac{DC}{AC}$$

$$\frac{5}{7.5} = \frac{DC}{6}$$

$$DC = 4 \text{ cm}$$

$$BD = DC + CB$$

$$= 4 + 7.5$$

$$= 11.5 \text{ cm}$$

Question 10 E

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

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= -4$$

Therefore, $x^2 - 2x + 2$ has no real roots and the reciprocal function has no vertical asymptotes.

Question 11 A

$$\tan(\theta) + \frac{1}{\tan(\theta)} = 2$$

$$\tan^2(\theta) + 1 = 2 \tan(\theta)$$

$$\frac{1}{\cos^2(\theta)} = \frac{2 \sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)}$$

$$2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) = 1$$

$$(\sin(\theta) + \cos(\theta))^2 = \sin^2(\theta) + 2 \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) + \cos^2(\theta)$$

$$(\sin(\theta) + \cos(\theta))^2 = 2$$

$$\sin(\theta) + \cos(\theta) = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

Question 12 C

C is correct.

A is incorrect. The graph of this equation would have the first positive vertical asymptote at $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$.

B is incorrect. The graph of this equation would have a vertical asymptote at $x = 0$.

D is incorrect. The graph of this equation would have a vertical asymptote at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

E is incorrect. The graph of this equation would have a vertical asymptote at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Question 13 B

The value for the power of i repeats itself every four terms.

$$i = i$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$i^3 = -i$$

$$i^4 = 1$$

The sum of these four terms is $i + i^2 + i^3 + i^4 = 0$.

The first 2019 terms consist of 504 repetitions plus three terms.

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore S_{2019} &= 504 \times 0 + i + i^2 + i^3 \\ &= -1\end{aligned}$$

Question 14 B

As the complex number is on the imaginary axis, the real part should be equal to 0.

$$m^2 - m - 2 = 0$$

$$(m - 2)(m + 1) = 0$$

$$m = 2 \text{ or } -1$$

The imaginary part should not be equal to 0.

$$m^2 - 3m + 2 \neq 0$$

$$(m - 2)(m - 1) \neq 0$$

$$m \neq 1 \text{ or } 2$$

$$\therefore m = -1$$

Question 15 C

Since $\underline{a}$ is parallel to $\underline{b}$, $\underline{a} = k \underline{b}$, where k is a constant.

Equating coefficients gives:

$$1 - \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}k \text{ and } 1 = k(1 + \sin \theta)$$

$$2(1 - \sin \theta) = \frac{1}{(1 + \sin \theta)}$$

$$(1 + \sin \theta)(1 - \sin \theta) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = 45^\circ$$

Question 16 D

Let C have the coordinates (x, y) .

$$AC = \sqrt{(x+2)^2 + y^2}$$

$$AB = 4$$

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

Since AC , AB and BC form an arithmetic sequence:

$$AB - AC = BC - AB$$

$$4 - \sqrt{(x+2)^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{(x-2)^2 + y^2} - 4$$

$$-\sqrt{(x+2)^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{(x-2)^2 + y^2} - 8$$

$$(x+2)^2 + y^2 = (x-2)^2 + y^2 - 16\sqrt{(x-2)^2 + y^2} + 64$$

$$x - 8 = -2\sqrt{(x-2)^2 + y^2}$$

$$x^2 - 16x + 64 = 4x^2 - 16x + 16 + 4y^2$$

$$3x^2 + 4y^2 = 48$$

$$\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{12} = 1$$

The shape of the locus is an ellipse.

Question 17 D

D is correct. In the fourth quadrant, sine is an increasing function and tangent is an increasing function. Therefore, $\tan(\alpha) > \tan(\beta)$.

A is incorrect. In the first quadrant, sine is an increasing function and cosine is a decreasing function. Therefore, $\cos(\alpha) < \cos(\beta)$.

B is incorrect. In the second quadrant, sine is a decreasing function and tangent is an increasing function. Therefore, $\tan(\alpha) < \tan(\beta)$.

C is incorrect. In the third quadrant, sine is a decreasing function and cosine is an increasing function. Therefore, $\cos \alpha < \cos \beta$.

E is incorrect. There is enough information provided in the question to determine the values of cosine and tangent based on the value of sine.

Question 18 D

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{scalar resolute} &= \vec{a} \cdot \hat{b} \\
 &= \frac{(3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j})(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j})}{\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2}} \\
 &= \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 19 B

By circle geometry, $\angle BOC = 60^\circ$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{area of } ABOC &= \text{area of } \triangle ABC - \text{area of } \triangle AOC \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \times 7 \times 5 \times \sin 30^\circ - \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 2 \times \sin 60^\circ \\
 &= 8.75 - \sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 20 B

By the conjugate root theorem:

$$x_1 = a + bi, x_2 = a - bi$$

By the properties of quadratic equations, $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$.

The product of two roots is $\frac{c}{a}$, and the sum of two roots is $-\frac{b}{a}$. Therefore:

$$x_1 + x_2 = -\frac{m}{2}, x_1 x_2 = \frac{m^2 - m}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1 x_2 &= (a + bi)(a - bi) \\
 &= a^2 + b^2 \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \frac{m^2 - m}{2} = 1$$

$$m^2 - m - 2 = 0$$

$$m = -1 \text{ or } 2$$

When $m = 2$:

- the discriminant of the function is $\Delta = 6^2 - 4 \times 2 \times 2 = 20 > 0$
- the equation has real solutions.

Therefore, $m = -1$.

SECTION B**Question 1** (5 marks)

- a. i. Since x , y and z are proportional, the right-hand sides of the equations are 1.

$$\begin{cases} 8x + 5y = 1 \\ 6x + 9z = 1 \\ 10y + 6z = 1 \end{cases}$$

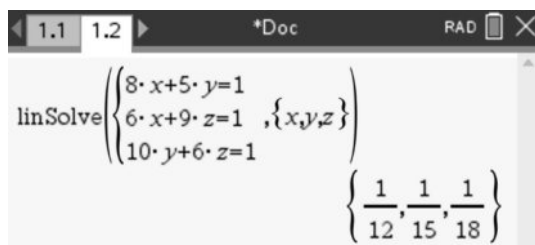
correct left-hand side of each equation A1
correct right-hand side of each equation A1

ii.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 & 0 \\ 6 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 10 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

A1

Note: Consequential on answer to Question 1a.i.

- b. Using CAS with matrix or simultaneous equations gives the following.



linSolve($\begin{cases} 8 \cdot x + 5 \cdot y = 1 \\ 6 \cdot x + 9 \cdot z = 1 \\ 10 \cdot y + 6 \cdot z = 1 \end{cases}, \{x, y, z\}$)
 $\left\{ \frac{1}{12}, \frac{1}{15}, \frac{1}{18} \right\}$

$$x = \frac{1}{12}, y = \frac{1}{18}, z = \frac{1}{15}$$

A1

It would take Anna 12 days, Betty 18 days and Charles 15 days.

A1

Note: Consequential on answer to Question 1a.i.

Question 2 (13 marks)

a. $t_5 = t_0 + 5 \times 288$
 $= \$11\,440$

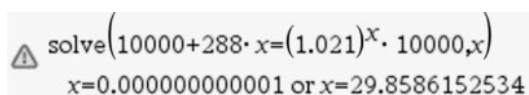
A1

b. $t_5 = 1.021^5 t_0$
 $= \$11\,095.04$

A1

- c. By solving the equation $10\,000 + 288x = 10\,000 \times 1.021^x$, it can be found that bank accounts *A* and *B* will have the same amount of return after 29.86 years.

M1



$$\text{solve}(10000 + 288 \cdot x = (1.021)^x \cdot 10000, x)$$

$$x = 0.000000000001 \text{ or } x = 29.8586152534$$

Hence, from the thirtieth year, bank account *B* will outperform bank account *A*. Therefore, from a long-term perspective, Juanita should choose bank account *B*.

A1

- d. i. After 1 year: $10\,000 + 288 \times 0.8 = \$10\,230.40$
After 2 years: $10\,230.4 + 288 \times 0.8 = \$10\,460.80$

A1

- ii. After 1 year: $10\,000 + 0.021 \times 10\,000 \times 0.8 = \$10\,168$
After 2 years: $10\,168 + 0.021 \times 10\,168 \times 0.8 = \$10\,338.82$

A1

- e. bank account A:

$$t_n = t_{n-1} + 288 \times 0.8$$

$$= t_{n-1} + 230.4$$

A1

bank account B:

$$t_n = t_{n-1} + 0.021 \times t_{n-1} \times 0.8$$

$$= 1.0168t_{n-1}$$

A1

- f. $S_n = a_1(1+r)^{n-1} + a_2(1+r)^{n-2} + a_3(1+r)^{n-3} + \dots + a_{n-1}(1+r) + a_n$
 $S_{n-1} = a_1(1+r)^{n-2} + a_2(1+r)^{n-3} + a_3(1+r)^{n-4} + \dots + a_{n-1}$
 $\therefore S_n = (1+r)S_{n-1} + a_n$

A1

g. $S_n = a_1(1+r)^{n-1} + a_2(1+r)^{n-2} + a_3(1+r)^{n-3} + \dots + a_{n-1}(1+r) + a_n$

Multiplying both sides of the equation by $1+r$ gives:

$$(1+r)S_n = a_1(1+r)^n + a_2(1+r)^{n-1} + a_3(1+r)^{n-2} + \dots + a_{n-1}(1+r)^2 + a_n(1+r) \quad \text{M1}$$

Subtracting S_n from the equation gives:

$$rS_n = a_1(1+r)^{n-1} + d[(1+r)^{n-1} + (1+r)^{n-2} + \dots + (1+r)] - a_n$$

where d is the common difference for the sequence $a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots$

It can be noted that $1+r, (1+r)^2, (1+r)^3, \dots, (1+r)^{n-1}$ forms a geometric sequence with the first term being $1+r$ and the common ratio being $1+r$. Therefore, the sum of this geometric sequence is $\frac{(1+r)^n - 1 - r}{r}$.

$$rS_n = a_1(1+r)^{n-1} + \frac{d}{r}[(1+r)^n - 1 - r] - a_n \quad \text{M1}$$

Dividing both sides by r and expressing a_n as $a_1 + (n-1)d$ gives:

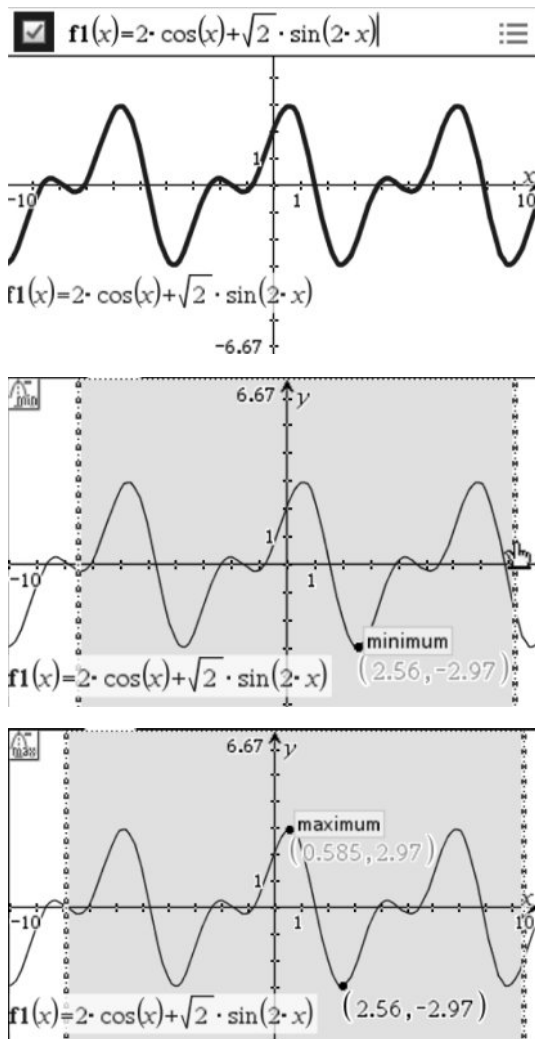
$$S_n = \frac{a_1r+d}{r^2}(1+r)^n - \frac{d}{r}n - \frac{a_1r+d}{r^2}$$

It can be seen that $\frac{a_1r+d}{r^2}(1+r)^n$ is a geometric sequence with the first term being

$$\frac{a_1r+d}{r^2}(1+r) \text{ and the common ratio being } 1+r. \quad \text{A1}$$

It can be seen that $-\frac{d}{r}n - \frac{a_1r+d}{r^2}$ is an arithmetic sequence with the first term being

$$-\frac{d}{r} - \frac{a_1r+d}{r^2} \text{ and the common difference being } \frac{d}{r}. \quad \text{A1}$$

Question 3 (7 marks)**a.**

Using CAS:

maximum = 2.97

A1

minimum = -2.97

A1

b. $2 \cos(t) + \sqrt{2} \sin(2t) = 0$

$2 \cos(t) + 2\sqrt{2} \sin(t) \cos(t) = 0$

M1

$2 \cos(t) (1 + \sqrt{2} \sin(t)) = 0$

$\cos(t) = 0 \text{ or } \sin(t) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

A1

c. i. $r \sin(2t - \alpha) = r \sin(2t) \cos(\alpha) - r \cos(2t) \sin(\alpha)$

$$\begin{cases} r \cos(\alpha) = \sqrt{3} \\ r \sin(\alpha) = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\tan \alpha = \sqrt{3}$$

$r > 0$, therefore, $\sin \alpha > 0$, $\cos \alpha > 0$.

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

A1

Substituting $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$ into one of the equations above gives $r = 2\sqrt{3}$.

$$S = 2\sqrt{3} \sin\left(2t - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

A1

ii. $2\sqrt{3} \sin\left(2t - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 0$

$$\sin\left(2t - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 0$$

$$t = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{6\pi}{7}$$

A1

Note: Consequential on answer to Question 3c.i.

Question 4 (15 marks)

a. $z = \frac{-2\sqrt{2}i \pm \sqrt{(2\sqrt{2}i)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-5)}}{2}$

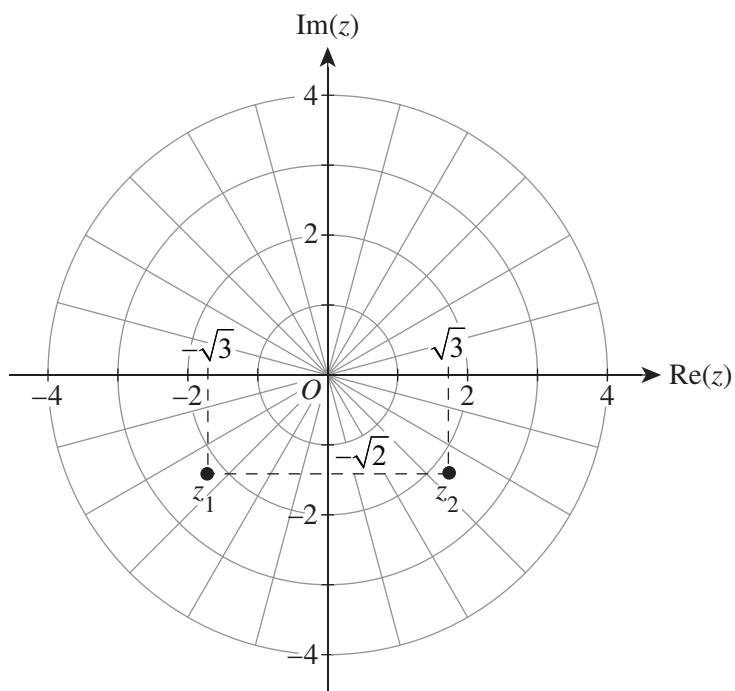
M1

$$= \frac{-2\sqrt{2}i \pm 2\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$z_1 = -\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}i, z_2 = \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}i$$

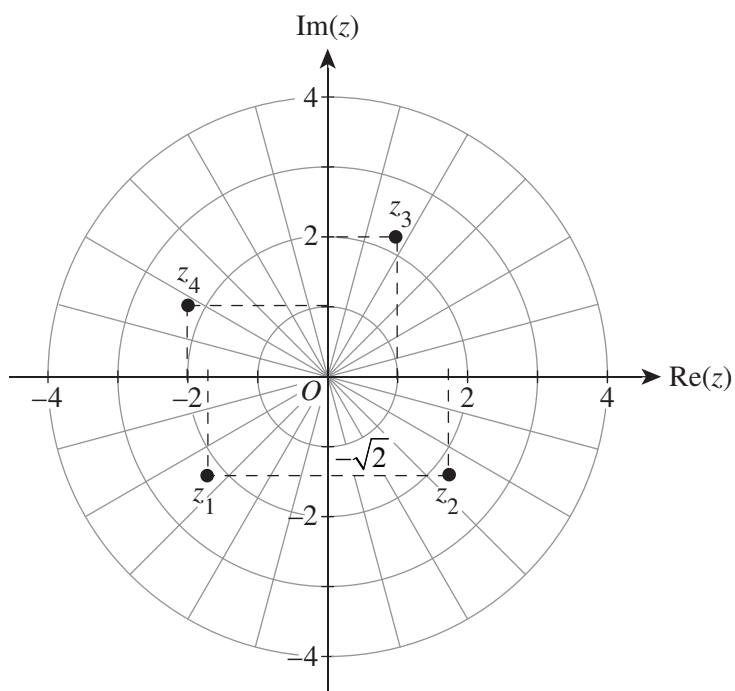
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b.



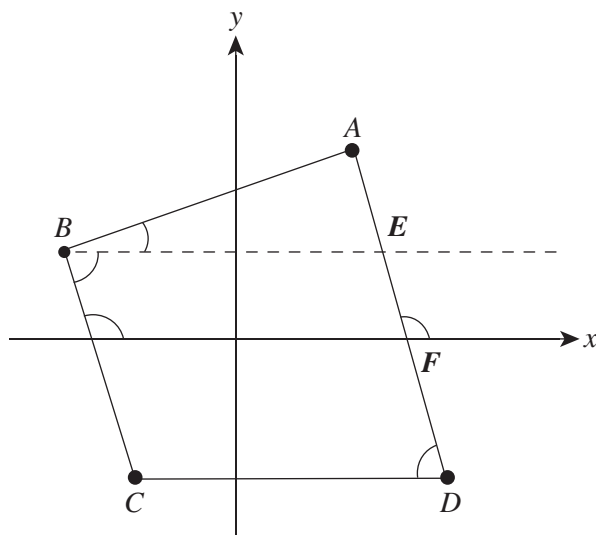
correct z_1 and label A1
 correct z_2 and label A1

c.



correct z_3 and label A1
 correct z_4 and label A1

d.



From the question, it is known $A(1, 2)$, $B(-2, 1)$, $C(-\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{2})$, $D(\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{2})$.

From the graph above, it can be seen that $\angle ABC = \angle ABE + \angle CBE$.

$\tan \angle ABE$ is the gradient of AB .

$$\tan \angle ABE = m_{AB} = \frac{2-1}{1+2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$\tan \angle CBE$ is the negative of the gradient of BC , since co-interior angles add to 180° and $\tan(\pi - \theta) = -\tan(\theta)$.

$$\tan \angle CBE = -m_{BC} = \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{1-\sqrt{3}}$$

M1

Using the addition formula for the tangent $\angle ABC$ gives:

$$\tan \angle ABC = \tan(\angle ABE + \angle CBE) = \frac{\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{1-\sqrt{3}}}{1 - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{1-\sqrt{3}}}$$

M1

Similarly, we can find that $\tan \angle ADC$ is the negative of the gradient of AD .

$$m_{AD} = \frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{1-\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\tan \angle ADC = \frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}-1}$$

Using the addition formula for the tangent gives:

$$\tan(\angle ABC + \angle ADC) = 0$$

M1

$$\angle ABC + \angle ADC > 0$$

$$\angle ABC + \angle ADC = \pi$$

A1

Note: Consequential on answer to Question 4c.

- e. i. $z_5 = a^2 + 2ai - 1$
 $= (a^2 - 1) + 2ai$
 If z_5 is on the imaginary axis, $a^2 - 1 = 0$. M1
 $a = \pm 1$ A1
- ii. z_5 being in the fourth quadrant implies $a^2 - 1 > 0$ and $2a < 0$. M1
 $a^2 - 1 > 0$
 $a > 1$ or $a < -1$
 And:
 $2a < 0$
 $a < 0$ A1
 Combining the results of the two inequalities gives $a < -1$. A1

Question 5 (11 marks)

- a. $\overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{AO} + \overrightarrow{OB}$
 $= -\underline{\underline{i}} + \underline{\underline{j}}$ A1
 $\overrightarrow{AC} = \overrightarrow{AO} + \overrightarrow{OC}$
 $= -\underline{\underline{i}} + 2\underline{\underline{i}} + 5\underline{\underline{j}}$
 $= \underline{\underline{i}} + 5\underline{\underline{j}}$ A1
- b. $|2\overrightarrow{AB} + \overrightarrow{AC}| = |-2\underline{\underline{i}} + 2\underline{\underline{j}} + \underline{\underline{i}} + 5\underline{\underline{j}}|$
 $= |-\underline{\underline{i}} + 7\underline{\underline{j}}|$ M1
 $= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + 7^2}$
 $= 5\sqrt{2}$ A1

Note: Consequential on answer to Question 5a.

- c. $\overrightarrow{BC} = \overrightarrow{BO} + \overrightarrow{OC}$
 $= 2\underline{\underline{i}} + 4\underline{\underline{j}}$
 Let the unit vector be $x\underline{\underline{i}} + y\underline{\underline{j}}$.
 $2x + 4y = 0$
 $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ M1
 Solving the simultaneous equations gives:

$$\begin{cases} x = \frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ y = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \end{cases} \text{ or } \begin{cases} x = -\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5} \\ y = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5} \end{cases}$$

 Therefore, the unit vector is $\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}\underline{\underline{i}} - \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}\underline{\underline{j}}$ or $-\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}\underline{\underline{i}} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}\underline{\underline{j}}$. A1

d. i. $\underline{x} = \sqrt{3}\underline{i} - \underline{j} + (t^2 - 3)\left(\frac{1}{2}\underline{i} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\underline{j}\right)$

$$= \left(\sqrt{3} + \frac{t^2 - 3}{2}\right)\underline{i} + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}(t^2 - 3)}{2} - 1\right)\underline{j}$$

$\underline{y} = -k(\sqrt{3}\underline{i} - \underline{j}) + t\left(\frac{1}{2}\underline{i} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\underline{j}\right)$

$$= \left(\frac{t}{2} - k\sqrt{3}\right)\underline{i} + \left(k + \frac{\sqrt{3}t}{2}\right)\underline{j}$$

Since $\underline{x}$ is perpendicular to $\underline{y}$:

$$\underline{x} \cdot \underline{y} = 0$$

$$\left(\sqrt{3} + \frac{t^2 - 3}{2}\right)\left(\frac{t}{2} - k\sqrt{3}\right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}(t^2 - 3)}{2} - 1\right)\left(k + \frac{\sqrt{3}t}{2}\right) = 0 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$-4k + (t^2 - 3)t = 0$$

$$k = \frac{(t^2 - 3)t}{4} \quad \text{A1}$$

ii. $k = \frac{(t^2 - 3)t}{4}$

$$\frac{k}{t} = \frac{(t^2 - 3)}{4}$$

$$\frac{k}{t} + t = \frac{(t^2 - 3)}{4} + t \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\frac{k + t^2}{t} = \frac{t^2 - 3}{4} + t$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(t + 2)^2 - \frac{7}{4} \quad \text{A1}$$

Therefore, the minimum value of $\frac{k + t^2}{t}$ is $-\frac{7}{4}$ when $t = -2$. A1

Note: Consequential on answer to Question 5d.i.

Question 6 (9 marks)

a. $x^2 = 4\cos^2(\theta)$

$$y^2 = \sin^2(\theta)$$

M1

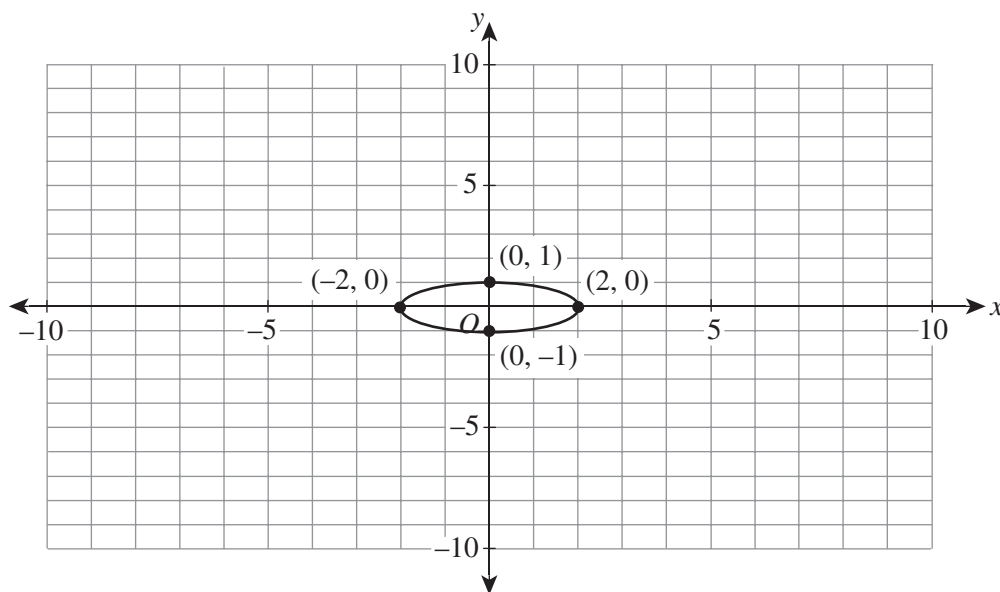
$$\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 = \cos^2(\theta) + \sin^2(\theta)$$

$$= 1$$

The shape is an ellipse centred at (0, 0).

A1

b.



correct shape A1

correct x- and y-axis intercepts A1

Note: Consequential on answer to **Question 6a**.

c. Let P be (x, y) and M be (m, n) .

Since M is the midpoint of PD , $m = x$ and $n = \frac{y}{2}$.

M1

$$x^2 + y^2 = 4$$

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$$

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 = 1$$

$$\frac{m^2}{4} + n^2 = 1$$

A1

- d. C has the coordinates (x, y) and is the midpoint of AB .

$$x = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, y = \frac{(y_1 + y_2)}{2} \quad \text{M1}$$

Since A and B are on the shape found in **part a.**:

$$\frac{x_1^2}{4} + y_1^2 = 1 \text{ and } \frac{x_2^2}{4} + y_2^2 = 1$$

Adding the two equations together gives:

$$\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{4} + y_1^2 + y_2^2 = 2$$

Completing the square to $(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$ and $(y_1^2 + y_2^2)$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 2x_1x_2}{4} - \frac{x_1x_2}{2} + y_1^2 + y_2^2 + 2y_1y_2 - 2y_1y_2 &= 2 \\ \frac{(x_1 + x_2)^2}{4} + (y_1 + y_2)^2 - \left(\frac{x_1x_2}{2} + 2y_1y_2 \right) &= 2 \end{aligned} \quad \text{M1}$$

Since $y_1y_2 = -\frac{1}{4}x_1x_2$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x_1x_2}{2} + 2y_1y_2 &= 0 \\ \frac{(x_1 + x_2)^2}{4} + (y_1 + y_2)^2 &= 2 \\ \left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} \right)^2 + 4 \times \left(\frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)^2 &= 2 \\ x^2 + 4y^2 &= 2 \\ \frac{x^2}{2} + 2y^2 &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad \text{A1}$$

*Note: Consequential on answer to **Question 6a.***