



Semester One Examination, 2021  
Question/Answer Booklet

**MATHEMATICS  
METHODS  
ATAR Year 12  
Section Two:  
Calculator-assumed**

**SOLUTIONS**

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**Time allowed for this paper**

Reading time before commencing work:

10 minutes

Working time for paper:

100 minutes

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This Question/Answer Booklet

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**Structure of this paper**

Section	Number of questions available	Number of questions to be answered	Suggested working time (minutes)	Marks available	Percentage of examination
Section One: Calculator free	8	8	50	52	35
Section Two: Calculator-assumed	13	13	100	96	65
<b>Total</b>					<b>100</b>

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3. You must be careful to confine your answers to the specific questions asked and to follow any instructions that are specific to a particular question.
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Section Two: Calculator-assumed

65% (96 Marks)

This section has thirteen (13) questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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Working time: 100 minutes.

Question 9

(7 marks)

A hot potato was removed from an oven and placed on a cooling rack. Its temperature  $T$ , in degrees Celsius,  $t$  minutes after being removed from the oven was modelled by

$$T = 16 + 188e^{kt}.$$

The temperature of the potato halved between  $t = 0$  and  $t = 6.8$ .

- (a) Determine the value of the constant  $k$ .

(3 marks)

Solution
$T_0 = 16 + 188 = 204$ $102 = 16 + 188e^{6.8k} \Rightarrow k = -0.115$
Specific behaviours
✓ indicates initial temperature ✓ equation for temperature halving ✓ solves for $k$

- (b) The temperature of the potato eventually reached a steady state. Determine the time taken for its temperature to first fall to within  $4^\circ\text{C}$  of this steady state. (2 marks)

Solution
$T_\infty = 16$ $20 = 16 + 188e^{-0.115t} \Rightarrow t = 33.5 \text{ minutes}$
Specific behaviours
✓ indicates steady state temperature ✓ correct time, to at least 1 dp

- (c) Determine the time at which the potato was cooling at a rate of  $4^\circ\text{C}$  per minute. (2 marks)

Solution
$\frac{dT}{dt} = 21.62e^{-0.115t}$ $-21.62e^{-0.115t} = -4 \Rightarrow t = 14.7 \text{ minutes}$
Specific behaviours
✓ indicates derivative ✓ correct time, to at least 1 dp

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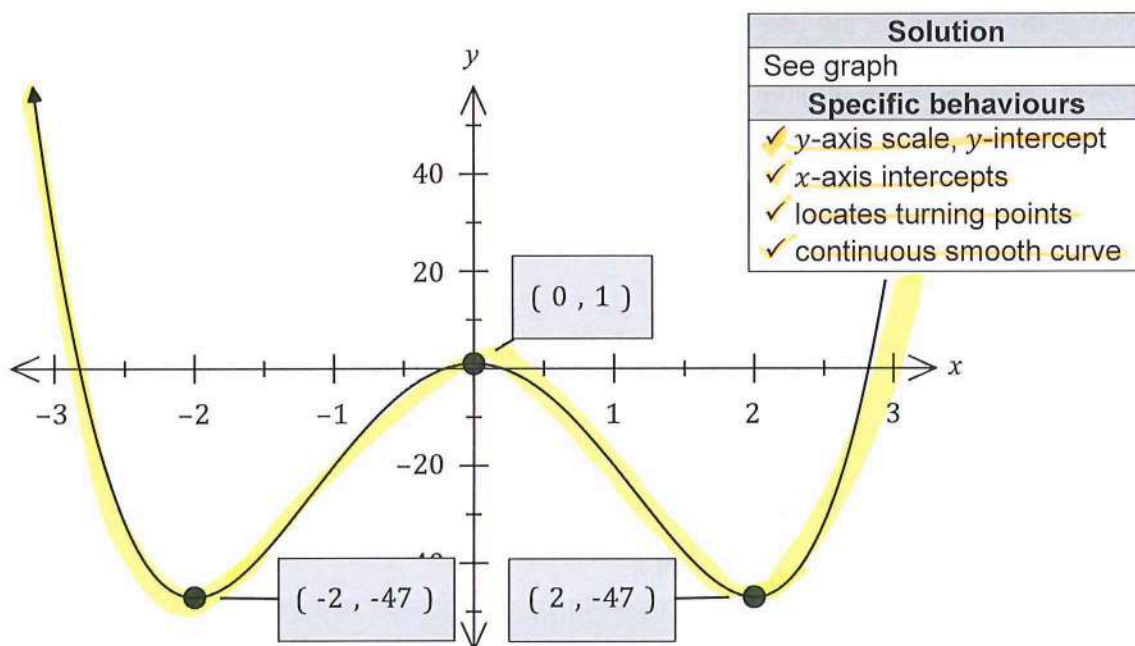
Question 10

(8 marks)

Let  $f(x) = 3x^4 + ax^2 + 1$ .

(a) Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$  when  $a = -24$ .

(4 marks)



(b) Show that the graph of  $y = f(x)$  will always have a maximum turning point at  $x = 0$  if  $a < 0$ .

(4 marks)

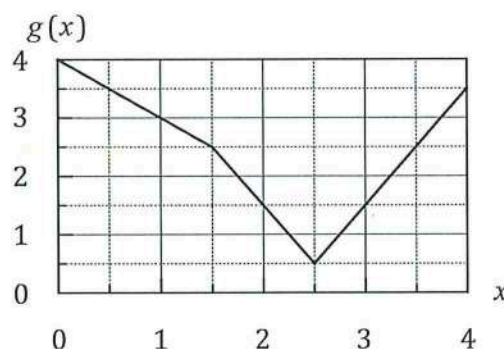
Solution
$f'(x) = 12x^3 + 2ax$ $f'(0) = 0$ Hence curve always stationary when $x = 0$ .
$f''(x) = 36x^2 + 2a$ $f''(0) = 2a$
If $a < 0$ then $f''(0) < 0$ and so the curve will always be concave down. Hence a maximum at $x = 0$ .
Specific behaviours
✓ shows $f'(0) = 0$ ✓ states always stationary when $x = 0$ ✓ shows $f''(0) = 2a$ ✓ justifies maximum using second derivative

## Question 11

(8 marks)

The graph of function  $g$ , and a table of values for function  $f$  and its derivatives are shown below.

$x$	1	2	3
$f(x)$	3	1	2
$f'(x)$	1	4	2
$f''(x)$	2	-1	-2



(a) Evaluate  $h'(k)$  when

(i)  $h(x) = f(g(x))$  and  $k = 1$ .

(3 marks)

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$h'(1) = f'(g(1)) \times g'(1)$	
$= f'(3) \times (-1)$	
$= (2)(-1) = -2$	
Specific behaviours	
✓ correct application of chain rule	
✓ correct values for $g(x)$ and $g'(x)$	
✓ correct value	

(ii)  $h(x) = g(x) \div f(x)$  and  $k = 2$ .

(3 marks)

Solution	
$h'(2) = \frac{g'(2)f(2) - g(2)f'(2)}{f(2)^2}$	
$= \frac{(-2)(1) - (1.5)(4)}{(1)^2} = -8$	
Specific behaviours	
✓ correct application of quotient rule	
✓ correct values for $g(x)$ and $g'(x)$	
✓ correct value	

(b) Evaluate  $h''(3)$  when  $h'(x) = f'(x) \times g'(x)$ .

(2 marks)

Solution	
$h''(3) = f''(3)g'(3) + f'(3)g''(3)$	
$= (-2)(2) + (3)(0)$	
$= -4$	
Specific behaviours	
✓ uses product rule with at least two correct values	
✓ correct result	

Question 12

(9 marks)

(a) If  $x = \log_b 4$  and  $y = \log_b 9$  then, in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ , determine:

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(i)  $\log_b 36$

(1 marks)

Solution
$\log_b 36 = \log_b 4 + \log_b 9$ $= x + y$
Specific behaviours
✓ correct expression

(ii)  $\log_b \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$

(2 marks)

Solution
$\log_b \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \log_b \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)$ $= \frac{1}{2}(x - y)$
Specific behaviours
✓ applies the log laws of powers ✓ correct expression

(iii)  $\log_b 144b^3$

(2 marks)

Solution
$\log_b 144b^3 = \log_b 4^2 \cdot 9 \cdot b^3$ $= 2x + y + 3$
Specific behaviours
✓ correctly factorises 144 ✓ correct expression

\* correct solns

✓ correctly applies  $3\log_b b = 3$

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Question 12 continued

- (b) The loudness  $L$ , in decibels, of sound is given by the equation

$$L = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

Where  $I$  is the intensity of sound and  $I_0$  is the intensity of the sound just audible to the human ear.

- (i) Find the loudness if the sound is 140 times as intense as  $I_0$ . (2 marks)

Solution
$L = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{140I_0}{I_0} \right)$ $L = 21.46 \text{ dB}$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ substitutes for <math>I</math></li> <li>✓ correctly evaluates <math>L</math></li> </ul>

- (ii) If the loudness was 28dB find in terms of  $I_0$  intensity of sound. (2 marks)

Solution
$28 = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{I}{I_0} \right)$ $2.8 = \log_{10} \left( \frac{I}{I_0} \right)$ $10^{2.8} = \frac{I}{I_0}$ $631I_0 = I$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ converts from a log to index statement</li> <li>✓ correctly expresses <math>I</math> in terms of <math>I_0</math></li> </ul>



Question 13

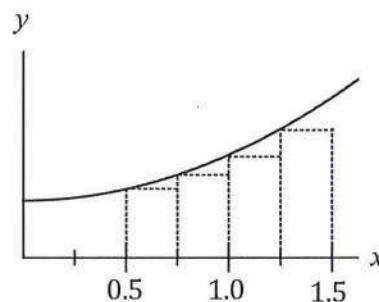
(8 marks)

The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown at right with 4 equal width inscribed rectangles. An estimate for the area under the curve between  $x = 0.5$  and  $x = 1.5$  is required.

The function  $f$  is defined as  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 7$  and let the area sum of the 4 rectangles be  $S_4$ .

$S_n$ , the area estimate using  $n$  inscribed rectangles can be calculated using

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} f(x_i) \delta x$$



- (a) State the values of  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  and  $\delta x$  that should be used to determine  $S_4$ . (1 mark)

Solution
$x_1 = 0.5, x_2 = 0.75, x_3 = 1, x_4 = 1.25, \delta x = 0.25$
Specific behaviours
✓ correctly states all values

- (b) Calculate the value of  $S_4$ . (3 marks)

Solution
$S_4 = 0.25((2(0.5)^2 + 7) + (2(0.75)^2 + 7) + (2(1)^2 + 7) + (2(1.25)^2 + 7))$ $= 0.25(7.5 + 8.125 + 9 + 10.125)$ $= 0.25(34.75)$ $= \frac{139}{16} = 8.6875 \text{ u}^2$
Specific behaviours
✓ indicates correct calculation for one rectangle ✓ correct heights of all rectangles ✓ correct value

- (c) Explain, with reasons, how the value of  $\delta x$  and the area estimate  $S_n$  will change as the number of inscribed rectangles increase. (2 marks)

Solution
$\delta x$ is the width of each rectangle and so must decrease. $S_n$ will increase, approaching true area under curve, as area 'lost' between curve and rectangles will decrease.
Specific behaviours
✓ indicates $\delta x$ will decrease as it's the rectangle width ✓ indicates $S_n$ will increase

- (d) Determine the limiting value of  $S_n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . (2 marks)

Solution
$S_\infty = \int_{0.5}^{1.5} f(x) dx = \frac{55}{6} = 9.1\bar{6} \text{ u}^2$
Specific behaviours
✓ correct integral ✓ correct limiting value

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Question 14

(6 marks)

The area  $A$  of a regular polygon with  $n$  sides of length  $x$  is given by

$$A = \frac{n x^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}{4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)}$$

- (a) Determine the exact area of a regular hexagon with side length 3 cm.

(1 mark)

Solution
$A(x) = \frac{6 \times 3^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)}{4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)} = \frac{27\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^2}{2}$
Specific behaviours
✓ correct area (exact)

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- (b) Simplify the above formula when  $n = 12$  to obtain a function for the area of a regular dodecagon.

(2 marks)

Solution
$A(x) = \frac{12 x^2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)}{4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)} = 3x^2(\sqrt{3} + 2)$
Specific behaviours
✓ correctly substitutes ✓ simplified function

$$\frac{3x^2(\sqrt{3}+1)}{\sqrt{3}-1}$$

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- (c) Use the increments formula to estimate the change in area of a regular dodecagon when its side length increases from 10 cm to 10.3 cm.

(3 marks)

Solution
$\frac{dA}{dx} = 12x(\sqrt{3} + 2), \quad x = 10, \quad \delta x = 0.3$ $\delta A \approx \frac{dA}{dx} \delta x$ $\approx 12(10)(\sqrt{3} + 2)(0.3)$ $\approx 18(\sqrt{3} + 2) \approx 67.2 \text{ cm}^2$
Specific behaviours
✓ derivative of $A$ with respect to $x$ ✓ correct use of increments formula ✓ calculates change

$$\frac{6x(\sqrt{3}+1)}{\sqrt{3}-1}$$

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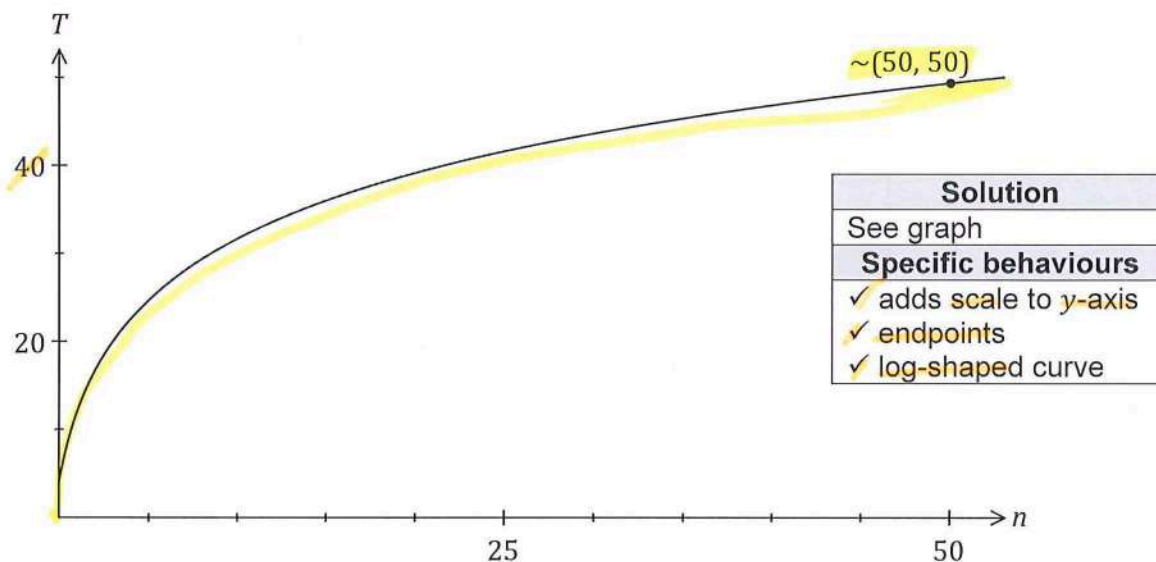
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(8 marks)

Hick's law, shown below, models the average time,  $T$  seconds, for a person to make a

$$T = a + b \log_2(n + 1), \text{ where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are positive constants.}$$

- (a) Draw the graph of  $T$  vs  $n$  on the axes below when  $a = 4$  and  $b = 8$ . (3 marks)



- (b) When a pizzeria had 10 choices of pizza, the average time for patrons to make a choice was 40 seconds. After doubling the number of choices, the average time to make their choice increased by 25%.

Modelling the relationship with Hick's law, predict the average time to make a choice if patrons were offered a choice of 35 pizzas. (5 marks)

Solution
$40 = a + b \log_2(10 + 1)$ $40 \times 1.25 = a + b \log_2(2 \times 10 + 1)$ $a = 2.917, b = 10.719$ $T = 2.917 + 10.719 \log_2(35 + 1)$ $T = 58.34 \approx 58 \text{ seconds}$
Specific behaviours
✓ writes first equation ✓ writes second equation ✓ solves for variables ✓ substitutes correctly ✓ states time, rounded to nearest second

Question 16

(8 marks)

The volume,  $V$  litres, of fuel in a tank is reduced between  $t = 0$  and  $t = 48$  minutes so that

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = -175\pi \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{48}\right)$$

(a) Determine, to the nearest litre, the amount of fuel emptied from the tank

(i) in the first minute.

Solution
$\Delta V = \int_0^1 V' dt$ $= -17.985$ <p>Hence 18 litres were emptied.</p>
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ writes integral for change</li> <li>✓ evaluates integral</li> <li>✓ answers as positive number of litres</li> </ul>

(3 marks)

(ii) in the last 7 minutes.

Solution
$\Delta V = \int_{41}^{48} V' dt = -866.3$ <p>Hence 866 litres were emptied.</p>
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ correct number of litres</li> </ul>

(1 mark)

The tank initially held 18 600 litres of fuel.

(b) Determine the volume of fuel in the tank 5 minutes after the volume in the tank reached 12 000 litres.

(4 marks)

Solution
$\int_0^T V' dt = -6\,600$ $T = 20.70$ $\Delta V = \int_{20.7}^{25.7} V' dt$ $= -2\,733$ $V(25.7) = 12\,000 - 2\,733$ $= 9\,267 \text{ L}$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ equation for <math>\Delta V = -6\,600</math></li> <li>✓ determines <math>T</math></li> <li>✓ determines <math>\Delta V</math></li> <li>✓ correct volume</li> </ul>

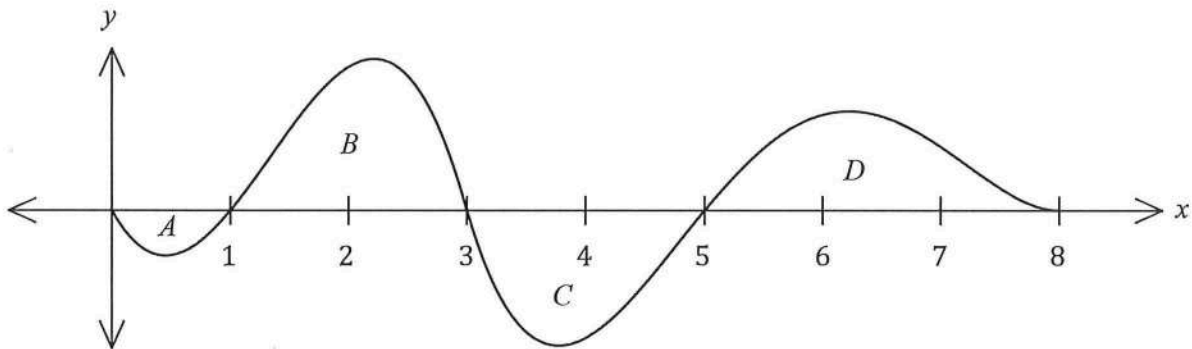
Alternative Solution
$V(t) = \int V' dt = 8400 \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{48}\right) + c$ $V(0) = 18\,600 \Rightarrow c = 10\,200$ $V(T) = 12\,000 \Rightarrow T = 20.70$ $V(25.7) = 9\,267 \text{ L}$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ antiderivative for <math>V(t)</math></li> <li>✓ determines <math>c</math></li> <li>✓ determines <math>T</math></li> <li>✓ correct volume</li> </ul>



Question 17

(7 marks)

Regions  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  bounded by the curve  $y = f(x)$  and the  $x$ -axis are shown on this graph:



The areas of  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are 5, 31, 27 and 23 square units respectively.

(a) Determine the value of

(i)  $\int_0^3 f(x) dx.$

Solution
$I = -5 + 31 = 26$
Specific behaviours
✓ correct value

(1 mark)

(ii)  $\int_3^8 4f(x) dx.$

Solution
$I = 4(-27 + 23) = 4(-4) = -16$
Specific behaviours
✓ shows sum of signed areas
✓ uses linearity to obtain correct value

(2 marks)

(iii)  $\int_1^8 (5 - f(x)) dx.$

Solution
$I = [5(7)] - [31 - 27 + 23]$ $I = 35 - 27 = 8$
Specific behaviours
✓ uses linearity to obtain two integrals
✓ correct value

(2 marks)

(b) Explain why  $\int_1^5 f'(x) dx = 0.$

(2 marks)

Solution
Using fundamental theorem, result is $f(5) - f(1)$ . Since $f(1) = f(5) = 0$ , then the difference is 0.
Specific behaviours
✓ uses fundamental theorem to obtain result
✓ explains value of 0 using the two roots

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Question 18

(7 marks)

The table below shows the sign of the polynomial  $f(x)$  and some of its derivatives at various values of  $x$ . There are no other zeroes of  $f(x)$ ,  $f'(x)$  or  $f''(x)$  apart from those shown in the table.

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$	-	0	+	+	+	0	-
$f'(x)$	+	+	0	-	-	0	-
$f''(x)$	-	-	-	0	+	0	-

- (a) For what value(s) of  $x$  is the graph of the function concave down?

(1 mark)

Solution
$x < 1$ and $x > 3$
Specific behaviours
✓ correct inequalities and domain

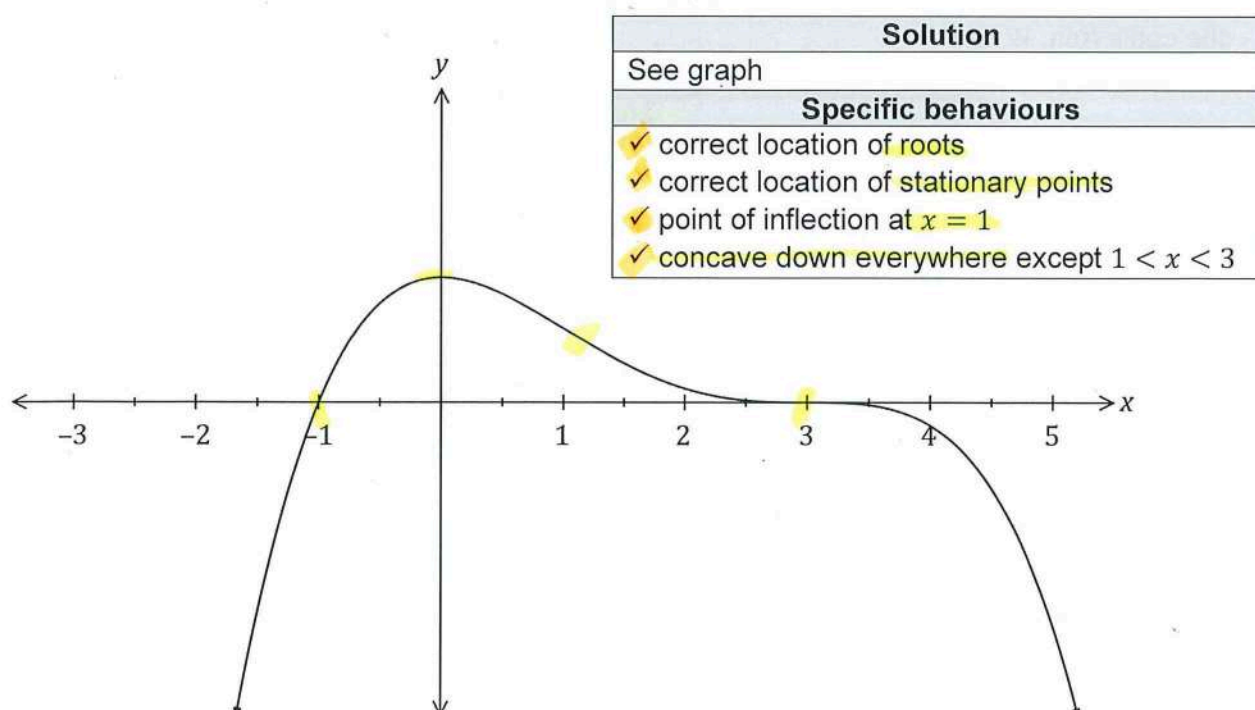
- (b) At what location does the graph of  $f$  have a turning point? Explain your answer.

(2 marks)

Solution
At $x = 0$ . The gradient is zero and $f$ is concave down on either side.
Specific behaviours
✓ location ✓ explanation

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

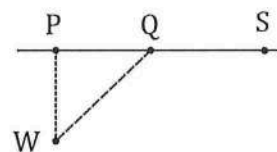
(4 marks)



Question 19

(8 marks)

An offshore wind turbine  $W$  lies 12 km away from the nearest point  $P$  on a straight coast. It must be connected to a power storage facility  $S$  that lies on the coast 24 km away from  $P$ .



Engineers will lay the cable in two straight sections, from  $W$  to  $Q$ , where  $Q$  is a point on the coast  $x$  km from  $P$ , and then from  $Q$  to  $S$ .

The cost of installing cable along the coastline is \$1000 per km and offshore is \$2600 per km.

- (a) Determine, to the nearest hundred dollars, the cost of installing the cable when  $Q$  lies midway from  $A$  to  $P$ . (2 marks)

Solution
$C = 1000 \times 12 + 2600 \times \sqrt{12^2 + 12^2}$ $= \$56\,100$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ correct expression</li> <li>✓ calculates cost</li> </ul>

- (b) Show that  $C$ , the cost in hundreds of dollars, to run the cable from  $W$  to  $Q$  to  $S$ , is given by  
 $C = 26\sqrt{x^2 + 144} - 10x + 240$ . (2 marks)

Solution
$C_{WQ} = 26 \times QW = 26 \times \sqrt{x^2 + 12^2}$ $C_{QS} = 10(24 - x) = 240 - 10x$ <p>Hence</p> $C = C_{WQ} + C_{QS} = 26\sqrt{x^2 + 144} - 10x + 240$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ expression for cable from <math>W</math> to <math>Q</math></li> <li>✓ expression for cable from <math>Q</math> to <math>S</math> and shows sum</li> </ul>

- (c) Use calculus techniques to determine, with justification, the minimum cost of laying the cable from  $W$  to  $S$ . (4 marks)

Solution
$C'(x) = \frac{26x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 144}} - 10$ $C'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 5$ $C(5) = 528$ $C''(5) \approx 1.7 \Rightarrow \text{minimum, as +ve concavity}$ <p>Hence minimum cost is \$52 800.</p>
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ correct derivative</li> <li>✓ solves for optimum value of <math>x</math></li> <li>✓ justifies minimum</li> <li>✓ states minimum cost</li> </ul>

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$$\frac{26x - 10\sqrt{x^2 + 144}}{\sqrt{x^2 + 144}}$$



Question 20

(8 marks)

Small body  $A$  moves in a straight line with acceleration  $a$  cm/s<sup>2</sup> at time  $t$  s given by

$$a = pt + q$$

Initially,  $A$  has a displacement of 4 cm relative to a fixed point  $O$  and is moving with a velocity of 9 cm/s. Two seconds later,  $A$  has a displacement of 8.8 cm and a velocity of  $-3.6$  cm/s.

- (a) Determine the value of the constant  $p$  and the value of the constant  $q$ . (6 marks)

Solution	
Velocity:	$v = \int pt + q \, dt$ $v(t) = \frac{pt^2}{2} + qt + c$ $v(0) = 9 \Rightarrow c = 9$
Displacement:	$s(t) = \int \frac{pt^2}{2} + qt + 9 \, dt$ $s(t) = \frac{pt^3}{6} + \frac{qt^2}{2} + 9t + k$ $s(0) = 4 \Rightarrow k = 4$ $v(2) = 2p + 2q + 9 = -3.6$ $s(2) = \frac{4p}{3} + 2q + 18 = 8.8$
Solve:	$p = 0.9, \quad q = -7.2$
Specific behaviours	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ antiderivative for velocity, constant evaluated</li> <li>✓ integral for displacement</li> <li>✓ displacement, constant evaluated</li> <li>✓ expressions for <math>v(2)</math> and <math>s(2)</math></li> <li>✓ value of <math>p</math></li> <li>✓ value of <math>q</math></li> </ul>	

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- (b) Determine the minimum velocity of  $A$ .

(2 marks)

Solution	
$q \, v' = 0 \Rightarrow 0.9t - 7.2 = 0 \Rightarrow t = 8$	
$v(8) = -19.8$ cm/s	
Specific behaviours	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ indicates time for minimum</li> <li>✓ correct minimum velocity</li> </ul>	

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Question 21

(5 marks)

- (a) Determine the value of the constant  $a$  and the value of the constant  $b$  that make each of the following statements true, given that  $f(x)$  is a polynomial:

(i)  $\int_a^1 f(x) dx + \int_1^b f(x) dx = \int_{-3}^2 f(x) dx.$  (1 mark)

Solution
$a = -3, \quad b = 2$
Specific behaviours
✓ correct values

(ii)  $\int_0^2 f(x) dx - \int_1^2 f(x) dx + \int_{-1}^0 f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx.$  (2 marks)

Solution
$a = -1, \quad b = 1$
Specific behaviours
✓ value of $a$
✓ value of $b$

- (b) Determine  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \int_{h(x)}^3 f(t) dx. \right)$  (2 marks)

Solution
$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \int_{g(x)}^3 f(t) dt \right] = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ - \int_3^{g(x)} f(t) dt \right]$ $= -f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$
Specific behaviours
✓ reverses the boundaries by introducing negative one
✓ correctly uses fundamental theorem

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