



## **MATHEMATICS: SPECIALIST 3CMAS/3DMAS SAMPLE EXAMINATION RESOURCE-RICH**

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The purpose for providing a sample examination is to provide teachers with an example of how the course will be examined. Further fine tuning will be made to this sample in 2007 by the examination panel following consultation with teachers, measurement specialists and advice from the Assessment, Review and Moderation (ARM) panel.

The examination is in two parts, in line with recommendations of the ARM panel--a resource-free examination of 50 minutes, worth 40 marks, and a resource-rich examination of 100 minutes, worth 80 marks. CAS (Computer Algebra System) calculators are excluded in the resource-free part and included in the resource-rich part.





Western Australian Certificate of Education, Sample External Examination  
Question/Answer Booklet

**MATHEMATICS:  
SPECIALIST  
3CMAS/3DMAS  
WRITTEN PAPER**

Please place one of your student identification labels in this box.

**RESOURCE-RICH**

Student Number: In figures

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In words

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***Time allowed for this paper***

Reading time before commencing work:

Ten minutes

Working time for paper:

One hour and forty minutes

***Material required/recommended for this paper***

**To be provided by the supervisor**

This Question/Answer Booklet

**To be provided by the candidate**

Standard items: Pens, pencils, eraser, correction fluid, ruler, highlighter

Special items: Curriculum Council *Mathematical Formulae and Statistical Tables Book*, drawing instruments, templates, notes on TWO unfolded sheets of A4 paper and calculators satisfying the conditions set by the Curriculum Council for this subject.  
Note: Personal copies of the *Tables Book* should not contain any handwritten or typewritten notes, symbols, signs, formulae or any other marks (including underlining and highlighting) except a name and address, and may be inspected during the examination.

**To be completed by candidates**

What kind(s) of calculator did you bring to this examination?

Make and model:

1.....

2.....

None ☐ (tick if applicable)

***Important note to candidates***

No other items may be taken into the examination room. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that you do not have any unauthorised notes or other items of a non-personal nature in the examination room. If you have any unauthorised material with you, hand it to the supervisor **before** reading any further.

**This paper is for students who have completed Units 3CMAS and 3DMAS as their last pair of units.**

**Structure of this paper**

Working time	Number of questions available	Number of questions to be attempted	Marks
1 hour 40 minutes	11	11	80
[Total marks]			80

This paper has **ELEVEN (11)** questions. Attempt **ALL** questions.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Marks</b>
1	5
2	6
3	5
4	8
5	7
6	9
7	7
8	5
9	6
10	12
11	10
<b>Total marks</b>	<b>80</b>

**Instructions to candidates**

1. The rules for the conduct of Curriculum Council examinations are detailed in the *Student Information Handbook*. Sitting this examination implies that you agree to abide by these rules.
2. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this Question/Answer Booklet. Spare pages may be found at the end of the booklet. If you need to use them, indicate in the original answer space where the answer is continued (i.e. give the page number).
3. A blue or black ballpoint or ink pen should be used.
4. It is recommended that you **do not use pencil** except in diagrams.
5. **Show all your working clearly.** Your working should be in sufficient detail to allow your answers to be checked readily and for marks to be awarded for reasoning. Correct answers given without supporting reasoning may not be allocated full marks. Incorrect answers given without supporting reasoning cannot be allocated any marks. If you repeat an answer to any question, ensure that you cancel the answer you do not wish to have marked
6. On the front cover you are asked to state the kinds of calculator that you brought into the examination. This information is required to ensure the examination is fair for all students. Please complete the box. Note that the same marking procedure will apply to all scripts, whatever calculator you use.

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**Question 1 [5 marks]**

If  $y = \frac{1 + \cos(2x)}{1 - \cos(2x)}$ , show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2 \cos x}{\sin^3 x}$ .

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**Question 2 [6 marks]**

Given the following expression  $\frac{2x^3 - 3x^2 - 29x + 60}{40 + 6x - x^2}$

(a) Simplify the expression.

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(b) For which value(s) of  $x$ , if any, is the original expression not defined.

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(c) Compare the original expression and its simplified version. Are there any values of  $x$ , where these two expressions are unequal? Explain your answer.

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**Question 3 [5 marks]**

The diagram below shows the polar graphs of  $r = k$  and  $r = n\theta$  ( $n$  an integer). Also, the point of intersection of these two graphs is point P.

- (a)** Write down the values of  $k$  and  $n$ .

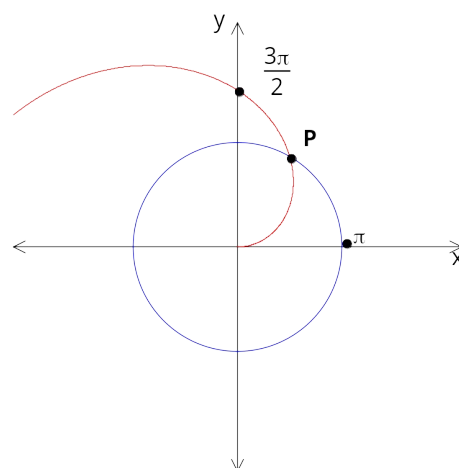
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- (b)** Determine, *exactly*, the Cartesian coordinates of point P.

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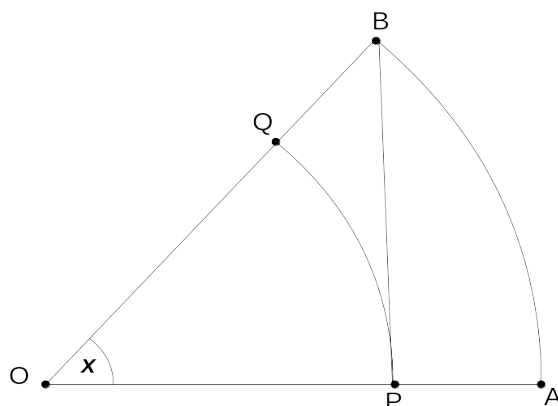
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**Question 4 [8 marks]**

- (a) Two circles with centre  $O$  have arcs  $AB$  and  $PQ$ , of radii 1 and  $\cos x$  respectively, which subtend an angle of  $x$  radians at  $O$  ( $x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ ). The straight lines  $AP$  and  $PB$  are perpendicular.



By comparing:

- (i) the areas of sector  $OPQ$  and triangle  $OPB$  and
- (ii) the lengths of  $PB$  and arc  $AB$ ,

or otherwise, establish the inequalities  $x \cos x < \sin x < x$ .

[4 marks]

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- (b) Explain why the above result shows that  $\frac{\sin x}{x} \rightarrow 1$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  and hence, determine

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x}{\tan x}.$$

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**Question 5 [7 marks]**

Andrea and Brenda are flying their toy aircraft. The initial position vectors relative to the centre of the flying field are:

$$\mathbf{r}_A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ metres and } \mathbf{r}_B = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ metres.}$$

They start flying at the same time with velocities:

$$\mathbf{v}_A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \text{ m/s and } \mathbf{v}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \text{ m/s, respectively.}$$

Calculate the minimum distance they are apart and the time when the location of the minimum distance is reached after the aircraft leave their initial positions.

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**Question 6 [9 marks]**

The mass  $M(t)$  grams of a radioactive decaying substance after  $t$  years satisfies:

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = -kM, \text{ where } k \text{ is a positive constant.}$$

After 2 years the mass of the substance is 150 grams and after 3.5 years it has decayed to 100 grams.

**(a)** Show that  $M(t) = Ce^{-kt}$  satisfies the differential equation for any constant  $C$ .

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**(b)** Find  $k$  and  $C$ .

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**(c)** How long will it take for the mass of the substance to reduce to 40 grams?

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**(d)** Find the radioactive half-life of the substance.

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**Question 9 [6 marks]**

Use a vector method to prove that the mid-points of the sides of a quadrilateral form a parallelogram.

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**Question 10 [12 marks]**

(a) Suppose that  $z$  is a complex number with modulus  $r$  and argument  $\theta$ .

Express in terms of  $r$  and  $\theta$  the modulus and argument of each of the complex numbers  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  and  $z_4$ , where:

(i)  $z_1 = \bar{z}$

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(ii)  $z_2 = -z^{-1}$

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(iii)  $z_3$  and  $z_4$  are the square roots of  $z$ .

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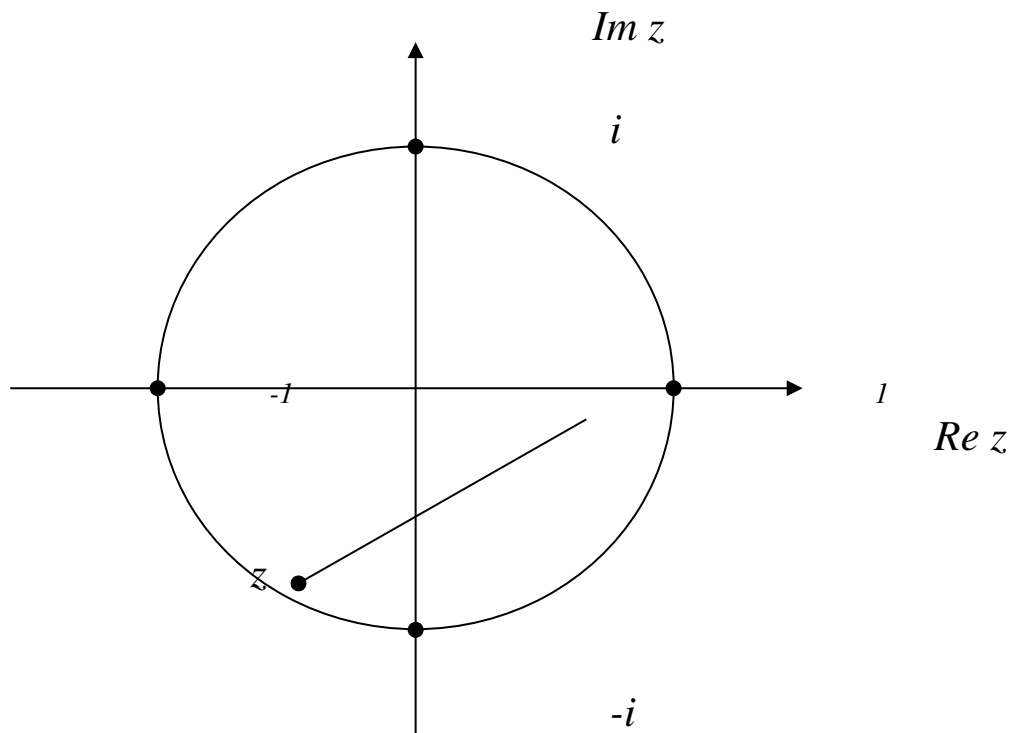
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- (b) The diagram below shows the unit circle in the complex plane and the position of the complex number,  $z$  whose modulus  $r$  is estimated as  $r \cong 1.3$  and whose argument is estimated as  $\theta \cong -140^\circ$ . Indicate, as precisely as you can, (on the diagram below) the locations of the complex numbers  $z_1, z_2, z_3$  and  $z_4$ , as defined in part (a).

[4 marks]



**Question 11 [10 marks]**

The females of a herd of wild goats living in the North West of Western Australia have the following reproductive rates, which can be modelled using Leslie matrices.

Suppose the females are divided into four categories: kids (younger than 1 year); yearlings (1 to 2 years); adults (over 2 and under 3 years); and old goats (3 years or older). Only adult and old goats are fertile. On average, every 100 adults give birth to 120 (female) kids for the next generation. However, every 100 three year old goats only give birth to 50 kids. For these females, 65% of kids survive to become yearlings, 70% of yearlings survive to become adults whilst 80% of adults survive to become old goats. Sadly, old goats which live beyond three years, become infertile and eventually die.

Let  $x_k = (\ell_k, y_k, a_k, o_k)^T$  where the entries in  $x_k$  give the number of females in each age group in year  $k$ .

Leslie matrix  $L$ , to show the transition from one generation to the next is:

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1.2 & .5 \\ .65 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & .7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & .8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (a) If initially there are 150 kids, 200 yearlings, 200 adults and 80 old goats, what is the distribution after 20 years?

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- (b) Find the net reproduction rate of the population of female goats.

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- (c) Assuming there are enough male goats to fulfil their part, will this population of female goats become stable over time (that is, survive in the long run)?

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