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## Course      Methods      Year 12

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Task type:**                      **Response**

**Time allowed for this task:**      45   mins

**Number of questions:**          8  

**Materials required:**    Calculator with CAS capability (to be provided by the student)

Standard items:            Pens (blue/black preferred), pencils (including coloured),  
sharpener, correction fluid/tape, eraser, ruler, highlighters

Special items:              Drawing instruments, templates, notes on one unfolded sheet  
of  
A4 paper, and up to three calculators approved for use in the  
WACE examinations

**Marks available:**         49  marks

**Task weighting:**         10  %

**Formula sheet provided:** Yes

**Note: All part questions worth more than 2 marks require working to obtain full marks.**

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**Q1 (3.1.7)****(9 marks)**

Use the product rule and/or quotient rule to differentiate the following.(Simplify)

i)  $y = (x - 11)(x^3 + 2)$

**(3 marks)**

Solution	
$\frac{dy}{dx} = (x - 11)3x^2 + (x^3 + 2)(1)$	
$= 3x^3 - 33x^2 + x^3 + 2$	
$= 4x^3 - 33x^2 + 2$	
Specific behaviours	
✓ demonstrates use of product rule ✓ differentiates correctly ✓ simplifies NOTE: Zero for answer only as done by classpad	

ii)  $y = \frac{2x+1}{(3-x)}$

**(3 marks)**

Solution	
$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(3-x)2 - (2x+1)(-1)}{(3-x)^2}$	
$= \frac{6 - 2x + 2x + 1}{(3-x)^2}$	
$= \frac{7}{(3-x)^2}$	
(May leave denominator in expanded form)	
Specific behaviours	
✓ demonstrates use of quotient rule ✓ differentiates correctly ✓ simplifies NOTE: Zero for answer only as done by classpad	

iii)  $y = (5 - 2x)(x^2 + 1)^3$

(3 marks)

Solution
$(5 - 2x)3(x^2 + 1)^2 2x + (x^2 + 1)^3 (-2)$ $2(x^2 + 1)^2 [3x(5 - 2x) - (x^2 + 1)]$ $2(x^2 + 1)^2 [15x - 6x^2 - x^2 - 1]$ $2(x^2 + 1)^2 [15x - 7x^2 - 1]$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ demonstrates use of product <b>and</b> chain rules correctly</li> <li>✓ differentiates correctly for entire function</li> <li>✓ Simplifies correctly</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Zero for answer only as done by classpad</p>

Q2

(3 marks)

Determine the equation of the tangent to  $y = (3x + 1)^3$  at the point  $(1, 64)$ .

Solution
$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(3x + 1)^2 \cdot 3$ $\frac{dy}{dx}_{x=1} = 144$ $y = 144x + c$ $64 = 144 + c$ $c = -80$ $y = 144x - 80$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ uses chain rule to differentiate</li> <li>✓ solves for constant</li> <li>✓ states equation</li> </ul>



**Q3 (3.1.8)****(8 marks)**

Consider the functions  $P(x)$  &  $Q(x)$  and their derivatives  $P'(x)$  &  $Q'(x)$  with values given for the following x values.

X value	-1	3	7
$P(x)$	5	2	-4
$P'(x)$	0	1	-2
$Q(x)$	2	5	-3
$Q'(x)$	-1	-2	6

Determine the following **derivatives** at the given x values.'

a)  $P(x)Q(x)$  at  $x=3$

(2 marks)

Solution
$P(x)Q(x)$ $P(x)Q'(x) + Q(x)P'(x)$ $(2)(-2) + (5)(1)$ $1$
Specific behaviours
✓ uses product rule ✓ states result

b)  $[Q(x)]^3$  at  $x=-1$

(3 marks)

Solution
$3[Q(x)]^2 Q'(x)$ $3[2]^2 (-1)$ $-12$
Specific behaviours
✓ demonstrates chain rule ✓ subs values correctly ✓ states final result

c)  $\frac{[P(x)]^2}{Q(x)}$  at  $x=7$

(3 marks)

Solution
$\frac{Q(x)2P(x)P'(x) - P^2(x)Q'(x)}{Q^2(x)}$ $\frac{(-3)2(-4)(-2) - (-4)^2(6)}{9}$ $-16$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ demonstrates quotient <b>and</b> chain rule</li> <li>✓ subs values correctly</li> <li>✓ states final result</li> </ul>

**Q4 (3.1.14, 3.1.15)****(7 marks)**

Use calculus techniques to determine the **exact** coordinates of any stationary points on the following curves and use the second derivative test to determine the nature of the stationary point.

a)  $y = (x - 4)^3 - 1$

(3 marks)

Solution
$y' = 3(x - 4)^2 = 0$ $x = 4$ $y'' = 6(x - 4) \quad x = 4 \Rightarrow y'' = 0$ $(4, -1) \text{ inflection}$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ determines first derivative</li> <li>✓ equates to zero and solves for stationary pt and states y value</li> <li>✓ determines value of second derivative and states horizontal inflection</li> </ul>

b)  $y = 2x^3 + 9x^2 - 60x + 12$

(4 marks)

Solution
$y' = 6x^2 + 18x - 60 = 0$ $x^2 + 3x - 10 = (x + 5)(x - 2) = 0$ $x = -5, 2$ $y'' = 12x + 18$ $x = -5 \quad y'' = -42 \quad \therefore \text{local max } (-5, 287)$ $x = 2 \quad y'' = 42 \quad \therefore \text{local min } (2, -56)$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ determines first derivative and equates to zero</li> <li>✓ solves for stationary pts including y value</li> <li>✓ determines second derivative for stationary pts</li> <li>✓ identifies nature for each stationary point</li> </ul>

**Q5 (3.1.12)**

**(7 marks)**

The displacement of a body from an origin O, at time  $t$  seconds, is  $x$  metres where  $x = t^2 - 11t + 18$ ,  $t \geq 0$ .

Determine the following.

a) The velocity function.

(2 marks)

Solution
$v = 2t - 11$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ differentiates</li> <li>✓ expresses in terms of t</li> </ul>

b) The times and displacements when the body is at rest.

(3 marks)

Solution
$2t - 11 = 0$ $t = 5.5$ $x = -12.25$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ equate velocity to zero</li> <li>✓ solves for time</li> <li>✓ determines displacement</li> </ul>

c) The distance travelled in the first 12 seconds.

(2 marks)

Solution
$t=0$ $x=18$ $t=5.5$ $x=-12.25$ turns around $t=12$ $x=30$ Distance equals $18 + 12.25 + 12.25 + 30 = 72.5$ metres
Specific behaviours
✓ determines distance from start to turning pt ✓ determines total distance, no need for units.

d)  $x''(1)$  and explain its meaning.

(2 marks)

Solution
Acceleration of 2 at $t=1$ second
Specific behaviours
✓ states acceleration at time $t=1$ (accept rate of change of $v$ at $t=1$ ) ✓ states 2 for second derivative

Q6

(3.1.10)

(3 marks)

If  $y = 3x^5$  use the small increments formula  $\partial y \approx \frac{dy}{dx} \partial x$  to determine the approximate percentage change in  $y$  when  $x$  decreases by 2%.

Solution
$\frac{\Delta y}{y} \approx \frac{\frac{dy}{dx} \Delta x}{y}$ $= \frac{15x^4 \Delta x}{3x^5} = 5 \frac{\Delta x}{x} = 10\%$
Specific behaviours
✓ uses increments formula ✓ obtains expression for approx. percentage change for $y$ in terms of $x$ ✓ obtains approx. percentage change for $y$



**Q7 (3.1.11)****(6 marks)**

A colony of bacteria is represented as a circle on a petri dish and is increasing in such a way that the number of bacteria present is given by  $N$  where  $N = \sqrt{3x+2}$ ,  $x$  being the radius of the circle of bacteria.

- a) Determine  $N'(2)$  and explain its meaning. (3 marks)

Solution
$N' = \frac{3}{2}(3x+2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ $N'(2) = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{8}} = \frac{3}{4\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.53$ <p>Rate of change of <math>N</math> at <math>x=2</math> (SCSA preferred answer)</p>
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ states derivative in terms of <math>x</math></li> <li>✓ states value at <math>x=2</math>(accept approx.)</li> <li>✓ describes as rate of change <b>at <math>x=2</math></b> (accept gradient of tangent at <math>x=2</math>)</li> </ul>

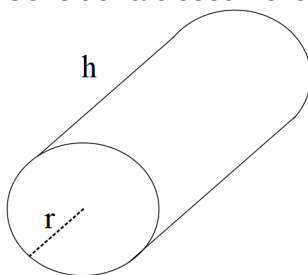
- b) Determine  $N''(2)$  and explain its meaning. (3 marks)

Solution
$N'' = \frac{-3}{4}(3x+2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (3)$ $= \frac{-9}{4(8)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \approx -0.09943$ <p>Rate of change of <math>N'(x)</math> at <math>x=2</math> (SCSA preferred answer)</p>
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ states second derivative in terms of <math>x</math></li> <li>✓ states value at <math>x=2</math>(accept approx.)</li> <li>✓ describes as rate of change of <math>N'(x)</math> <b>at <math>x=2</math></b> (accept gradient of <math>dy/dx</math> at <math>x=2</math>)</li> </ul>

**Note must mention at  $x=2$  otherwise max 4 out of 6 marks**

**Q8 (3.1.16)****(4 marks)**

Consider a closed hollow cylinder with end radius  $r$  and length  $h$ .



If the outside of the cylinder has a surface area of  $300\text{ m}^2$  determine the dimensions of the radius and length, nearest cm, to maximise the capacity of the cylinder **using calculus techniques**.

Solution
$2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh = 300$ $h = \frac{150 - \pi r^2}{\pi r}$ $V = \pi r^2 h = \pi r^2 \frac{150 - \pi r^2}{\pi r} = 150r - \pi r^3$ $\frac{dV}{dr} = 150 - 3\pi r^2 = 0$ $r = \sqrt{\frac{50}{\pi}} \approx 3.98\text{m} \quad h \approx 7.99\text{m}$ $\frac{d^2V}{dr^2} = -6\pi r = -6\pi \sqrt{\frac{50}{\pi}} < 0 \quad \therefore \text{local max}$
Specific behaviours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ states constraint equation in terms of <math>r</math> and <math>h</math></li> <li>✓ differentiates <math>V</math> and equates to zero</li> <li>✓ solves for <math>r</math> and <math>h</math>, <b>must be in decimal</b> form but do not penalise if not rounded to nearest cm</li> <li>✓ uses second derivative test to show local max</li> </ul>