



Trial Examination 2021

VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3&4

Written Examination 1

Suggested Solutions

Question 1 (3 marks)

a. $y = \frac{3}{2} \cos\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= -\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} \sin\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) \\ &= -\frac{9}{4} \sin\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

A1

b. $f'(x) = -e^{-x} \times \log_e(-x) + e^{-x} \times -\frac{1}{-x}$

M1

Note: Product or quotient rule should be used.

$$= -e^{-x} \log_e(-x) + \frac{1}{xe^x}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f'(-1) &= -e^{-(-1)} \log_e(-(-1)) + \frac{1}{(-1)e^{(-1)}} \\ &= -e\end{aligned}$$

A1

Question 2 (3 marks)

$$\int_1^5 \frac{1}{1-2x} dx = -\int_1^5 \frac{1}{2x-1} dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} [\log_e(2x-1)]_1^5$$

M1

$$= -\frac{1}{2} (\log_e(9) - \log_e(1))$$

$$= -\log_e(3)$$

M1

$$= \log_e\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\therefore b = \frac{1}{3}$$

A1

Question 3 (7 marks)

a. $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - x\right) = 0$

$$\tan\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 0$$

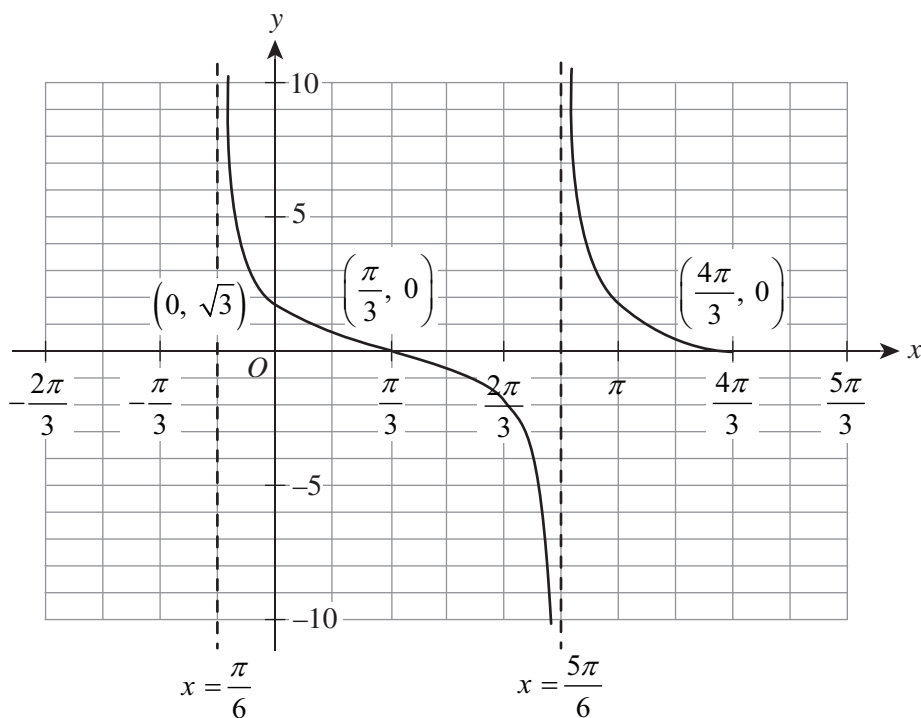
M1

$$x - \frac{\pi}{3} = 0 + n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ and } x = \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

A1

b.



correct intercepts A1
 correct asymptotes A1
 correct shape A1

c. $f(x) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - x\right)$

$$f'(x) = -\sec^2\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - x\right)$$

M1

$$f'(0) = -\sec^2\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$= -\left(\frac{1}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)}\right)^2$$

$$= -4$$

$$m_T = -4 \text{ and point } (0, \sqrt{3})$$

$$y - \sqrt{3} = -4x$$

$$y = -4x + \sqrt{3}$$

A1

Question 4 (3 marks)

$$\log_2(2x + 4) - 2 \log_2(x + 2) - 1 = 0$$

$$\log_2(2x + 4) - \log_2(x + 2)^2 = 1$$

M1

$$\log_2 \left(\frac{2x + 4}{(x + 2)^2} \right) = \log_2(2)$$

$$\frac{2x + 4}{(x + 2)^2} = 2$$

M1

$$2x + 4 = 2(x + 2)^2$$

$$x + 2 = (x + 2)^2$$

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

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

$$(x + 2)(x + 1) = 0$$

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

But $x > -2$ and therefore $x = -1$ only.

A1

Question 5 (3 marks)

$$X \sim Bi(4, p)$$

$$\Pr(X = 1) = {}^4C_1 p(1 - p)^3$$

$$= 4p(1 - p)^3$$

$$\Pr(X = 3) = {}^4C_3 p^3(1 - p)$$

M1

$$= 4p^3(1 - p)$$

$$4 \Pr(X = 1) = \Pr(X = 3)$$

$$4 \times 4p(1 - p)^3 = 4p^3(1 - p)$$

$$4p(1 - p)^3 = p^3(1 - p)$$

$$4p(1 - p)^3 - p^3(1 - p) = 0$$

$$p(1 - p)(4(1 - p)^2 - p^2) = 0$$

$$p(1 - p)(4(1 - 2p + p^2) - p^2) = 0$$

$$p(1 - p)(3p^2 - 8p + 4) = 0$$

M1

$$p(1 - p)(p - 2)(3p - 2) = 0$$

$$\therefore p = 0 \text{ or } p = \frac{2}{3} \text{ or } p = 1 \text{ as } 0 \leq p \leq 1$$

A1

Question 6 (2 marks)

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$

$$\text{Let } \sqrt{\frac{\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2}{5}}{n}} = \frac{1}{10}.$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{\frac{3}{5} \times \frac{2}{5}}{n}} = \frac{1}{10}$$

M1

$$\sqrt{\frac{6}{25n}} = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\frac{6}{25n} = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$25n = 600$$

$$n = 24$$

A1

Question 7 (5 marks)a. Let $f(x) = 0$.

$$x \cos(x^2) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } \cos(x^2) = 0$$

$$x^2 = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ gives first positive solution.}$$

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \text{ as } a > 0$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2}$$

A1

b. $\frac{d(\sin(x^2))}{dx} = 2x \times \cos(x^2)$ A1

$$\int 2x \cos(x^2) dx = \sin(x^2)$$

$$\int x \cos(x^2) dx = \frac{1}{2} \sin(x^2) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\text{Area} = \int_0^{\sqrt{2\pi}} x \cos(x^2) dx \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{2} \sin(x^2) \right]_0^{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$
$$= \left[\frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\left(\frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2}\right)^2\right) \right] - \left[\frac{1}{2} \sin((0)^2) \right]$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{A1}$$

Question 8 (6 marks)

a. $\int_0^p a\sqrt{p-x} \, dx = 1$

$$\left[-\frac{2a}{3}(p-x)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_0^p = 1$$

M1

$$(0) - \left(-\frac{2a}{3}p^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) = 1$$

$$\frac{2a}{3}p^{\frac{3}{2}} = 1$$

$$a = \frac{3}{2p^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

A1

b. $f(x) = \frac{3}{2p^{\frac{3}{2}}} \sqrt{p-x}$

$$q = f(0)$$

$$= \frac{3}{2p^{\frac{3}{2}}} \times p^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2p}$$

A1

c. Let $g(p) = p + q$.

$$g(p) = p + \frac{3}{2p}$$

$$g'(p) = 1 - \frac{3}{2p^2}$$

Let $g'(p) = 0$.

$$1 - \frac{3}{2p^2} = 0$$

M1

$$p^2 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$p = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \text{ as } p > 0$$

M1

$$p + q = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{3}{2\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{6+6}{2\sqrt{6}}$$

$$= \sqrt{6}$$

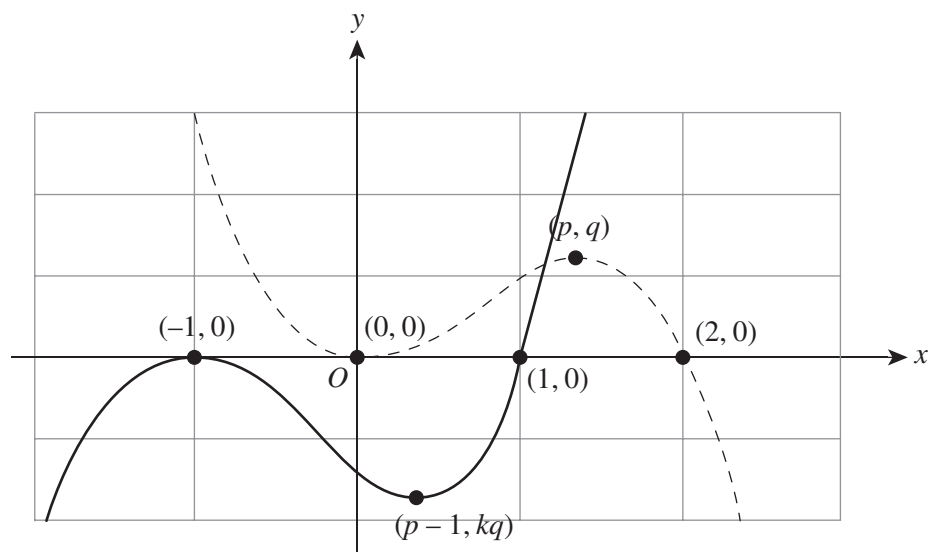
$$\text{As } (p+q) = \sqrt{m}, \sqrt{m} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\therefore m = 6$$

A1

Question 9 (8 marks)

a.



correct x-intercepts A1
correct turning point A1
correct shape and scale A1

b. $f(x) = ax^2(x - 2)$ where $a < 0$

$$f(x) = a(x^3 - 2x^2)$$

$$f'(x) = a(3x^2 - 4x)$$

$$\text{Let } f'(x) = 0.$$

$$3x^2 - 4x = 0$$

M1

$$x(3x - 4) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\therefore p = \frac{4}{3}$$

A1

- c. The average value of $g(x)$ over the interval $[-1, 1]$ is equal to -1 .

Find q in terms of k .

$$\frac{1}{1 - (-1)} \int_{-1}^1 g(x) dx = -1$$

M1

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 kf(x+1) dx = -1$$

$$\frac{k}{2} \int_{-1}^1 f(x+1) dx = -1$$

$$\frac{k}{2} \int_0^2 f(x) dx = -1$$

$$\frac{k}{2} \int_0^2 ax^2(x-2) dx = -1$$

$$\frac{ka}{2} \int_0^2 x^2(x-2) dx = -1$$

$$\frac{ka}{2} \int_0^2 x^3 - 2x^2 dx = -1$$

$$\int_0^2 x^3 - 2x^2 dx = \frac{-2}{ka}$$

$$\left[\frac{2^4}{4} - \frac{2(2)^3}{3} \right] = \frac{-2}{ka}$$

$$\frac{-4}{3} = \frac{-2}{ka}$$

$$a = \frac{3}{2k}$$

M1

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{2k}(x^3 - 2x^2)$$

$$q = f\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)$$

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

$$= -\frac{16}{9k}$$

$$q = -\frac{16}{9k}$$

A1