

G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination - August 2001

10 - Combined Mathematics - I

Three hours

- Answer six questions only.

- (01) (a) Let α and β be the roots of the equation $x^2 + px + 1 = 0$ and let γ and δ be the roots of the equation $x^2 + \frac{1}{p}x + 1 = 0$.

Show that

$$(\alpha - \gamma)(\beta - \gamma)(\alpha - \delta)(\beta - \delta) = (\gamma^2 + p\gamma + 1)(\delta^2 + p\delta + 1)$$

and deduce that

$$(\alpha - \gamma)(\beta - \gamma)(\alpha - \delta)(\beta - \delta) = \left(p - \frac{1}{p}\right)^2$$

- (b) If a and b are positive real numbers, show that

$$\log_a b = \frac{1}{\log_b a}.$$

Show that

$$\frac{1}{\log_2 2001} + \frac{1}{\log_3 2001} + \frac{1}{\log_4 2001} + \dots + \frac{1}{\log_{2001} 2001} = \frac{1}{\log_{2001} 2001}$$

- (02) (a) Let $A_{n+1} = (1 - \alpha)(1 - A_n) + A_n$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ and $A_1 = \beta$. Where α and β are real numbers. Prove, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction, that for every positive integer n , $A_n = 1 - (1 - \beta)\alpha^{n-1}$.

Find $\sum_{r=1}^n A_r$.

- (b) Show that for integers k and n such that $1 \leq k \leq n$,

$$K \cdot C_k = n \cdot {}^{n-1}C_{k-1}.$$

Hence or otherwise prove that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \geq 0$,

$$\sum_{k=0}^n K \cdot C_k x^k (1-x)^{n-k} = nx.$$

- (03) (a) In how many ways can 7 boys and 7 girls be lined up if a girl must be first in line and girls and boys alternate positions in line.

- (b) Sketch the graphs of $y = 2|x + 1| - 3$ and $y = x + 2|x - 1|$ in the same diagram.

Hence find the set of x values satisfying $x + 2|x - 1| > 2|x + 1| - 3$.

Solve the equation $x + 2|x - 1| = 2|x + 1| - 3$.

- (04) (a) If $\arg(z - a) = \alpha$, where $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $0 < \alpha < \pi$, describe the locus of z .

It is given that $\arg(z + 1) = \frac{\pi}{6}$ and $\arg(z - 1) = \frac{2\pi}{3}$.

Using the first part find z .

- (b) Show that the complex number $\frac{5-i}{2-3i}$ can be expressed in the form $\lambda(1+i)$, where λ is real. State the value of λ .

Hence, show that $\left(\frac{5-i}{2-3i}\right)^4$ is imaginary and determine its value.

- (05) (a) If $x = t - \sin t$ and $y = 1 - \cos t$, show that

$$y \left(\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \left(\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \right) = 0 \text{ for } t \neq 2n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

- (b) Three towns A, B and C are located at the vertices of an isosceles triangle such that the distances from A to B and A to C are equal. The distance from B to C is 12 km and the altitude through A is 16 km.

How far from A, along the altitude through A, should a well be located so that it will use minimum pipe when supplying water to all three towns A, B and C.

- (06) (a) By making a suitable substitution evaluate the

$$\text{integral } \int_1^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx$$

- (b) By using integration by parts, show that the

$$\text{integral } \int_1^a x \ln x dx = a \ln b + c,$$

where a, b and c are integers to be determined.

(c) Find $\int_0^1 \frac{(7x-x^2)}{(2-x)(x^2+1)} dx$.

- (07) The straight line $y = mx + c$ intersects the two non-parallel straight lines $u_1 = y - m_1x - c_1 = 0$ and $u_2 = y - m_2x - c_2 = 0$ at A and B respectively. R is a point on AB such that $AR = kRB$. Show that the equation of the straight line joining R to the point of intersection of

$$u_1 = 0 \text{ and } u_2 = 0 \text{ is } u_1 + \frac{k(m-m_1)}{m-m_2} u_2 = 0.$$

The sides AB, BC, CA of a triangle ABC lie along the lines $3x + 2y - 6 = 0$, $2x + y - 2 = 0$, $x + y - 3 = 0$ respectively. R is a point on AB and Q is a point on AC such that $2AR = RB$ and $3AQ = 2QC$.

- Find the coordinates of A.
- Write the equations of the lines BQ and CR.
- If BQ and CR meet at D and P is the point of intersection of AD and BC, find the ratio AP : PB.

- (08) Show that the equation of the chord of contact of the tangents drawn from an external point (x_0, y_0) to the circle $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$ is $xx_0 + yy_0 + g(x+x_0) + f(y+y_0) + c = 0$.

$x^2 + y^2 + 2x + 6y + 1 = 0$ and $4x + 3y - 5 = 0$ are the equations of a given circle and a given straight line respectively. Show that the line does not cut the circle.

A Variable straight line intersects the given circle at two distinct points P and Q, and the tangents to the circle at P and Q meet on the given straight line. Show that this variable line passes through a fixed point, and find the coordinates of this point.

- (09) (a) Show that for any real number x,

$$\sin^2 2x \cos 6x + \cos^2 2x \sin 6x = \frac{3}{4} \sin 8x.$$

Deduce the values of a for which the equation $\sin^2 2x \cos 6x + \cos^2 2x \sin 6x = a$ is solvable.

- (b) In a triangle, the largest angle is twice the size of the smallest angle and the longest side is $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the length of the shortest side. Show that smallest angle of the triangle is $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)$.

Given that the length of the middle side is 10cm, find the lengths of the other two sides.