



MARANATHA ACADEMY

2023 MALAWI SCHOOL CERTIFICATE PRE-MOCK TEST

MATHEMATICS

16th April 2023

Subject Number: M131

Time allowed: 1 hour 20 min

TEST I

(50 Marks)

Instructions

1. This paper has 8 printed pages. Please check.
2. Fill in your **Candidate ID** at the top of each page.
3. Answer **all** the 5 questions in this paper.
4. The **maximum number of marks** for each correct answer is indicated against the question
5. **All work must be clearly shown in the space provided for each answer.**
6. In the space provided, on this page, **tick** against the question number you have answered.

Question Number	Tick if answered	Do not write in these columns	
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1. a) Solve the following quadratic equation. Leave the answer correct to 3 significant figure.

$$t - 3t^2 + 5 = 0$$

(6 marks)

- b) Formulate a quadratic equation of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ whose roots are 3 and $-\frac{2}{3}$

(4 marks)

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2. Without using a calculator or four figure tables, simplify

a) $2\sqrt{96} - 3\sqrt{12} - \sqrt{24} - \sqrt{27}$

(4 marks)

b) $\frac{3+2\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3}-3}$ (leaving the answer with a rational denominator)

(6 marks)

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3. a) Figure 1 shows circle ABDF centre O which FE is a tangent. $\angle BFD = 42^\circ$ $\angle DEF = 30^\circ$

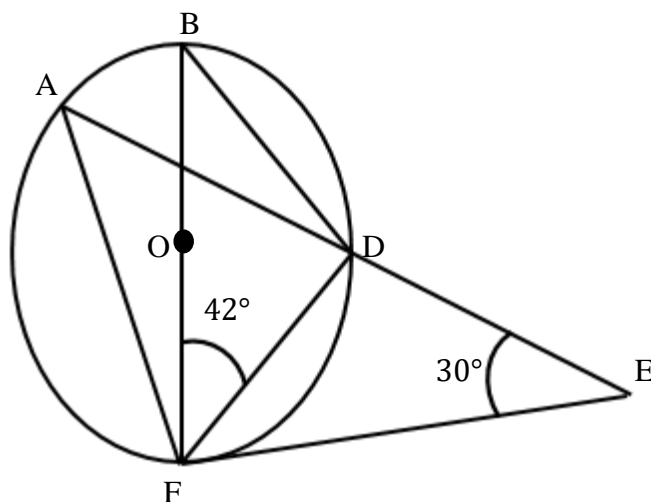


Figure 1

Find the value of $\angle BFA$

(5 marks)

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- b) A 24m long chord is 5m away from the centre of a circle. How long is another chord that is 8m away from the centre in the same circle?

(5 marks)

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4. Given the matrices

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ x & 2 \end{pmatrix}, Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } R = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 8 \\ 6 & 14 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find:

a) $Q^2 - 3Q$

(4 marks)

b) the values of x and y if $PQ - \frac{R}{2}$ is a zero matrix.

(6 marks)

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5. A housemaid would like to clean plates and cups in a maximum of 12 minutes. She has 160g of soap that she must use. To clean each plate, it takes 2 minutes and uses 40g of soap while cleaning a cup takes 3 minutes and uses 20g of soap. She is allowed to spend at least 6 more minutes on washing plates than washing cups.

a) Write down three inequalities in addition to $x \geq 0$ and $y \geq 0$ to represent this information.

(3 marks)

- b) Taking the scale of 2cm to represent 1 unit on both axes, illustrate the inequalities in the graph provided. Shade the unwanted region.

(5 marks)

- c) From the graphs drawn, find the maximum number of plates and cups that the maid can clean with the available resources.

(2 marks)

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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