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FURTHER MATHEMATICS

9231/12

Paper 1 Further Pure Mathematics 1

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2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
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- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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- 1 (a) Use standard results from the list of formulae (MF19) to show that

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (2-3r)(5-3r) = an^3 + bn^2 + cn,$$

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

[3]





(b) Use the method of differences to find $\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{(2-3r)(5-3r)}$ in terms of n . [4]

(c) Deduce the value of $\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2-3r)(5-3r)}$. [1]

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- 2** The cubic equation $x^3 + 2x + 1 = 0$ has roots α, β, γ .

- (a) Find a cubic equation whose roots are $\alpha^3 - 1$, $\beta^3 - 1$, $\gamma^3 - 1$.

[3]





(b) Find the value of $(\alpha^3 - 1)^2 + (\beta^3 - 1)^2 + (\gamma^3 - 1)^2$.

[2]

(c) Find the value of $(\alpha^3 - 1)^3 + (\beta^3 - 1)^3 + (\gamma^3 - 1)^3$.

[2]





- 3** The sequence u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots is such that $u_1 = 5$ and $u_{n+1} = 6u_n + 5$ for $n \geq 1$.

- (a) Prove by induction that $u_n = 6^n - 1$ for all positive integers n .

[5]

- (b) Deduce that u_{2n} is divisible by u_n for $n \geq 1$.

[2]

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- 4 The matrix \mathbf{M} is given by $\mathbf{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$, where $0 < \theta < 2\pi$.

(a) The matrix M represents a sequence of two geometrical transformations in the $x-y$ plane.

State the type of each transformation, and make clear the order in which they are applied. [2]

(b) Find the value of θ for which the transformation represented by \mathbf{M} has a line of invariant points. [7]





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- 5** The curve C has polar equation $r = \theta e^{\frac{1}{8}\theta}$, for $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

(a) Sketch C .

[2]

(b) Find the area of the region bounded by C and the initial line, giving your answer in the form $(p\pi^2 + q\pi + r)e^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} + s$, where p, q, r and s are integers to be determined. [6]





- (c) Show that, at the point of C furthest from the initial line,

$$\theta \cos \theta + \left(\frac{1}{8}\theta + 1\right) \sin \theta = 0$$

and verify that this equation has a root between 5 and 5.05.

[5]





- 6** The points A, B, C have position vectors

$$\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{k}, \quad \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}, \quad 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k},$$

respectively.

- (a) Find the equation of the plane ABC , giving your answer in the form $ax + by + cz = d$.

[5]

A point D has position vector $\mathbf{i} + t\mathbf{k}$, where $t \neq -2$.

- (b) Find the acute angle between the planes ABC and ABD .

[4]





- (c) Find the values of t such that the shortest distance between the lines AB and CD is $\sqrt{2}$. [7]





- 7 The curve C has equation $y = \frac{2x^2 - 5x}{2x^2 - 7x - 4}$.

(a) Find the equations of the asymptotes of C .

[2]

(b) Find the coordinates of any stationary points on C .

[4]





(c) Sketch C , stating the coordinates of the intersections with the axes.

[3]

(d) Sketch the curve with equation $y = \left| \frac{2x^2 - 5x}{2x^2 - 7x - 4} \right|$.

[1]





- (e) Find in exact form the set of values of x for which $\left| \frac{2x^2 - 5x}{2x^2 - 7x - 4} \right| < \frac{1}{9}$. [5]





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