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The diagram shows the graph

 $y = 2\cos x$.

State the coordinates of P. (i)

(ii) Evaluate the integral



 2π

Indicate which area in the diagram, A, B, C or D, is represented by the (iii) integral $\int 2\cos x \, dx$.

Using parts (ii) and (iii), or otherwise, find the area of the region (iii) bounded by the curve $y = 2\cos x$ and the x-axis, between x = 0and $x = 2\pi$.

Using the parts above, write down the value of $\int 2\cos x \, dx$. (v)

Subs x = 0 in $y = 2\cos x$ (i)

$$y = 2\cos 0$$

$$= 2 \times 1$$

$$= 2 \quad \therefore P(0, 2)$$

(ii)
$$\int_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 2\cos x \, dx = \left[2\sin x\right]_{0}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$
$$= 2(\sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin 0)$$
$$= 2(1 - 0)$$
$$= 2$$

(iv)

Area B is twice Area A

∴ Total area =
$$4 \times \text{Area } A$$

= 4×2
= 8

State Mean: 0.85/1

1.54/2 0.87/1 0.65/1

0.26/1

The area is 8 units²

Area B is 4 units² below x-axis, (v) Area C is 2 units².

∴ value of integral =
$$-4 + 2$$

= -2

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Generally done well.

(iii)

C

- (ii) A common error was $-2\sin x$ as the primitive, indicating that the table of standard integrals was not consulted.
- (iii) Generally done well.
- (iv)Many responses showed three separate areas using integration rather than connecting parts (ii), (iii) and (iv). A number of candidates gave the area as zero.

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(v) A common error was to find the area between $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $x = 2\pi$ rather than the value of the integral over this domain, demonstrating a poor understanding of the difference between finding an area and evaluating an integral. The instruction 'Using the parts above' was completely overlooked by many.

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