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# Section 1

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## Question 1

If  $a \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$  and  $b \equiv 11 \pmod{16}$ , which of the following is the least residue of  $a \times b$  modulo 16?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 99

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## Question 2

If  $a$  and  $n$  are positive integers such that  $a < n$  and

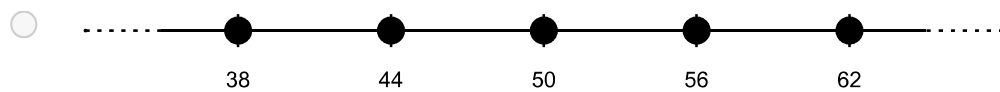
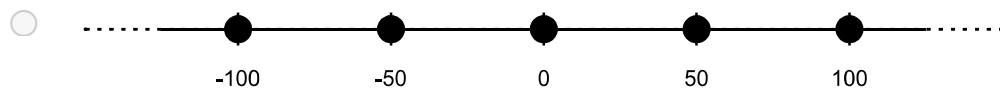
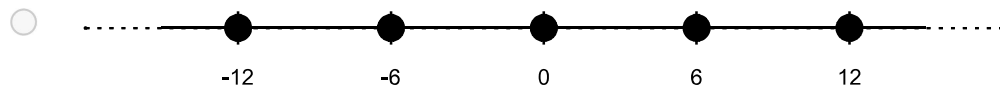
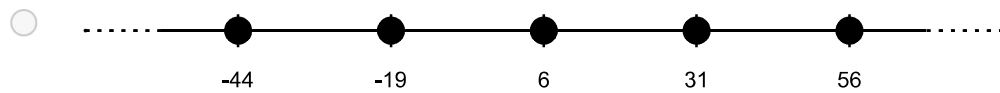
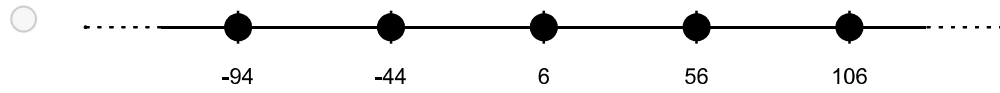
$$17a = 8n + 1,$$

what is the multiplicative inverse of  $a$  modulo  $n$ ?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 17
- ☐  $a$
- ☐  $n$

### Question 3

Which of the following number lines shows part of the residue class of **6** modulo **50**?



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### Question 4

Applying Euclid's algorithm to the integers  $a$  and  $66$  produces the following list of equations, where  $q$  is some integer:

$$a = q \times 66 + 30$$

$$66 = 2 \times 30 + 6$$

$$30 = 5 \times 6 + 0.$$

For which integers  $v$  and  $w$  does the equation

$$av + 66w = d$$

hold where  $d$  is the highest common factor of  $a$  and  $66$ ?

- ☐  $v = -2$        $w = 2q$
- ☐  $v = -2$        $w = 2q + 1$
- ☐  $v = 1$        $w = -q$
- ☐  $v = 2$        $w = 2q$
- ☐  $v = 2$        $w = 2q + 1$

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### Question 5

Which of the following is a parametrisation of the straight line passing through the points  $(6, 8)$  and  $(4, -10a)$  where  $a$  is a real number?

- ☐  $x = 2t + 6,$        $y = (-10a - 4)t + 8.$
- ☐  $x = (-10a - 4)t + 4,$        $y = 2t - 10a.$
- ☐  $x = 2t + 8,$        $y = (10a + 8)t + 4.$
- ☐  $x = -2t + 6,$        $y = (-10a - 8)t + 8.$
- ☐  $x = 2t + 4,$        $y = 2t - 10a.$

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### Question 6

Suppose that the equation

$$-81x^2 + Bxy - 36y^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0,$$

where  $B$ ,  $D$ ,  $E$  and  $F$  are constants, represents a non-degenerate conic. If  $B > -108$ , what type of conic could this be?

- ☐ A parabola
- ☐ A parabola or a hyperbola
- ☐ An ellipse
- ☐ An ellipse or a parabola
- ☐ An ellipse, a parabola or a hyperbola

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### Question 7

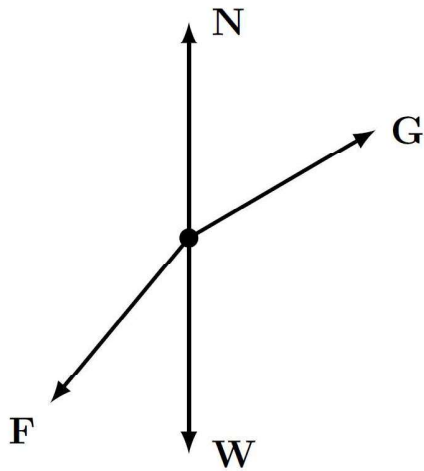
Suppose that a force  $\mathbf{F}$  can be written in component form as  $\mathbf{F} = -4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$  where  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are the Cartesian unit vectors with  $\mathbf{i}$  parallel to the horizontal and  $\mathbf{j}$  pointing vertically up.

What is the acute angle in degrees to 2 significant figures between  $\mathbf{F}$  and the horizontal?

- ☐  $0.64^\circ$
- ☐  $37^\circ$
- ☐  $41^\circ$
- ☐  $49^\circ$
- ☐  $53^\circ$

### Question 8

A box of mass **2** kg rests on a horizontal smooth surface. A force diagram showing all the forces acting on the box is shown below:



where **W** is the weight of the box, **N** is the normal reaction of the surface on the box, and **F** and **G** are two additional forces acting on the box.

Given that the box is in equilibrium and

$$\mathbf{F} = -4\mathbf{i} - 12\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{G} = 4\mathbf{i} + 7\mathbf{j}$$

$$\mathbf{W} = -2g\mathbf{j}$$

where **g** is the acceleration due to gravity (in  $\text{m s}^{-2}$ ) and the Cartesian unit vectors **i** and **j** are chosen so that **i** is horizontal and **j** points vertically up, which of the following gives the normal reaction **N** of the surface on the box?

- ☐  $5\mathbf{j}$
- ☐  $(-2g - 5)\mathbf{j}$
- ☐  $-2g\mathbf{j}$
- ☐  $2g\mathbf{j}$
- ☐  $(2g + 5)\mathbf{j}$

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### Question 9

Which of the following gives  $(g \circ f)(x, y)$  where

$$f(x, y) = (-2x + 7y, -8x + 4y), \quad g(x, y) = (-7y, 3x)?$$

- ☐  $(14x - 49y, -24x + 12y)$
- ☐  $(56x - 28y, -6x + 21y)$
- ☐  $(-24x + 12y, 14x - 49y)$
- ☐  $(21x + 14y, 12x + 56y)$
- ☐  $(-6x + 21y, 56x - 28y)$

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### Question 10

What type of linear transformation is represented by the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}?$$

- ☐ a horizontal shear
- ☐ a vertical shear
- ☐ a rotation
- ☐ a reflection
- ☐ a flattening

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**Question 11**

If  $p(x)$  is a polynomial of degree less than 3 then the proper rational expression

$$\frac{p(x)}{(-4x - 9)(4x^2 + 32x + 73)}$$

has a partial fraction expansion of which of the following forms, where  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are constants?

- ☐  $\frac{A}{-4x - 9} + \frac{B}{4x^2 + 32x + 73}$
- ☐  $\frac{A + Bx}{-4x - 9} + \frac{B}{4x^2 + 32x + 73}$
- ☐  $\frac{A}{-4x - 9} + \frac{B}{2x - 73} + \frac{C}{2x - 1}$
- ☐  $\frac{A}{-4x - 9} + \frac{B}{2x + 73} + \frac{C}{2x + 1}$
- ☐  $\frac{A}{-4x - 9} + \frac{Bx + C}{4x^2 + 32x + 73}$

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**Question 12**

Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -4x, \text{ where } y = -9 \text{ when } x = 0.$$

What is the value of  $y$  when  $x = -3$ ?

- ☐  $-9e^{12}$
- ☐  $-27$
- ☐  $-18$
- ☐  $144$
- ☐  $159$



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### Question 13

Separating the variables in the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin(5x)}{y^3}$$

leads to which of the following equations?

- ☐  $\int y^3 dy = \int \sin(5x) dx$
- ☐  $\int y^3 dy = \int \frac{1}{\sin(5x)} dx$
- ☐  $\int dy = \int \frac{\sin(5x)}{y^3} dx$
- ☐  $\int \frac{1}{y^3} dy = \int \sin(5x) dx$
- ☐  $\int \frac{1}{y^3} dy = \int \frac{1}{\sin(5x)} dx$

## Question 14

The following argument is correct.

**Suppose that there exists  $x > 3$  such that  $x^5 - 15x^3 + 167 = 0$ .**

**Let  $y = x - 3$ . Then  $y > 0$  since  $x > 3$ , and we have**

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= x^5 - 15x^3 + 167 \\ &= (y + 3)^5 - 15(y + 3)^3 + 167 \\ &= y^5 + 15y^4 + 75y^3 + 135y^2 + 5 \\ &> 0, \end{aligned}$$

**since  $y > 0$ .**

**This is a contradiction as 0 is not greater than 0.**

What conclusion can be drawn from it?

- ☐ For every  $x \leq 3$ ,  $x^5 - 15x^3 + 167 = 0$ .
- ☐ For every  $x > 3$ ,  $x^5 - 15x^3 + 167 = 0$ .
- ☐ There exists  $x \leq 3$  such that  $x^5 - 15x^3 + 167 = 0$ .
- ☐ There does not exist  $x > 3$  such that  $x^5 - 15x^3 + 167 = 0$ .
- ☐ There does not exist  $x \leq 3$  such that  $x^5 - 15x^3 + 167 = 0$ .

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### Question 15

The acceleration of a particle at time  $t$  is given by

$$\mathbf{a} = \cosh(9t) \mathbf{i} + 12t \mathbf{k}$$

where  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  denote the Cartesian unit vectors.

Given that when  $t = 0$  the particle has velocity  $3\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j}$ , what is its velocity at a general time  $t$ ?

- ☐  $\left(-\frac{1}{9}\sinh(9t) + 3\right) \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 6t^2 \mathbf{k}$
- ☐  $\left(\frac{1}{9}\sinh(9t) + 3\right) \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 6t^2 \mathbf{k}$
- ☐  $\frac{1}{9}\sinh(9t) \mathbf{i} + 6t^2 \mathbf{k}$
- ☐  $9\sinh(9t) \mathbf{i} + 12 \mathbf{k}$
- ☐  $(9\sinh(9t) + 3) \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 12 \mathbf{k}$

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### Question 16

A  $2 \times 2$  matrix has trace 5 and determinant 4. What are its eigenvalues?

- ☐  $-4$  and  $-1$
- ☐  $1$  and  $4$
- ☐  $-\frac{\sqrt{41}-5}{2}$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{41}+5}{2}$
- ☐  $-\frac{\sqrt{41}+5}{2}$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{41}-5}{2}$
- ☐  $2-i$  and  $i+2$

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### Question 17

The  $2 \times 2$  lower triangular matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  has eigenvalues  $\lambda$  and  $-8$  (with  $\lambda \neq -8$ ).

An eigenvector corresponding to the eigenvalue  $\lambda$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Which of the following could be the matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ ?

- ☐  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 2 & -8 \end{pmatrix}$
- ☐  $\begin{pmatrix} \lambda & -8 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$
- ☐  $\begin{pmatrix} -8 & \lambda \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
- ☐  $\begin{pmatrix} -8 & 0 \\ 2 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$
- ☐  $\begin{pmatrix} -8 & 2 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$

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**Question 18**

If

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix},$$

then which of the following is equal to  $\mathbf{A}^{89}$ ?

- ☐  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{89} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix}^{89}$
- ☐  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 0 \\ 0 & -5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$
- ☐  $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 3 \\ -2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (-4)^{89} & 0 \\ 0 & (-5)^{89} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -3 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$
- ☐  $\begin{pmatrix} 5^{89} & 3 \\ -2 & (-1)^{89} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (-4)^{89} & 0 \\ 0 & (-5)^{89} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^{89} & -3 \\ 2 & 5^{89} \end{pmatrix}$
- ☐  $\begin{pmatrix} 5^{89} & 3^{89} \\ (-2)^{89} & (-1)^{89} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (-4)^{89} & 0 \\ 0 & (-5)^{89} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (-1)^{89} & (-3)^{89} \\ 2^{89} & 5^{89} \end{pmatrix}$

## SECTION 2

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### Question 19

(Unit 4)

An ellipse in standard position has vertices at  $(\pm 4, 0)$  and foci at  $(\pm \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{35}, 0)$ .

(a) Find the eccentricity of the ellipse. [2]

(b) Hence show that its equation is

$$\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{9y^2}{4} = 1. \quad [4]$$

(c) The ellipse can be obtained by scaling the circle with equation  $x^2 + y^2 = 16$ . Find the scaling required. [2]

### Question 20

(Unit 6)

(a) Write down the matrix of the linear transformation  $f$  that maps  $(1, 0)$  to  $(2, 2)$  and  $(0, 1)$  to  $(-1, 3)$ . [1]

(b) Show that  $f$  is invertible and find the matrix of  $f^{-1}$ . [2]

(c) A triangle  $T$  has vertices at  $(2, 0)$ ,  $(0, 2)$  and  $(0, 0)$ . Find the area of  $f(T)$ . [2]

(d) Let  $g$  be the affine transformation given by

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the rule of  $f^{-1} \circ g$  in the form

$$(f^{-1} \circ g)(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a}$$

where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix and  $\mathbf{a}$  is a  $2 \times 1$  column vector.

Simplify your answer as much as possible. [3]

### Question 21

(Unit 7)

(a) Given that

$$(a - 1)^3 = a^3 - 3a^2 + 3a - 1,$$

show that

$$\sinh^6 x = \cosh^6 x - 3 \cosh^4 x + 3 \cosh^2 x - 1. \quad [2]$$

(b) Hence find the integral

$$\int \sinh^7 x \cosh^m x \, dx,$$

where  $m$  is a positive integer. [6]

### Question 22

(Units 7 and 8)

The rational expression  $\frac{1}{(3x+2)(x+1)}$  can be written as

$$\frac{1}{(3x+2)(x+1)} = \frac{A}{3x+2} - \frac{1}{x+1},$$

where  $A$  is constant.

- (a) Determine the value of  $A$  and hence find the integral

$$\int \frac{1}{(3x+2)(x+1)} dx. \quad [4]$$

- (b) Use your answer to part (a) to show that

$$p(x) = \frac{3x+2}{x+1}$$

is an integrating factor for the differential equation

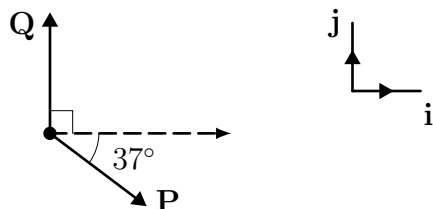
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x + 2 - \frac{y}{(3x+2)(x+1)} \quad (x > -\frac{2}{3}). \quad [4]$$

### Question 23

(Unit 10)

A particle of mass 2.4 kg is acted on by two forces  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$ , and no other forces, causing it to accelerate in a straight line perpendicular to  $\mathbf{Q}$  and at an angle of  $37^\circ$  to  $\mathbf{P}$ , as shown below. The path of the particle is shown as a dashed line in the diagram.

Let the directions of the Cartesian unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  be as shown, with  $\mathbf{i}$  parallel to the path of the particle.



- (a) The particle starts from rest and travels 9 metres in 1.5 seconds. Show that its acceleration has magnitude  $8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . [2]
- (b) Write down expressions for the component forms of the forces  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$ , denoting their magnitudes by  $P$  and  $Q$ , respectively. [2]
- (c) Write down the vector equation obtained by applying Newton's second law of motion to the particle. Hence, find the magnitudes of the forces  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$ , in newtons to two significant figures. [4]

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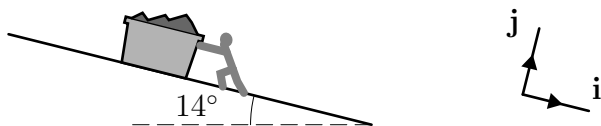
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### Question 24

(Unit 5)

A full crate of mass 60 kg lies on a rough slope inclined at  $14^\circ$  to the horizontal. The crate is pushed by an upwards force parallel to the slope, as shown below, and remains at rest. It is not necessarily on the point of slipping either up or down the slope.

Model the crate as a particle, and take the magnitude of the acceleration due to gravity to be  $g = 9.8 \text{ m s}^{-2}$ . Give your answers to parts (c) and (d) to two significant figures.



Take the Cartesian unit vectors  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  to point parallel and perpendicular, respectively, to the slope, in the directions shown above.

Two of the forces acting on the crate are the pushing force  $\mathbf{P}$ , and the friction force  $\mathbf{F}$  between the crate and the slope. Let  $F$  be the magnitude of  $\mathbf{F}$ .

- (a) State the other two forces acting on the crate. Draw a force diagram to represent all four forces acting on the crate, labelling them appropriately and indicating their directions by marking the sizes of suitable angles. [3]
- (b) Write down expressions for the component forms of the four forces, in terms of unknown magnitudes of forces, and  $F$ , where appropriate. [3]
- (c) The coefficient of static friction between the crate and the slope is 0.16. Find the magnitude of  $\mathbf{P}$  if the crate is on the point of slipping up the slope. [4]
- (d) Find the magnitude and direction of  $\mathbf{F}$  if the magnitude of  $\mathbf{P}$  is half of that found in part (c). [2]



**Question 25***(Unit 7)*

- (a) Find the quotient and remainder on dividing  $x^3 - 2x^2 - 11x + c$  by  $x^2 + 3x + 4$ , where  $c$  is a real number. [4]
- (b) Determine whether each of the following functions are even, odd or neither
- (i)  $f(x) = \frac{x^4 + 5}{(1 - x)}$  [1]
- (ii)  $g(x) = \sin^{77} x$ . [1]
- (iii)  $h(x) = \cos^m x$ , where  $m$  is a positive integer. [1]
- (c) The information below about a rational function  $f$  was obtained by following the steps of the graph-sketching strategy.
- The domain of  $f$  is  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, \infty)$ .
  - The graph of  $f$  has only one  $x$ -intercept, namely  $-1$ , and only one  $y$ -intercept, namely  $-\frac{1}{2}$ .
  - $f$  is increasing on the intervals  $(-\infty, -6)$ , and decreasing on the interval  $(-6, -2)$  and  $(-2, \infty)$ .
  - $f$  has a stationary point, which is a local maximum, at  $(-6, -\frac{1}{4})$ .
  - The graph of  $f$  has two asymptotes:  $x = -2$  and  $y = -1$ .
  - $f$  is neither even nor odd.
- Sketch the graph of  $f$ . [5]

**Question 26***(Unit 9)*

- (a) Prove that the following statement is true for all real numbers  $x$  by using a sequence of equivalences:
- $$x^8 \geq 10x^4 - 25. \quad [3]$$
- (b) Use mathematical induction to prove that
- $$1 \times 6 + 3 \times 9 + \cdots + (2n - 3) \times 3n = \frac{(n - 1)(4n^2 + n - 6)}{2},$$
- for all integers  $n \geq 2$ . [9]

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