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**MATHEMATICS — HIGHER LEVEL — PAPER 1 (300 marks)**

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Attempt **SIX QUESTIONS** (50 marks each).

**Marks may be lost if all necessary work is not clearly shown.**

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1. (a) Show that the following simplifies to a constant when  $x \neq 2$

$$\frac{3x-5}{x-2} + \frac{1}{2-x}.$$

- (b)  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  where  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{R}$ .

If  $k$  is a real number such that  $f(k) = 0$ , prove that  $x - k$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

- (c)  $(x-t)^2$  is a factor of  $x^3 + 3px + c$ .

Show that

(i)  $p = -t^2$

(ii)  $c = 2t^3$ .

2. (a) Solve for  $x, y, z$

$$3x - y + 3z = 1$$

$$x + 2y - 2z = -1$$

$$4x - y + 5z = 4.$$

- (b) Solve  $x^2 - 2x - 24 = 0$ .

Hence, find the values of  $x$  for which

$$\left(x + \frac{4}{x}\right)^2 - 2\left(x + \frac{4}{x}\right) - 24 = 0, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}, x \neq 0.$$

- (c) (i) Express  $a^4 - b^4$  as a product of three factors.

- (ii) Factorise  $a^5 - a^4b - ab^4 + b^5$ .

Use your results from (i) and (ii) to show that

$$a^5 + b^5 > a^4b + ab^4$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive unequal real numbers.

3. (a) Given that  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -5 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$ , find  $B^{-1}A$ .

(b) (i) Simplify  $\left(\frac{-2+3i}{3+2i}\right)$  and hence, find the value of  $\left(\frac{-2+3i}{3+2i}\right)^9$  where  $i^2 = -1$ .

(ii) Find the two complex numbers  $a + ib$  such that

$$(a + ib)^2 = 15 - 8i.$$

(c) Use De Moivre's theorem

(i) to prove that  $\cos 3q = 4\cos^3 q - 3\cos q$

(ii) to express  $(-\sqrt{3} - i)^{10}$  in the form  $2^n(1 - i\sqrt{k})$  where  $n, k \in \mathbf{N}$ .

4. (a) The first three terms of a geometric sequence are

$$2x - 4, \quad x + 1, \quad x - 3.$$

Find the two possible values of  $x$ .

(b) Given that

$$u_n = \frac{1}{2}(4^n - 2^n)$$

for all integers  $n$ , show that

$$u_{n+1} = 2u_n + 4^n.$$

(c) (i) Given that  $g(x) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 \dots$  where  $-1 < x < 1$ , show that

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}.$$

(ii)  $P(n) = u_1 u_2 u_3 u_4 \dots u_n$  where

$$u_k = ar^{k-1} \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \quad \text{and } a, r \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Write  $P(n)$  in the form  $a^n r^{f(n)}$  where  $f(n)$  is a quadratic expression in  $n$ .

5. (a) Express the recurring decimal  $1.\dot{2}$  in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$  where  $a, b \in \mathbf{N}$ .

(b) Prove by induction that  $n! > 2^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $n \geq 4$ .

(c) (i) Solve for  $x$

$$2\log_9 x = \frac{1}{2} + \log_9(5x + 18), \quad x > 0.$$

(ii) Solve for  $x$

$$3e^x - 7 + 2e^{-x} = 0.$$

6. (a) Differentiate with respect to  $x$

(i)  $(1 + 5x)^3$

(ii)  $\frac{7x}{x-3}, \quad x \neq 3.$

(b) (i) Prove, from first principles, the product rule

$$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$$

where  $u = u(x)$  and  $v = v(x)$ .

(ii) Given  $y = \sin^{-1}(2x - 1)$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and calculate its value at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ .

(c)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$  where  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $x \neq -1$ .

(i) Find the equations of the asymptotes of the graph of  $f(x)$ .

(ii) Prove that the graph of  $f(x)$  has no turning points or points of inflection.

(iii) If the tangents to the curve at  $x = x_1$  and  $x = x_2$  are parallel and

if  $x_1 \neq x_2$ , show that

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2 = 0.$$

7. (a) Find the slope of the tangent to the curve

$$x^2 - xy + y^2 = 1 \text{ at the point } (1,0).$$

- (b) The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = \cos^3 t \text{ and } y = \sin^3 t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

- (i) Find  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  in terms of  $t$ .

- (ii) Hence, find integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that

$$\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2 = \frac{a}{b}(\sin 2t)^2.$$

- (c)  $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$  where  $x > 0$ .

- (i) Show that the maximum of  $f(x)$  occurs at the point  $\left(e, \frac{1}{e}\right)$ .

- (ii) Hence, show that  $x^e \leq e^x$  for all  $x > 0$ .

8. (a) Find (i)  $\int (x^2 + 2)dx$  (ii)  $\int e^{3x} dx$ .

- (b) Evaluate (i)  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^2 3q \, dq$  (ii)  $\int_0^1 \frac{x}{x^2 + 4} dx$ .

- (c) (i) Find the value of the real number  $p$  given that

$$\int_2^p \frac{dx}{x^2 - 4x + 5} = \frac{p}{4}.$$

- (ii) The region bounded by the curve  $y = x^2$  and the line  $y = 4$  is divided into two regions of equal area by the line  $y = k$ .

Show that  $k^3 = 16$ .

