

Q1:

Put $(x, y) = (-2, 41)$ and $(x, y) = (5, 20)$ into the functions respectively, we have equations:

$$4A + 2B + C = 41 \dots (1)$$

$$25A - 5B + C = 20 \dots (2).$$

On the other hand, by completing the square, we have $y = A(x - \frac{B}{2A})^2 - \frac{B^2}{4A} + C$.

As the function is minimized at $x = 2$, we have $\frac{B}{2A} = 2$, i.e. $4A - B = 0 \dots (3)$.

$$(2)-(1): 21A - 7B = -21, \text{ i.e. } 3A - B = -3 \dots (4).$$

$$(3)-(4): A = \boxed{3}.$$

$$\text{Substitute } A = 3 \text{ into (3), } B = 4A = \boxed{12}.$$

$$\text{Substitute } (A, B) = (3, 12) \text{ into (1), } C = 41 - 4A - 2B = 41 - 12 - 24 = \boxed{5}.$$

Moreover, when $x = 2$, we obtain the minimum value of the function, which is

$$y = -\frac{B^2}{4A} + C = -\frac{12^2}{12} + 5 = -12 + 5 = \boxed{-7}.$$

(Note: The minimum value can also be calculated by putting $x = 2$ into the function.)

Alternative (with calculus) The equation (3) can also be obtained as the following:

$$y' = 2Ax - B.$$

When y attains to its extremum, $y' = 0$. Hence, by putting $x = 2$, we have

$$4A - B = 0 \dots (3).$$

Q2:

As x satisfies $x^2 + 2x - 2 = 0$, we have $x^3 = -2x^2 + 2x$. Therefore, P can be rewritten as $P = (-2x^2 + 2x) + x^2 + ax + 1 = -x^2 + (a + 2)x + 1$.

Moreover, as $x^2 = -2x + 2$, $P = -(-2x + 2) + (a + 2)x + 1 = (a + 4)x - 1$.

As P is independent on the value of x , we have $a + 4 = 0$, i.e. $a = \boxed{-4}$.

In this case, the value of P is $\boxed{-1}$.

Q3:

(i):

$$x^2 - 3x - 10 < 0$$

$$\iff (x - 5)(x + 2) < 0$$

$$\iff \boxed{-2 < x < 5}$$

(ii):

$$|x - 2| < a$$

$$\iff -a < x - 2 < a$$

$$\iff 2 - a < x < a + 2$$

In case $x^2 - 3x - 10 < 0 \implies |x - 2| < a$, we have

$$2 - a \leq -2 \text{ and } 5 \leq a + 2$$

$$\iff 4 \leq a \text{ and } 3 \leq a$$

$$\iff \boxed{a \geq 4}$$

(iii) In case $|x - 2| < a \implies x^2 - 3x - 10 < 0$, we have

$$-2 \leq 2 - a \text{ and } a + 2 \leq 5$$

$$\iff a \leq 4 \text{ and } a \leq 3$$

$$\iff a \leq 3$$

On the other hand, for the inequality $|x - 2| < a$ holds with a solution, we have the hidden condition $a > 0$.

Combine the above, we have $\boxed{0 < a \leq 3}$.

Q4:

(1): As a_n is an arithmetic series, we have $a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$. Substitute it into the two given equation, we have:

$$(a_1 + (5 - 1)d)(a_1 + (7 - 1)d) - (a_1 + (4 - 1)d)(a_1 + (9 - 1)d) = 60$$

$$(a_1^2 + 10a_1d + 24d^2) - (a_1^2 + 11a_1d + 24d^2) = 60$$

$$a_1d = -60 \dots (1)$$

and

$$a_1 + (11 - 1)d = 25$$

$$a_1 = 25 - 10d \dots (2)$$

Substitute (2) into (1), we have

$$(25 - 10d)d = -60$$

$$2d^2 - 5d - 12 = 0$$

$$(2d + 3)(d - 4) = 0$$

$$d = \boxed{4} \text{ or } d = \boxed{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

(2): Substitue $d = 4$ into (1), we have $a_1 = \frac{-60}{4} = \boxed{-15}$.

Then, $a_n = -15 + (n - 1)(4) = \boxed{4}n - \boxed{19}$.

The sum of the first n terms can be written as $\frac{(a_1 + a_n)n}{2}$, i.e. $\frac{(-15 + 4n - 19)n}{2}$,

i.e. $2n^2 - 17n$.

When the sum of the first n terms is 165, we have

$$2n^2 - 17n = 195$$

$$(2n + 13)(n - 15) = 0$$

$$n = \boxed{15} \text{ or } n = -\frac{13}{2} \text{ (rejected)}$$

Q5:

As $\triangle ACP$ and $\triangle BDP$ are right angle triangles, by considering the tangent

ratios, we have $\tan \alpha = \frac{AC}{PC} = \frac{\boxed{2}}{\boxed{1}_{-t}}$ and $\tan \beta = \frac{BD}{DP} = \frac{1}{t - (-1)} = \frac{\boxed{1}}{\boxed{1}_{+t}}$.

Hence, $\tan \theta = \tan(\pi - \alpha - \beta)$

$$= -\tan(\alpha + \beta)$$

$$= -\frac{\tan \alpha + \tan \beta}{1 - \tan \alpha \tan \beta}$$

$$= -\frac{\frac{2}{1-t} + \frac{1}{1+t}}{1 - (\frac{2}{1-t})(\frac{1}{1+t})}$$

$$= -\frac{2+2t+1-t}{1-t^2-2}$$

$$= \frac{t + \boxed{3}}{t^2 + \boxed{1}}.$$

$$\text{Moreover, } \left(\frac{t+3}{t^2+1}\right)' = \frac{(1)(t^2+1) - (2t)(t+3)}{(t^2+1)^2} = -\frac{t^2 + \boxed{6}t - 1}{(t^2 + \boxed{1})^2}.$$

When θ is maximised, $\tan \theta$ is also maximised as $\tan \theta$ is monotonic increasing for $\theta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

To find the extremum of $\tan \theta$, we set

$$\left(\frac{t+3}{t^2+1}\right)' = 0$$

$$t^2 + 6t - 1 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{-6 \pm \sqrt{6^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2} = -3 \pm \sqrt{10}$$

As P lies on the segment DC , we have $t \in [-1, 1]$. Therefore only $t = -3 + \sqrt{10}$ is

a possible value for $\tan \theta$ to attain to its extremum. The table of first derivative

test is shown:

t	$[-1, -3 + \sqrt{10})$	$(-3 + \sqrt{10}, 1]$
$\left(\frac{t+3}{t^2+1}\right)'$	$+$	$-$
$\tan \theta$	\nearrow	\searrow

Therefore, $\tan \theta$ attains to its maximum when $t = -3 + \sqrt{10}$ and hence the coordinates of P are $(\boxed{-3 + \sqrt{10}}, 0)$.

Q6:

As $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2ax + b$ and $f''(x) = 6x + 2a$, we have

$$f'(\alpha) = \boxed{3}\alpha^2 + \boxed{2}a\alpha + b \text{ and } f''(\alpha) = \boxed{6}\alpha + \boxed{2}a.$$

By replacing x with $x + \alpha$ and y with $y + f(\alpha)$, we have

$$y + f(\alpha) = (x + \alpha)^3 + a(x + \alpha)^2 + b(x + \alpha) + c$$

$$y = x^3 + (3\alpha + a)x^2 + (3\alpha^2 + 2a\alpha)x + (\alpha^3 + a\alpha^2 + b\alpha + c) - f(\alpha)$$

$$y = x^3 + \frac{6\alpha + 2a}{2}x^2 + f'(\alpha)x + f(\alpha) - f(\alpha)$$

$$y = x^3 + \frac{f''(\alpha)}{2}x^2 + f'(\alpha)x$$

For $f(x) = x^3 - 12x^2 + 48x - 68$, we have $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 24x + 48$ and $f''(x) = 6x - 24$.

Solving $f'(x) = 0$, we have $3(x - 4)^2 = 0$, i.e. $x = 4$.

Solving $f''(x) = 0$, we have $6(x - 4) = 0$, i.e. $x = 4$.

Therefore, $f'(\boxed{4}) = 0$ and $f''(\boxed{4}) = 0$.

By using the result above, putting $\alpha = 4$, when the point $(4, f(4))$, i.e. $(\boxed{4}, \boxed{-4})$, on the graph is moved to the origin, we get the graph of $y = x^3$.

Q7:

The slope of tangent to the graph of $y = 2 \log x$ is given by $y' = \frac{2}{x}$.

As P lies on the graph of $y = 2 \log x$, the coordinates of P are $(t, 2 \log t)$.

Then, the equation of l will be $y - 2 \log t = \frac{2}{t}(x - t)$.

As l passes through the origin, we can put $(x, y) = (0, 0)$, which gives

$$-2 \log t = \frac{2}{t}(-t), \text{ i.e. } \log t = \boxed{1} \text{ and } t = e.$$

Hence the equation of l is $y - 2 = \frac{2}{e}(x - e)$, i.e. $y = \frac{2}{e}x$.

As $m \perp l$, the slope of $m = -\frac{1}{\text{slope of } l} = -\frac{e}{2}$. As P also lies on m , by using the

point-slope form of straight line, we have the equation of m is $y - 2 = -\frac{e}{2}(x - e)$,

$$\text{i.e. } y = -\frac{e}{2}x + \frac{e^2}{2} + 2.$$

The x-intercepts of $y = 2 \log x$ and m are 1 and $e + \frac{4}{e}$ respectively and the two graphs intersect each other when $x = e$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } S &= \int_1^e 2 \log x dx + \int_e^{e+\frac{4}{e}} (-\frac{e}{2}x + \frac{e^2}{2} + 2) dx \\ &= [2x \log x]_1^e - 2 \int_1^e x d(\log x) + [-\frac{e}{4}x^2 + \frac{e^2}{2}x + 2x]_e^{e+\frac{4}{e}} \\ &= 2e - 2 \int_1^e dx + (-\frac{e}{4}(e^2 + 8 + \frac{16}{e^2}) + \frac{e^2}{2}(e + \frac{4}{e}) + 2(e + \frac{4}{e}) + \frac{e^3}{4} - \frac{e^3}{2} - 2e) \\ &= 2e - [2x]_1^e + \frac{4}{e} \\ &= 2e - 2e + 2 + \frac{4}{e} \\ &= 2 + \frac{4}{e}. \end{aligned}$$