

Q1(1):

$$x + y = \frac{(3+\sqrt{3})^2 + (3-\sqrt{3})^2}{3^2 - \sqrt{3}^2} = 4 \text{ and } x - y = \frac{(3+\sqrt{3})^2 - (3-\sqrt{3})^2}{3^2 - \sqrt{3}^2} = 2\sqrt{3}.$$

$$x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)(x - y) = \boxed{8\sqrt{3}}$$

Q1(2):

By testing the potential rational roots given by the rational root theorem

$\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8$, we have $x = -1$ is a root.

Therefore, we can do the factorisation by the long division:

$$x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8 = 0$$

$$(x + 1)(x^2 - 2x - 8) = 0$$

$$(x + 1)(x + 2)(x - 4) = 0$$

$$x = \boxed{-1, -2, 4}$$

Q1(3):

$$2 \sin^2 x - \cos x = 1$$

$$2 - 2 \cos^2 x - \cos x = 1$$

$$2 \cos^2 x + \cos x - 1 = 0$$

$$(2 \cos x - 1)(\cos x + 1) = 0$$

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{2}, -1$$

$$x = \boxed{\frac{\pi}{3}, \pi, \frac{5\pi}{3}}$$

Q1(4):

$$2^{2x+2} + 3 \cdot 2^x - 1 = 0$$

$$4 \cdot 2^{2x} + 3 \cdot 2^x - 1 = 0$$

$$(4 \cdot 2^x - 1)(2^x + 1) = 0$$

$$2^x = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$x = \boxed{-2}$$

Q1(5):

$$(\log_3 x)^2 < \log_9 x^4$$

$$(\log_3 x)^2 - 2 \log_3 x < 0$$

$$0 < \log_3 x < 2$$

$$\boxed{1 < x < 9}$$

Q1(6):

$$\sin 2x > \sqrt{2} \sin x$$

$$2 \sin x \cos x > \sqrt{2} \sin x$$

$$\begin{cases} \cos x > \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \sin x > 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} \cos x < \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \sin x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{0 < x < \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ or } \pi < x < \frac{7\pi}{4}}$$

Q1(7):

$$\vec{a} + t\vec{b} = \langle 1 + 3t, 2 + 2t, 3 + t \rangle.$$

$$(\vec{a} + t\vec{b})/\vec{c} \text{ if and only if } (\vec{a} + t\vec{b}) = k\vec{c}, \text{ i.e. } \frac{1+3t}{5} = \frac{2+2t}{4} = \frac{3+t}{3} = k.$$

Therefore, $t = \boxed{3}$.

Q1(8):

Note that $\triangle OAA' = 2\triangle OAA_{\perp}$, where AA_{\perp} is the perpendicular foot of A on the line $y = 2x$.

We have $AA_{\perp} = \frac{|2 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 1 + 0|}{\sqrt{2^2 + 1^2}} = \sqrt{5}$ and

$$OA_{\perp} = \sqrt{OA^2 - AA_{\perp}^2} = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2 - 5} = \sqrt{5}.$$

Therefore, $\triangle OAA' = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{5})(\sqrt{5}) = \boxed{5}$.

Q1(9):

$\{a_n\}$ is a geometric sequence with the first term 3 and the common ratio 2.

Therefore, $\sum_{n=1}^5 (a_n - 5) = \frac{3(2^5-1)}{2-1} - 5 \cdot 5 = \boxed{68}$.

Q1(10):

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\sqrt{x^2 + 4x + 5} - \sqrt{x^2 + x}) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x+5}{\sqrt{x^2+4x+5}+\sqrt{x^2+x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3+\frac{5}{x}}{\sqrt{1+\frac{4}{x}+\frac{5}{x^2}}+\sqrt{1+\frac{1}{x}}} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{3}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Q1(11):

$$\begin{aligned} \ln f(x) &= \ln \cos x - \frac{x}{2} \\ f'(x) &= f(x) \left(-\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ f'(0) &= f(0) \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) = \boxed{-\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

Q1(12):

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^2 (3x^2 - 4x) \ln x dx \\ &= \int_1^2 \ln x d(x^3 - 2x^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (x^3 - 2x^2) \ln x \Big|_1^2 - \int_1^2 (x^2 - 2x) dx \\
&= -\left[\frac{1}{3}x^3 - x^2\right]_1^2 \\
&= \boxed{\frac{2}{3}}
\end{aligned}$$

Q2:

$$1): AB = \begin{bmatrix} x+9 & 21 \\ 3x+15 & 39 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } BA = \begin{bmatrix} x+9 & 3x+15 \\ 21 & 39 \end{bmatrix}.$$

For $AB = BA$, we have $x = \boxed{2}$.

$$2): BA = \begin{bmatrix} 2x-2 & 4x-4 \\ 4+2y & 8+4y \end{bmatrix}.$$

For $BA = O$, we have $x = \boxed{1}$ and $y = \boxed{-2}$.

$$3): A^2 = A - I \iff A^3 = A^2 - A = A - I - A = -I \iff A^{3n} = (-1)^n I.$$

Therefore, $A^{15} = (-1)^5 I = \boxed{-I}$

Q3:

$$\begin{aligned}
1): & \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^2 x dx \\
&= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{1+\cos 2x}{2} dx \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \left[x + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \\
&= \boxed{\frac{\pi}{8} + \frac{1}{4}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
2): & \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^3 x dx \\
&= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (1 - \sin^2 x) d(\sin x) \\
&= [\sin x - \frac{1}{3} \sin^3 x]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \\
&= \boxed{\frac{5\sqrt{2}}{12}}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
3): & \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (\sin x + 2 \cos x)^2 dx \\
&= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (\sin^2 x + 4 \sin x \cos x + 4 \cos^2 x) dx
\end{aligned}$$

By the properties of even functions and odd functions, it is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
&2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (6 \sin^2 x \cos x + 8 \cos^3 x) dx \\
&= 2 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (6 \cos x + 2 \cos^3 x) dx \\
&= 12 [\sin x]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} + \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{3} \\
&= \boxed{\frac{23\sqrt{2}}{3}}
\end{aligned}$$