

**SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC**  
**2018/2019 SEMESTER ONE MID SEMESTER TEST**

Foundation Year

**FOUNDATION MATHEMATICS**

Time allowed: 1.5 hr

**Instructions:**

1. The Singapore Polytechnic Examination rules are to be complied with.
2. This paper consists of **3 printed** pages.
3. Unless otherwise stated, all decimal answers given should be correct to 3 significant figures.
4. Answer **ALL** the questions in the answer booklet provided.

1. Simplify the given expressions and express all answers in positive exponent form:

(a)  $(5p^0r^2h^5)\left(\frac{r^3}{15ph^2}\right)$  [4]

(b)  $(wd^2)^3(w^5d^{-1})^{-1}$  [5]

(c)  $(8\sqrt{k^{12}})^{\frac{1}{3}} \div \left(\frac{4}{k}\right)$  [6]

2. (a) Factorize the following expressions completely:

(i)  $x^2(5x-2)+7(5x-2)$  [2]

(ii)  $(x-3)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (x-3)^{\frac{3}{2}}$  [4]

- (b) Perform the following operations and simplify your answers:

(i)  $\frac{2}{a^2+a} + \frac{3}{a^2-1}$  [6]

(ii)  $\frac{3x}{25-x^2} \bullet \frac{x-5}{6x^2}$  [4]

(iii)  $\frac{1}{\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{2R} + \frac{1}{4R}}$  [4]

3. Express  $\frac{3x^2-4x+7}{(x-1)(x^2+2)}$  in partial fractions. [10]

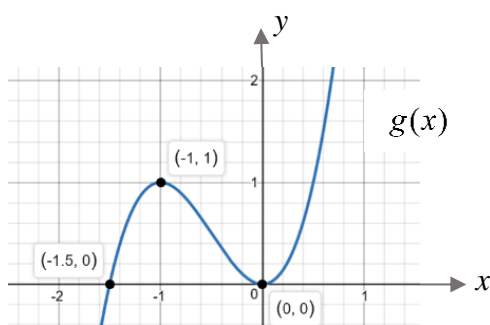
4. (a) Solve  $x^2-4x+3=0$  for  $x$ . [3]

- (b) Using **completing the square**, find the exact value(s) of  $x$  that satisfy the equation  $4x^2+12x=11$ . [7]

5. (a) Find the quadratic function of the parabola with vertex of  $(1, 2)$  and passing through the point  $(3, 4)$ . [5]
- (b) Sketch the graph for the function found in (a), clearly indicating all intercepts. [2]
- (c) Using the graph or otherwise, state the domain and range. [3]

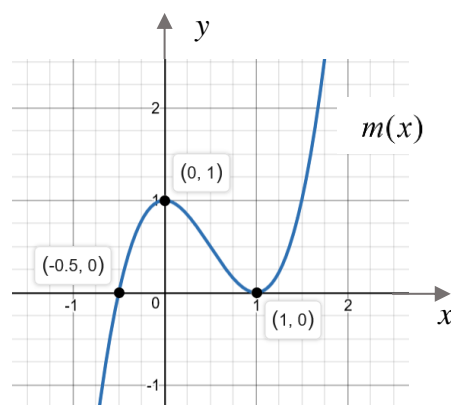
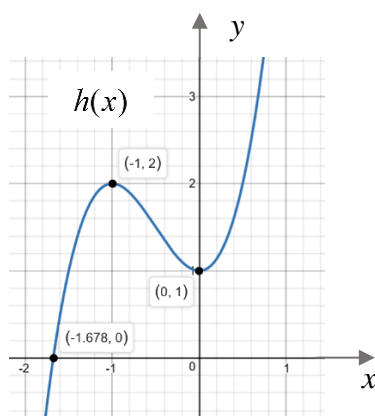
6. (a) Given the function  $f(x) = 1 - x + 3\sqrt{x}$ .
- (i) Evaluate  $f(4)$ . [2]
- (ii) Find  $f(x+1)$ . [2]

- (b) A graph of the function  $g(x)$  is shown below.



- (i) Find  $g(-1.5)$  and  $g(0)$ . [2]
- (ii) Will  $g'(-1.5)$  be greater than, equal to or less than  $g'(0)$ ? [2]
- Explain your answer.

The following are graphs of functions,  $h(x)$  and  $m(x)$  which are transformed from  $g(x)$ .



- (iii) Describe how the graphs of  $h(x)$  and  $m(x)$  can be obtained from the graph of  $g(x)$ .

Hence, determine the functions  $h(x)$  and  $m(x)$ . [4]

6. (c) A reciprocal function  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  is transformed in the following order:
- Shifted one unit to the left.
  - Shrink vertically by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
  - Shifted two units down.

Write the equation of the graph after undergoing the above transformations. [3]

7. A grocery shop owner has 1000 bottles of milk that he wishes to sell in a month. It is known that the demand quantity for milk,  $D$ , is related to the selling price of milk,  $P$ , by  $D = -400P^2 + 400P + 3400$ . Given that all bottles are sold and the cost price per bottle of milk is \$1, find the maximum profit the owner makes at the end of the month. [10]

8. Mr Chan is married with 1 child and his wife is not working. In 2017, the income tax payable by him was \$625. The tables below list the tax rates and the amounts of relief he was entitled to. Calculate his gross annual income for 2017, rounding your answer to the nearest dollar. [10]

Note that chargeable income = gross annual income – total reliefs.

Chargeable Income (\$)	Tax Rate (%)
On the first 30000	1.0
On the next 10000	3.5

Type of relief	Amount
Personal	\$5000
Unemployed spouse	\$2000
Child	\$2000 per child
Insurance premiums	\$1000
CPF contributions	\$10000

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