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**Year 10 Mathematics  
AOS 8 Revision [10.3]  
Mock CAT 2**

50 Marks. 60 Minutes Writing.

**Results:**

Short Answer Questions	<u>24</u> / 34	
Extended Response Questions	<u>12</u> / 16	

*Scored 9/50%  
55%*

**Section A: Short Answer Questions (34 Marks)****Question 1 (1 mark)**

Expand and simplify:  $(x + 4)(x - 3)$ .

$$x^2 + x - 12$$

**Question 2 (1 mark)**

Find the degree of  $p(x) = x(3x^5 - 2x + k)$ , where  $k$  is an integer.

$$\begin{aligned} 3x^6 &\rightarrow 6 \text{ th degree} \\ = p(x) \text{ is } 6 \text{ th degree} \end{aligned}$$

**Question 3 (1 mark)**

State the  $x$ -intercepts of  $y = -x(x - 4)^2$ .

$$y=0 \quad -x=0 \quad x=4$$

$$x=0$$

$$(0,0) (4,0) (0,4) (0,0)$$

**Question 4 (1 mark)**

What is the remainder when  $x^7 + 5$  is divided by  $(x - 1)$ ?

$$x=1$$

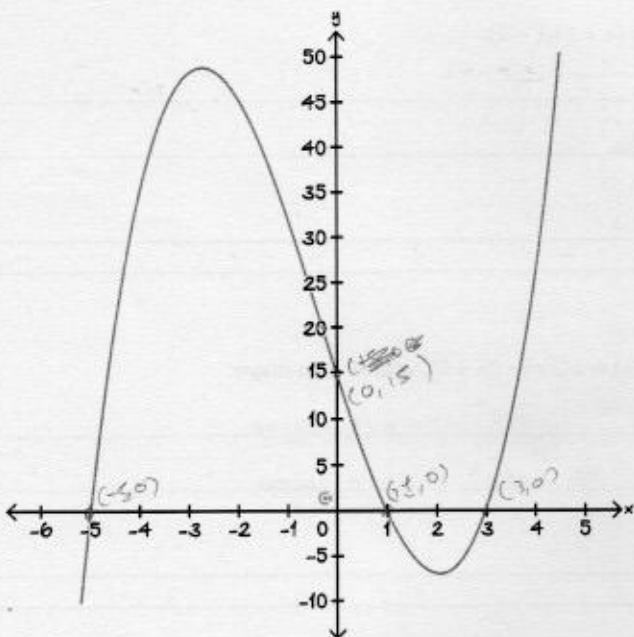
$$(1)+5=6$$

$$x^6 \quad \text{remainder} = 6$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-1 \quad | \quad x^7 + 8x^6 + 5 \\ \cancel{x^7 - x^6} \quad | \quad 8x^6 + 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

**Question 5 (2 marks)**

Find the  $x$ -intercepts and the  $y$ -intercept of the following cubic graph given below.



where  $(y=0)$   $y$  int:  $(0, 15)$

where  $(y=0)$   $x$  inter:  $(-5, 0) (1, 0) (3, 0)$

**Question 6 (3 marks)**

Solve the following polynomial equations:

a.  $x(x - 5)(x + 2) = 0$ . (1 mark)

$x = 0, x = 5, x = -2$

$(0, 0), (5, 0), (-2, 0)$

$(0, 0)$

b.  $x^4 - 10x^2 + 9 = 0$ . (2 marks) (D)

$a^2 = x^2$

(2)

$x^2(x^2 - 10) + 9 = 0 \quad + x^2(x^2 - 10) + 9 = 0$

$x^2(x^2 - 10) + 9 = -9 \quad x^2(x^2 - 10) = -9$

$x^4 - 10x^2 = -9 \quad x^2(x - \sqrt{10})(x + \sqrt{10}) = -9$

$x^2(x^2 - 10)$

$a^2 + 10a + 9 = 0$

$(a+1)(a+9)$

$a = -1, -9$   
 $x^2 \pm 1, x^2 = \pm 3$

$\therefore x = \pm 1, \pm 3$

**Question 7 (3 marks)**Given  $(x - 1)$  is a factor of  $P(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 13x + 10$ , fully factorise  $P(x)$ .

$2x^2 - (-x^2)$

$x = 1$

$$\begin{array}{r} (x^3 + 2x^2 - 13x + 10) + 10 \\ \hline x - 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 + 2x^2 - 13x + 10 \\ - x^3 + x^2 \\ \hline 3x^2 - 13x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 - 3x \\ - 3x^2 + 3x \\ \hline - 10x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} - 10x + 10 \\ - 10x + 10 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} P(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 13x + 10 \\ \hline x - 1 \end{array} = \frac{x^2 + 3x - 10}{\downarrow}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -(x-5)(x+2) \\ \hline (x-1)(x+5)(x-2) \end{array}$$

**Question 8 (3 marks)**Given  $P(x) = 5x^3 - 2x^2 - 23x + 14$ .

$$\textcircled{a} \quad 32 - 46 = -10 - \frac{32}{14}$$

- a. Verify that
- $x = 2$
- is a root of the equation
- $P(x) = 0$
- . (1 mark)

$$5(2)^3 - 2(2)^2 - 23(2) + 14$$

$$5 \times 8 - 2 \times 4 - 23 \times 2 + 14$$

$$40 - 8 - 46 + 14 =$$

- b. Determine the remainder when
- $P(x)$
- is divided by
- $(x + 3)$
- . (1 mark)

$$x = -3$$

$$P(-3) = 5(-3)^3 - 2(-3)^2 - 23(-3) + 14$$

$$5 \times -27 - 2 \times 9 - 23 \times -3 + 14$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ \times 5 \\ \hline 125 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 3+10 \\ \hline 135 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 117 \\ + 69 \\ \hline 186 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 186 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 558 \end{array}$$

- c. It is known that
- $P(x) \div (x - a) = Q(x) + \frac{25}{x-a}$
- , where
- $Q(x)$
- is a quadratic polynomial. Find
- $P(a)$
- . (1 mark)

$$P(x) \div (x-a) = ax^2 + bx + c + \frac{25}{x-a} \quad P(a) \neq 0$$

remainder  
just number.

$$P(a) = 25$$

**Question 9 (3 marks)**

$$\begin{array}{l} \cancel{x=1} \\ (-2, -1) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} y = a(x - h) + k \\ (-2, -1) \end{array}$$

Sketch the graph of  $y = (x + 2)^4 - 1$  on the axes below, labelling all axes intercepts and turning points.

$$y = 0$$

$$8x + 16$$

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

$$\pm 1 = x+2$$

$$\text{or } x+2 = \pm 1$$

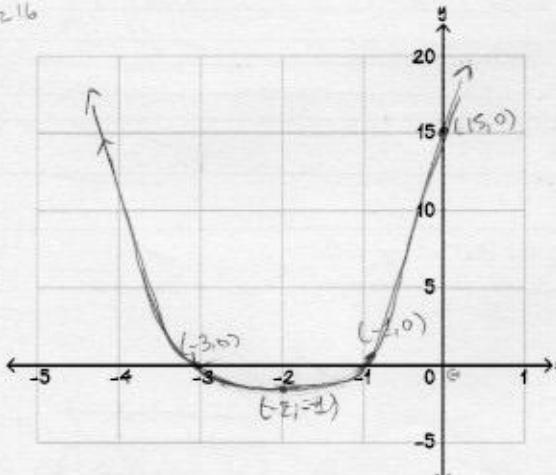
$$x = -3$$

$$x = -1$$

$$x = 0$$

$$y = (2)^4 - 1$$

$$y = 16 - 1 = 15$$



**Question 10** (2 marks)

Use long division to find the quotient and remainder when  $2x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x - 5$  is divided by  $(x - 3)$ .

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \overline{2x^2 + 2x + 11} \\
 x-3 \overline{)2x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x - 5} \\
 \underline{-2x^3 + 6x^2} \\
 \phantom{x-3 \overline{)2x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x - 5}} \quad 8x + \\
 \boxed{\frac{(x-3)(2x^2 + 2x + 11) + 28}{x^2 - 3x}} \quad \overline{8x - 5} \\
 \underline{-5x^2 + 15x} \\
 \phantom{\frac{(x-3)(2x^2 + 2x + 11) + 28}{x^2 - 3x}} \quad \overline{11x - 5} \\
 \underline{-11x + 33} \\
 \phantom{\frac{(x-3)(2x^2 + 2x + 11) + 28}{x^2 - 3x}} \quad \overline{28} \\
 \text{quotient} = 2x^2 + 2x + 11 \\
 \cancel{(x-3)(2x^2 + 2x + 11)} \quad \cancel{+ 28} \quad \cancel{| x-3} \\
 \text{remainder} = 28
 \end{array}$$

**Question 11** (2 marks)

Find the value of  $k$  if  $(x - 2)$  is a factor of  $P(x) = x^3 + kx^2 - 3x - 6$ .

$$x = 2$$

$$(2)^3 + k(2)^2 - 3(2) - 6$$

$$8 + 4k - 6 - 6 = 0$$

$$8 + 4k - 12 = 0$$

$$-4 + 4k = 0$$

$$\therefore k = 1$$

$$4k - 4 = 0$$

$$4k = 4$$

$$k = 1$$

**Question 12** (2 marks)

Expand and simplify  $(x - 5)(x^2 - 2x + 3)$ .

$$x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 5x^2 + 10x - 15$$

$$x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x^2 + 3x + 10x - 15$$

$$\therefore x^3 - 7x^2 + 13x - 15$$

**Question 13 (5 marks)**

The weekly profit,  $P$ , in thousands of dollars, of a company is modelled by  $P(x) = x^3 - 8x^2 + 16x$ , where  $x$  is the number of units produced, in hundreds.

- a. Factorise the profit function  $P(x)$ . (2 marks)

$$x(x^2 - 8x + 16)$$

$$x(x-4)^2$$

(B)

(-3)

b - 4

- b. For what production levels does the company break even (make zero profit)? (2 marks)

$$x(x-4)^2 = 0$$

$$x=0$$

$$x=4 \quad 4 \times 100 = 400$$

$$(0,0), (4,0)$$

so 0 units and 400 units

But on graph it would just be  $(x=100)$   
since  $x=100$ .

- c. What is the profit if 200 units are produced? (1 mark)

remember  $x=100$

$$200(200-4)^2 = ?$$

$$\frac{200}{100} = 100$$

but

80

every

~~100~~  $\rightarrow (196)^2$

~~100~~  $\rightarrow x=2$

on graph

$$2(2-4)^2$$

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**Question 14 (5 marks)**

A reservoir's net water balance  $W(x)$  (in hundreds of litres) after  $x$  hours of alternating pump cycles is modelled by  $W(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 - 2x + 24$ .

- a. Using the Factor Theorem and trial-and-error, find a time  $x$  at which the net balance is zero. (2 marks)

$$x^3 - 5x^2 - 2x + 24 = 0$$

(D)

, 24 is the constant.

$$24(x^3 - 5x^2 - 2x + 24) = 0$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$

$\hookrightarrow$  multiplied by other

constants:

$$W(3) = (3)^3 - 5(3)^2 - 2(3) + 24$$

$$27 - 45 - 6 + 24$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$   
 $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 8, \pm 12, \pm 24$

$$= 0. \quad x-3=0, \quad x=3 \text{ because even at } x=3.$$

- b. Once you have this value, factorise  $W(x)$  completely to determine all times when the reservoir is in balance ( $W(x) = 0$ ). (3 marks)

$$x-3 \div x^3 - 5x^2 - 2x + 24$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 | \pm -5 & -2 & 24 \\ & \underline{+3} & \underline{-6} & \underline{-24} \\ & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$-5+3=-2$$

$$-2+(-6)=-8$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 8$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$

$$x^2 - 2x - 8 = (x+4)(x-2)$$

$$(x+4)(x-2)(x-3)$$

$$(x-4)(x+2)(x-3)$$

$$x = -2, 3, 4$$

**Section B: Extended Response Questions (16 Marks)****Question 15 (9 marks)**

Two trail elevation profiles give the vertical position (relative to a baseline; negative values indicate dips below the baseline) as a function of horizontal distance  $x$  metres from the trailhead.

~~-2(x-4)(x-1)~~

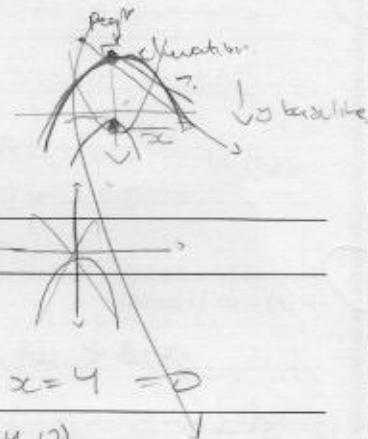
- Trail A:  $y = -2(x - 4)(x - 1), x \geq 0$  (elevation in metres).
- Trail B:  $y = (x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 4), x \geq 0$  (elevation in metres).

- a. Where does Trail A meet the baseline (ground)? (1 mark)

$$-2(x-4)(x-1)$$

$$x=4, x=1$$

$$\therefore (4,0), (1,0)$$



- b. Where does Trail B meet the baseline? (1 mark)

$$x=1, x=2, x=4 \Rightarrow$$

$$\therefore (1,0), (2,0), (4,0)$$

- c. Find the horizontal distance  $x$  at which Trail A reaches its maximum elevation (give your answer in decimal form). (2 marks)

$$x \geq 0, \text{ when } x=0$$

$$y = -2(-4)(-1) = -2(4)(-3) = 24$$

$$8x^2 - 16x + 8 > 0 \Rightarrow x > 0$$

$$-2(x-4)(x-1) = y$$

flow? when  $x=0$ ,  $y$  is negative

but  $x > 0$ ?  $-2(0-0+1)$

$$-2x^2 + 10x - 8$$

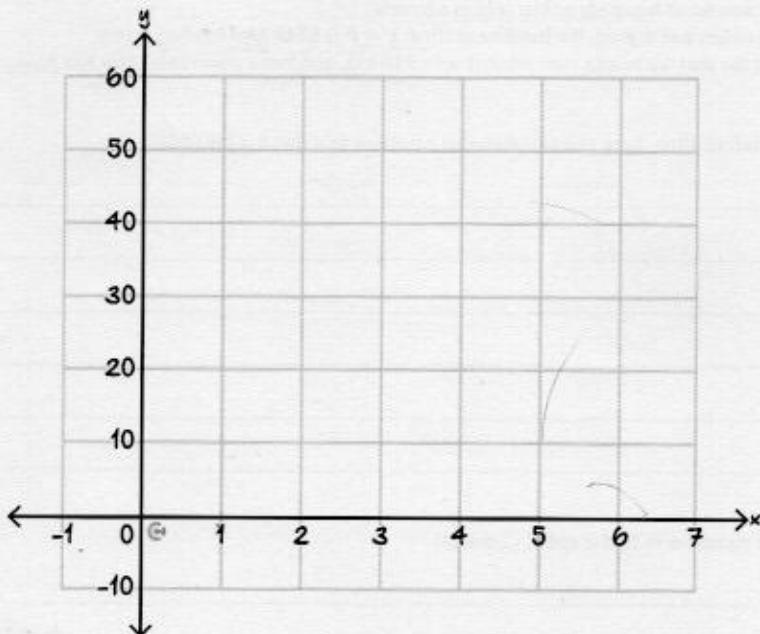
$$-2(0) = 8$$

- d. For which value(s) of  $x$  are the two trails at the same elevation, and what is that common elevation (in metres)? (2 marks)

- e. Hence or otherwise, sketch the graph of the polynomial:

$$y = x^3 - 5x^2 + 4x$$

In the interval  $-1 \leq x \leq 6$ . Clearly label all axis intercepts and endpoints. (3 marks)



**Question 16** (7 marks)

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A robotics start-up models its net monthly profit  $P(x)$  (in thousands of dollars) by a monic cubic:

$$P(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 24$$

Where  $x$  is the number of hundreds of kits sold in a month.

Because of pre-orders and a grant, the baseline profit at  $x = 0$  is \$24k (the constant term).

It is known that the start-up breaks even when it sells 300 kits, and that a pilot run of 100 kits produced a profit of \$10k.

- a. Using this information, form two simultaneous equations in  $a$  and  $b$ . (3 marks)

$x = 0$

$x = 100$

$x = 300$

$x = 100$

$x = 300$

- b. Solve your equations to find  $a$  and  $b$ . (2 marks)

$x = 0$

$x = 100$

$x = 300$

- c. Write down the complete polynomial  $P(x)$ . (1 mark)

$x = 0$

$x = 100$

- d. Hence, factor  $P(x)$  fully and state the other two linear factors (besides  $x - 3$ ). (1 mark)

$x = 0$

$x = 100$