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**MATHS METHODS UNITS 3 & 4  
TRIAL EXAMINATION 1  
SOLUTIONS  
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**Question 1 (3 marks)**

a.  $y = \cos(1 - x^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= -\sin(1 - x^2) \times -2x && \text{(chain rule)} \\ &= 2x\sin(1 - x^2)\end{aligned}\quad \text{(1 mark)}$$

b.  $f(x) = \frac{\sin(2x)}{1 + e^{2x}}$

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= \frac{(1 + e^{2x}) \times 2\cos(2x) - 2e^{2x} \times \sin(2x)}{(1 + e^{2x})^2} && \text{(quotient rule)} \quad \text{(1 mark)} \\ f'(0) &= \frac{(1 + e^0) \times 2\cos(0) - 2e^0 \times \sin(0)}{(1 + e^0)^2} \\ &= \frac{(1 + 1) \times 2 \times 1 - 2 \times 1 \times 0}{(1 + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{4 - 0}{2^2} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}\quad \text{(1 mark)}$$

**Question 2 (3 marks)**

a.  $(f \circ g)(x) = \log_e(x^2 + 1)$  (1 mark)

b.  $d_{f \circ g} = d_g = R$  (1 mark)

$$r_{f \circ g} = [0, \infty)$$
 (1 mark)

Note that the minimum value of  $x^2$  is zero, so the minimum value of  $x^2 + 1$  is 1, and  $\log_e(1) = 0$ .

**Question 3 (5 marks)**

a. average rate of change =  $\frac{f\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) - f(0)}{\frac{\pi}{8} - 0}$

$$= \frac{\frac{2-1}{\frac{\pi}{8}}}{\frac{\pi}{8}}$$

$$= \frac{8}{\pi}$$
(1 mark)

Note that the value of  $f\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right)$  can be found using the symmetry of the graph, i.e. the graph passes through the point  $\left(\frac{\pi}{8}, 2\right)$ .

Alternatively, it can be found by evaluating  $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + 1 = 2$ .

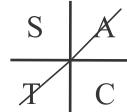
b.

$$f(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\tan(2x) + 1 = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\tan(2x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$2x = \dots - \frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \dots$$

$$x = \dots - \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{7\pi}{12}, \dots$$


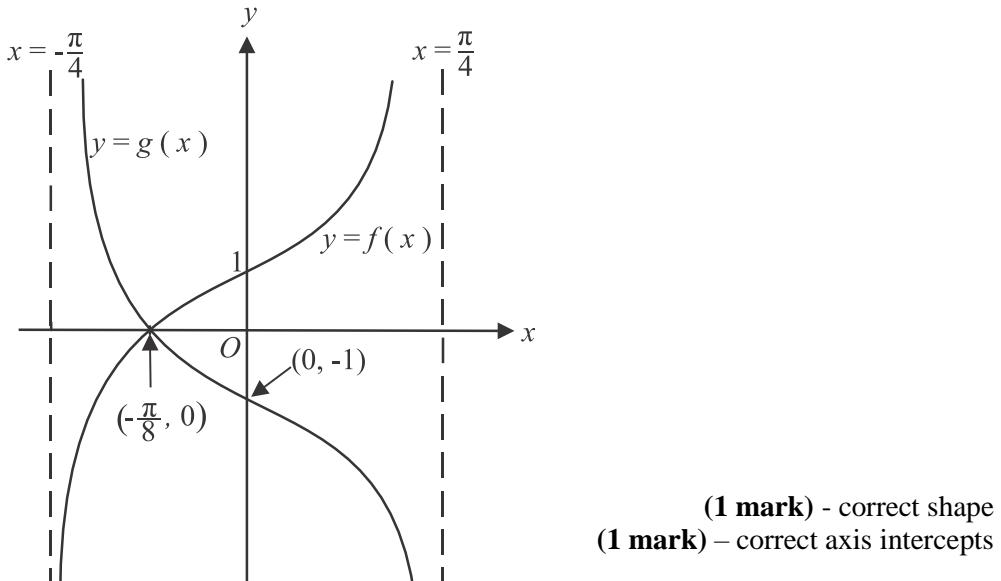
base angle =  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

(1 mark)

But  $d_f = \left(-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$  and from the graph, we see that there would only be one point of intersection between the graph of  $f$  and the line  $y = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ . So  $x = \frac{\pi}{12}$ .

(1 mark)

- c. The graph of  $f$  is reflected in the  $y$ -axis and then translated 2 units down to obtain the graph of  $g$ .



**Question 4 (4 marks)**

**a.**

$$\int_0^{e-1} \frac{3}{x+1} dx = \left[ 3 \log_e(x+1) \right]_0^{e-1}$$

$$= 3(\log_e(e-1+1) - \log_e(1))$$

$$= 3(\log_e(e) - 0)$$

$$= 3 \times 1$$

$$= 3$$

**(1 mark)**

**b.**

$$f'(x) = 2\sin(\pi x)$$

$$f(x) = \int 2\sin(\pi x) dx$$

$$= -\frac{2}{\pi} \cos(\pi x) + c$$

**(1 mark)**

Since  $f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 0$ ,

$$0 = -\frac{2}{\pi} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + c$$

$$c = \frac{2}{\pi} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi}$$

So  $f(x) = -\frac{2}{\pi} \cos(\pi x) + \frac{1}{\pi}$ .

**(1 mark)**

**Question 5 (4 marks)**

a.  $y = x^2 \log_e(2x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 2x \log_e(2x) + x^2 \times \frac{2}{2x} \\ &= 2x \log_e(2x) + x\end{aligned}$$

(1 mark)

b. average value =  $\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 f(x) dx$

$$\begin{aligned}&= 2 \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 x \log_e(2x) dx \\ &= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 2x \log_e(2x) dx\end{aligned}$$

(1 mark)

From part a.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x \log_e(2x) + x$

$$\begin{aligned}\int (2x \log_e(2x) + x) dx &= x^2 \log_e(2x) \\ \int 2x \log_e(2x) dx + \int x dx &= x^2 \log_e(2x) \\ \int 2x \log_e(2x) dx &= x^2 \log_e(2x) - \int x dx \\ &= x^2 \log_e(2x) - \frac{x^2}{2} + c\end{aligned}$$

So average value =  $\left[ x^2 \log_e(2x) - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1$  (1 mark)

$$\begin{aligned}&= \left( \log_e(2) - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left( \frac{1}{4} \log_e(1) - \frac{1}{8} \right) \\ &= \log_e(2) - \frac{1}{2} - 0 + \frac{1}{8} \\ &= \log_e(2) - \frac{3}{8} \\ &= \log_e(2) - \frac{3}{2^3}\end{aligned}$$

(1 mark)

**Question 6 (2 marks)**

$$E(\hat{P}) = p$$

$$\Pr(\hat{P}=0) = \binom{4}{0} p^0 (1-p)^4 = \frac{1}{4}$$

**(1 mark)**

$$1-p = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Since } 0 < p < 1, \quad \text{then } p = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}.$$

**(1 mark)**

**Question 7 (4 marks)**

- a.** Stationary points occur when  $f'(x) = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x + \frac{1}{x-2} \\ &= x + (x-2)^{-1} \\ f'(x) &= 1 - (x-2)^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

We require that  $1 - \frac{1}{(x-2)^2} = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \frac{1}{(x-2)^2} \\ (x-2)^2 &= 1 \\ x-2 &= \pm 1 \\ x &= 1+2 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -1+2 \\ x &= 3 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 1 \end{aligned}$$

**(1 mark)**

$$f(1) = 1 + \frac{1}{-1} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f(3) = 3 + \frac{1}{3-2} = 4$$

The stationary points are  $(1, 0)$  and  $(3, 4)$ . **(1 mark)**

- b. i.** Looking at the stationary points on the graph and using our answers to part **a.**, we note that if the graph of  $f$  is translated by **between** 0 and 4 units downwards, then the graph of  $f$  will not intersect with the  $x$ -axis. Hence there will be no solutions to the equation  $f(x) + c = 0$ . So we require that  $-4 < c < 0$ . **(1 mark)**

**ii.**    Method 1

In order to become the graph of  $y = 1 + f(a - x)$ , the graph of  $y = f(x)$  has been

- reflected in the  $y$ -axis
- translated  $a$  units horizontally (to the left if  $a$  is negative and to the right if  $a$  is positive)
- translated 1 unit vertically upwards

For  $y = 1 + f(a - x)$  to have no  $y$ -intercepts, we require that its vertical asymptote lies on the  $y$ -axis.

The vertical translation has no effect on the horizontal movement of the graph.

The reflection in the  $y$ -axis means that the asymptote of  $x = 2$  will be relocated to become  $x = -2$ .

A translation of 2 units to the right will then place the asymptote on the  $y$ -axis. So we require that  $a = 2$ . **(1 mark)**

Method 2

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 1 + f(a - x) \\ &= 1 + a - x + \frac{1}{a - x - 2} \end{aligned}$$

Substitute  $x = 0$  to get the  $y$ -intercept i.e.

$$y = 1 + a + \frac{1}{a - 2}$$

Since  $1 + a + \frac{1}{a - 2}$  is undefined when  $a = 2$ , the graph can have no  $y$ -intercepts when  $a = 2$ . **(1 mark)**

**Question 8 (7 marks)**

- a. Since the probability density function  $f$  is continuous at  $x=a$ , then

$$e^x - 1 = 6e^{-x} \quad \text{at } x=a \quad \text{(1 mark)}$$

therefore  $e^a - 1 = 6e^{-a}$

$$e^a - 1 - 6e^{-a} = 0$$

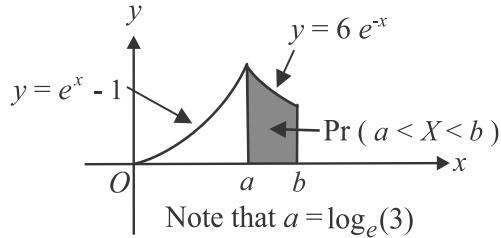
$$e^{2a} - e^a - 6 = 0 \quad (\text{multiply left and right hand sides by } e^a)$$

$$(e^a - 3)(e^a + 2) = 0$$

$e^a = 3$  or  $e^a = -2$  but  $e^a > 0$  so reject this.

So  $a = \log_e(3)$ . (1 mark)

- b. i.  $\Pr(a < X < b) = 1 - \Pr(0 < X < a)$  since  $\Pr(0 < X < b) = 1$



$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(0 < X < a) &= \int_0^{\log_e(3)} (e^x - 1) dx \\ &= [e^x - x]_0^{\log_e(3)} \\ &= (e^{\log_e(3)} - \log_e(3)) - (e^0 - 0) \\ &= 3 - \log_e(3) - 1 \\ &= 2 - \log_e(3)\end{aligned}$$

(1 mark)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So } \Pr(a < X < b) &= 1 - (2 - \log_e(3)) \\ &= \log_e(3) - 1\end{aligned}$$

(1 mark)

**ii.** So  $\int_{\log_e(3)}^b 6e^{-x} dx = \log_e(3) - 1$  (from part b. i.) **(1 mark)**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \int_{\log_e(3)}^b 6e^{-x} dx &= \left[ -6e^{-x} \right]_{\log_e(3)}^b \\ &= (-6e^{-b}) - \left( -6e^{-\log_e(3)} \right) \\ &= (-6e^{-b}) - \left( -6e^{\log_e(3)-1} \right) \\ &= (-6e^{-b}) - \left( -6e^{\log_e\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)} \right) \\ &= (-6e^{-b}) - \left( -6 \times \frac{1}{3} \right) \\ &= (-6e^{-b}) - (-2) \\ &= 2 - 6e^{-b} \end{aligned} \quad \textbf{(1 mark)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } 2 - 6e^{-b} &= \log_e(3) - 1 \\ -6e^{-b} &= \log_e(3) - 3 \\ 6e^{-b} &= 3 - \log_e(3) \\ e^{-b} &= \frac{3 - \log_e(3)}{6} \\ -b &= \log_e\left(\frac{3 - \log_e(3)}{6}\right) \\ b &= -\log_e\left(\frac{3 - \log_e(3)}{6}\right) \\ b &= \log_e\left(\frac{6}{3 - \log_e(3)}\right) \end{aligned} \quad \textbf{(1 mark)}$$

**Question 9 (8 marks)**

- a.  $x$ -intercepts occur when  $y=0$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sqrt{3-x} \\ x &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$A$  is the point  $(3, 0)$ .

- $y$ -intercepts occur when  $x=0$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \sqrt{3-0} \\ &= \sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

$B$  is the point  $(0, \sqrt{3})$ . **(1 mark)**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{gradient} &= \frac{\sqrt{3}-0}{0-3} \\ &= -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Using the coordinates of point  $A$ ,  $y-0=-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}(x-3)$

$$y = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}x + \sqrt{3} **(1 mark)**$$

- b. Method 1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{area} &= \int_0^3 \left( \sqrt{3-x} - \left( -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}x + \sqrt{3} \right) \right) dx \\ &= \int_0^3 \left( \left( (3-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}x - \sqrt{3} \right) dx \\ &= \left[ -\frac{2}{3}(3-x)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}x^2 - \sqrt{3}x \right]_0^3 \\ &= \left( 0 + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - 3\sqrt{3} \right) - \left( -\frac{2}{3} \times 3\sqrt{3} + 0 - 0 \right) \quad \text{since } 3^{\frac{3}{2}} = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3} \\ &= \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - 3\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{3} \\ &= \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - \sqrt{3} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ square units} \end{aligned} **(1 mark)**$$

Method 2 – using  $\Delta AOB$

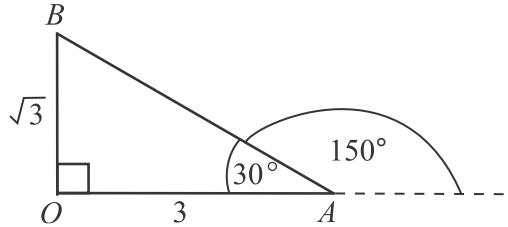
$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{area} &= \int_0^3 \sqrt{3-x} dx - \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times \sqrt{3} \\
 &= \int_0^3 (3-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 &= \left[ -\frac{2}{3}(3-x)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_0^3 - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 &= (0) - \left( -\frac{2}{3} \times 3^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{2}{3} \times 3\sqrt{3} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \text{i.e. } 3^{\frac{3}{2}} = \sqrt{27} = 3\sqrt{3} \\
 &= 2\sqrt{3} - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ square units}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1 mark}$$

c.  $f(x) = \sqrt{3-x}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (3-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 f'(x) &= \frac{1}{2}(3-x)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times -1 \quad (\text{chain rule}) \\
 &= \frac{-1}{2\sqrt{3-x}}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1 mark}$$

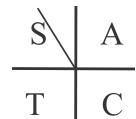
d. In  $\Delta ABO$ ,  $\tan(\angle BAO) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$

$$\angle BAO = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 30^\circ$$



So the line  $AB$  makes an angle of  $150^\circ$  with the positive direction of the  $x$ -axis. When  $\theta = 30^\circ$ , the tangent to  $f$  at  $P$  makes an angle of  $120^\circ$  with the positive direction of the  $x$ -axis.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \tan(120^\circ) \\
 &= -\sqrt{3} \quad (\tan \text{ is negative in the second quadrant})
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{1 mark}$$



Solve  $\frac{-1}{2\sqrt{3-x}} = -\sqrt{3}$  for  $x$  (using our result to part **c.**)

$$\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3-x}$$

$$\frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} = 3-x$$

$$x = 3 - \frac{1}{12}$$

$$x = \frac{35}{12}$$

**(1 mark)**

$$f\left(\frac{35}{12}\right) = \sqrt{3 - \frac{35}{12}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{12}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$P$  is the point  $\left(\frac{35}{12}, \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}\right)$  or  $\left(\frac{35}{12}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}\right)$ .

**(1 mark)**