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A Level Mathematics A

H240/03 Pure Mathematics and Mechanics

Practice Paper – Set 1

Time allowed: 2 hours

You must have:

- Printed Answer Booklet

You may use:

- a scientific or graphical calculator

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink. HB pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Complete the boxes provided on the Printed Answer Booklet with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- **Write your answer to each question in the space provided in the Printed Answer Booklet.** If additional space is required, you should use the lined page(s) at the end of the Printed Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.
- You are permitted to use a scientific or graphical calculator in this paper.
- Final answers should be given to a degree of accuracy appropriate to the context.
- The acceleration due to gravity is denoted by $g \text{ m s}^{-2}$. Unless otherwise instructed, when a numerical value is needed, use $g = 9.8$.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **100**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- **You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.**
- The Printed Answer Booklet consists of **16** pages. The Question Paper consists of **8** pages.

Formulae

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Arithmetic series

$$S_n = \frac{1}{2}n(a + l) = \frac{1}{2}n\{2a + (n-1)d\}$$

Geometric series

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} \quad \text{for } |r| < 1$$

Binomial series

$$(a+b)^n = a^n + {}^nC_1 a^{n-1}b + {}^nC_2 a^{n-2}b^2 + \dots + {}^nC_r a^{n-r}b^r + \dots + b^n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$\text{where } {}^nC_r = {}_nC_r = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots + \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}x^r + \dots \quad (|x| < 1, n \in \mathbb{R})$$

Differentiation

$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
$\tan kx$	$k \sec^2 kx$
$\sec x$	$\sec x \tan x$
$\cot x$	$-\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$
$\operatorname{cosec} x$	$-\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x$

$$\text{Quotient rule } y = \frac{u}{v}, \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

Differentiation from first principles

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

Integration

$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln|f(x)| + c$$

$$\int f'(x)(f(x))^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1}(f(x))^{n+1} + c$$

$$\text{Integration by parts } \int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx$$

Small angle approximations

$$\sin \theta \approx \theta, \quad \cos \theta \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2, \quad \tan \theta \approx \theta \quad \text{where } \theta \text{ is measured in radians}$$

Trigonometric identities

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B} \quad \left(A \pm B \neq \left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)\pi\right)$$

Numerical methods

Trapezium rule: $\int_a^b y \, dx \approx \frac{1}{2}h\{(y_0 + y_n) + 2(y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_{n-1})\}$, where $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$

The Newton-Raphson iteration for solving $f(x) = 0$: $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$

Probability

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B|A) = P(B)P(A|B) \quad \text{or} \quad P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

Standard deviation

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^2}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x^2}{n} - \bar{x}^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt{\frac{\sum f(x-\bar{x})^2}{\sum f}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum fx^2}{\sum f} - \bar{x}^2}$$

The binomial distribution

If $X \sim B(n, p)$ then $P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$, Mean of X is np , Variance of X is $np(1-p)$

Hypothesis test for the mean of a normal distribution

If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ then $\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$ and $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$

Percentage points of the normal distribution

If Z has a normal distribution with mean 0 and variance 1 then, for each value of p , the table gives the value of z such that $P(Z \leq z) = p$.

p	0.75	0.90	0.95	0.975	0.99	0.995	0.9975	0.999	0.9995
z	0.674	1.282	1.645	1.960	2.326	2.576	2.807	3.090	3.291

Kinematics

Motion in a straight line

$$v = u + at$$

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$s = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

Motion in two dimensions

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{a}t$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{u}t + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}t^2$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v})t$$

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{v}t - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}t^2$$

Section A: Pure Mathematics

Answer **all** the questions**1 In this question you must show detailed reasoning.**

Find the gradient of the curve $y = 3 \cos 2x$ at the point where $x = \frac{1}{8}\pi$. [4]

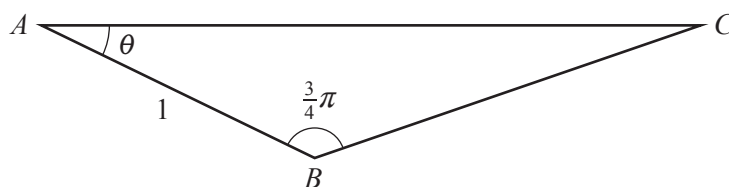
2 (i) Express $4 \cos \theta + 3 \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta - \alpha)$, where $R > 0$ and $0^\circ < \alpha < 90^\circ$. [3]

The temperature $\theta^\circ\text{C}$ of a building at time t hours after midday is modelled using the equation

$$\theta = 20 + 4 \cos(15t)^\circ + 3 \sin(15t)^\circ, \text{ for } 0 \leq t < 24.$$

(ii) Find the minimum temperature of the building as given by this model. [1]

(iii) Find also the time of day when this minimum temperature occurs. [3]

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The diagram shows triangle ABC , in which angle $A = \theta$ radians, angle $B = \frac{3}{4}\pi$ radians and $AB = 1$ unit.

(i) Use the sine rule to show that $AC = \frac{1}{\cos \theta - \sin \theta}$. [3]

(ii) Given that θ is a small angle, use the result in part **(i)** to show that

$$AC \approx 1 + p\theta + q\theta^2,$$

where p and q are constants to be determined. [4]

4 In this question you must show detailed reasoning.

It is given that the geometric series

$$1 + \frac{5}{3x-4} + \left(\frac{5}{3x-4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{5}{3x-4}\right)^3 + \dots$$

is convergent.

(i) Find the set of possible values of x , giving your answer in set notation. [5]

(ii) Given that the sum to infinity of the series is $\frac{2}{3}$, find the value of x . [3]

- 5 (i) By sketching the graphs of $y = \frac{5}{x^2}$ and $y = |2 - 4x|$ on a single diagram, show that the equation

$$\frac{5}{x^2} = |2 - 4x| \quad (\text{A})$$

has exactly two real roots.

[3]

- (ii) Show that the positive root α of equation (A) satisfies the equation $f(x) = 0$, where

$$f(x) = 4x^3 - 2x^2 - 5. \quad [1]$$

- (iii) Hence show that a Newton-Raphson iterative formula for finding α can be written in the form

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{8x_n^3 - 2x_n^2 + 5}{12x_n^2 - 4x_n}. \quad [3]$$

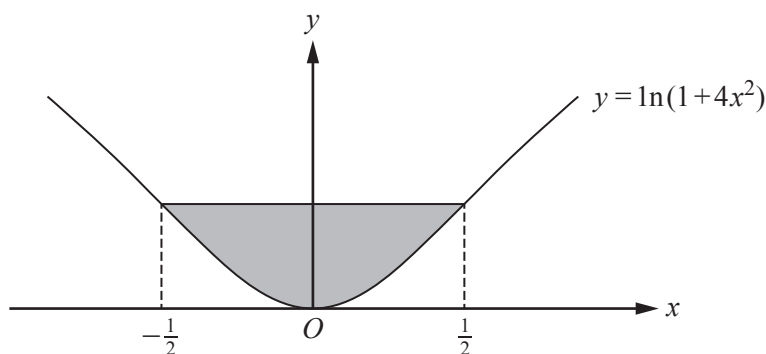
- (iv) Use this iterative formula, with initial value $x_1 = 1$, to find the value of α correct to 3 decimal places. Show the result of each iteration. [3]

A student claims that the iterative formula from part (iii) can be used to find the negative root of equation (A) provided that a suitable initial value is chosen.

- (v) Explain why the student's claim is incorrect.

[1]

- 6 (i) Show that the two non-stationary points of inflection on the curve $y = \ln(1 + 4x^2)$ are at $x = \pm \frac{1}{2}$. [6]



The diagram shows the curve $y = \ln(1 + 4x^2)$. The shaded region is bounded by the curve and a line parallel to the x -axis which meets the curve where $x = \frac{1}{2}$ and $x = -\frac{1}{2}$.

- (ii) Show that the area of the shaded region is given by

$$\int_0^{\ln 2} \sqrt{e^y - 1} \, dy. \quad [3]$$

- (iii) Show that the substitution $e^y = \sec^2 \theta$ transforms the integral in part (ii) to $\int_0^{\frac{1}{4}\pi} 2 \tan^2 \theta \, d\theta$. [2]

- (iv) Hence find the exact area of the shaded region. [3]

Section B: Mechanics
Answer **all** the questions

- 7 A monorail train travels along a straight horizontal track from station A to station B . The train accelerates uniformly from rest at A to a maximum speed of 30 ms^{-1} then travels at this speed for 90 seconds before slowing down uniformly to come to rest at B . The acceleration of the train is $a \text{ ms}^{-2}$, the deceleration is $2a \text{ ms}^{-2}$ and the time for the whole journey is 3 minutes.
- (i) Sketch the velocity-time graph for the journey. [2]
- (ii) Calculate the distance between the two stations. [2]
- (iii) Calculate the value of a . [3]
- 8 A particle P of mass 3 kg moves under the action of a force $\begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ N}$. Initially P has velocity $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ ms}^{-1}$ and is at the point with position vector $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ m}$. At time t seconds later, P has velocity $\mathbf{v} \text{ ms}^{-1}$.
- (i) Express \mathbf{v} in terms of t . [2]
- (ii) Find the value of t when the speed of P reaches 5 ms^{-1} . [3]
- (iii) Find the position vector of P when $t = 2$. [2]
- 9 A boy kicks a ball from a point O on horizontal ground. The ball first hits the ground at a distance of 60 m from O and the time of flight is 4 seconds. This motion of the ball is modelled as that of a particle moving freely under gravity.
- (i) Find the horizontal and vertical components of the initial velocity of the ball. [3]
- The ball just clears a vertical post, of height $h \text{ m}$, at a horizontal distance of 15 m from O .
- (ii) Show that $h = 14.7$. [2]
- (iii) Find the speed of the ball as it passes over the post. [4]
- Measurements show that the speed of the ball as it passes over the post is in fact not equal to the value found in part (iii).
- (iv) State a deficiency of the model that might account for this. [1]
- (v) Explain whether an improved model would require a larger or smaller initial speed for the ball. [1]

- 10** A particle P of weight W lies on the surface of a rough plane which is inclined at an angle α to the horizontal, where $\tan \alpha = \frac{4}{3}$. The coefficient of friction between the particle and the plane is $\frac{1}{2}$. A horizontal force of magnitude H is applied to P . This force acts in the vertical plane through a line of greatest slope. It is given that H is the greatest value for which P remains in equilibrium.

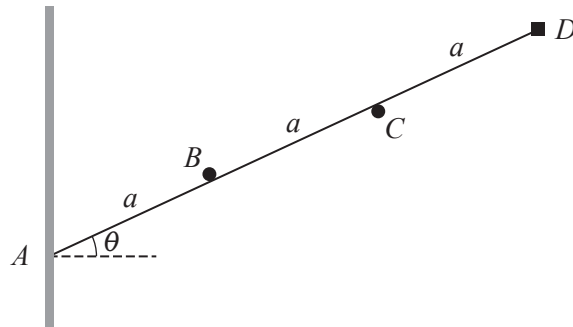
(i) Indicate on a diagram the forces acting on P . [1]

(ii) Show that $H = \frac{11}{2}W$. [5]

The horizontal force acting on P is now removed.

(iii) Find the acceleration of P in terms of g . [4]

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A thin light rod AD has length $3a$. The end A is in contact with a smooth vertical wall which is perpendicular to the vertical plane containing the rod. The rod carries a load of weight W at the end D . The rod is held in equilibrium by two fixed smooth pegs B and C , where $AB = BC = CD = a$. The rod passes under peg B and over peg C , and makes an angle θ with the horizontal (see diagram).

(i) (a) Show that the normal contact force at C may be expressed as $W\left(\frac{3\cos^2\theta - 1}{\cos\theta}\right)$. [5]

(b) Find the normal contact force at B in terms of W and θ . [1]

(ii) Hence show that the value of θ is at most 35.3° , correct to 3 significant figures. [2]

(iii) Show that it is not possible for the magnitude of the reaction at A to equal the magnitude of the reaction at C . [6]

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