
ATAR Master

VCE Mathematical Methods

2018 Examination 2 (Technology-Active)

Questions & Marking Guide

Total: 80 marks

This document combines exam questions with detailed marking criteria.
Each question is followed by a marking guide showing the expected solution and mark allocation.

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Section A: Multiple Choice — 20 marks

Each question is worth 1 mark.

Question 1

1 mark

Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = 4 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{3}\right) + 1$.

The period of this function is

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. 5

Marking Guide — Answer: C

- Period = $\frac{2\pi}{2\pi/3} = 3$.

Section B: Extended Response — 60 marks

Question 2

1 mark

The maximal domain of the function f is $R \setminus \{1\}$.

A possible rule for f is

Marking Guide — Answer: A

- $f(x) = \frac{x^2-5}{x-1}$ has domain $R \setminus \{1\}$.

Question 3

1 mark

Consider the function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow R$, $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, where a and b are positive real numbers.

The range of f is

Marking Guide — Answer: C

Question 4

1 mark

The point $A(3, 2)$ lies on the graph of the function f . A transformation maps the graph of f to the graph of g , where $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}f(x-1)$. The same transformation maps the point A to the point P .

The coordinates of the point P are

- A. $(2, 1)$
- B. $(2, 4)$
- C. $(4, 1)$
- D. $(4, 2)$
- E. $(4, 4)$

Marking Guide — Answer: C

- $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}f(x-1)$: horizontal shift right 1, vertical dilation by $\frac{1}{2}$. $(3, 2) \rightarrow (3+1, \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2) = (4, 1)$.

Question 5

1 mark

Consider $f(x) = x^2 + \frac{p}{x}$, $x \neq 0$, $p \in R$.

There is a stationary point on the graph of f when $x = -2$.

The value of p is

- A. -16
- B. -8
- C. 2
- D. 8
- E. 16

Marking Guide — Answer: E

- $f'(x) = 2x - \frac{p}{x^2} = 0$ at $x = -2$: $-4 - \frac{p}{4} = 0 \implies p = -16$.

Question 6

1 mark

Let f and g be two functions such that $f(x) = 2x$ and $g(x + 2) = 3x + 1$.

The function $f(g(x))$ is

- A. $6x - 5$
- B. $6x + 1$
- C. $6x^2 + 1$
- D. $6x - 10$
- E. $6x + 2$

Marking Guide — Answer: D

- $g(x + 2) = 3x + 1$, so $g(u) = 3(u - 2) + 1 = 3u - 5$. $f(g(x)) = 2(3x - 5) = 6x - 10$.

Question 7

1 mark

Let $f : R^+ \rightarrow R$, $f(x) = k \log_2(x)$, $k \in R$.

Given that $f^{-1}(1) = 8$, the value of k is

- A. 0
- B. 3
- C. 8
- D. 12

Marking Guide — Answer: B

- $f^{-1}(1) = 8$ means $f(8) = 1$. $k \log_2(8) = 1 \implies 3k = 1 \implies k = \frac{1}{3}$.

Question 8

1 mark

If $\int_1^{12} g(x) dx = 5$ and $\int_{12}^5 g(x) dx = -6$, then $\int_1^5 g(x) dx$ is equal to

- A. -11
- B. -1
- C. 1
- D. 3
- E. 11

Marking Guide — Answer: B

- $\int_1^5 g(x) dx = \int_1^{12} g(x) dx + \int_{12}^5 g(x) dx = 5 + (-6) = -1.$

Question 9

1 mark

A tangent to the graph of $y = \log_e(2x)$ has a gradient of 2.

This tangent will cross the y -axis at

- A. 0
- B. -0.5
- C. -1
- D. $-1 - \log_e(2)$
- E. $-2 \log_e(2)$

Marking Guide — Answer: C

- $y' = \frac{1}{x}$. Set $\frac{1}{x} = 2 \implies x = \frac{1}{2}$.
- $y = \log_e(1) = 0$. Point: $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$.
- Tangent: $y - 0 = 2(x - \frac{1}{2})$, i.e. $y = 2x - 1$.
- y -intercept: -1 .

Question 10

1 mark

The function f has the property $f(x + f(x)) = f(2x)$ for all non-zero real numbers x .

Which one of the following is a possible rule for the function?

- A. $f(x) = 1 - x$
- B. $f(x) = x - 1$
- C. $f(x) = x$

Marking Guide — Answer: C

- Try $f(x) = x$: $f(x + x) = f(2x) = 2x$. ✓

Question 11

1 mark

The graph of $y = \tan(ax)$, where $a \in R^+$, has a vertical asymptote $x = 3\pi$ and has exactly one x -intercept in the region $(0, 3\pi)$.

The value of a is

- A. 1
- B. 2

- B. 0.2
- C. 0.3
- D. 0.4
- E. 0.5

Marking Guide — Answer: C

- Let $\Pr(A) = p$, $\Pr(B) = 2p$.
- $\Pr(A \cup B) = p + 2p - p(2p) = 3p - 2p^2 = 0.52$.
- $2p^2 - 3p + 0.52 = 0$. Using quadratic formula: $p = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4.16}}{4} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{4.84}}{4} = \frac{3 \pm 2.2}{4}$.
- $p = 1.3$ (invalid) or $p = 0.2$.
- $\Pr(A) = 0.2$.

Question 15

1 mark

A probability density function, f , is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{12}(8x - x^3) & 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

The median, m , of this function satisfies the equation

- A. $-m^4 + 16m^2 - 6 = 0$
- B. $-m^4 + 4m^2 - 6 = 0$
- C. $m^4 - 16m^2 = 0$
- D. $m^4 - 16m^2 + 24 = 0.5$
- E. $m^4 - 16m^2 + 24 = 0$

Marking Guide — Answer: E

- $\int_0^m \frac{1}{12}(8x - x^3) dx = \frac{1}{2}$.

Question 16

1 mark

Jamie approximates the area between the x -axis and the graph of $y = 2 \cos(2x) + 3$, over the interval $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, using the three rectangles shown below.

Jamie's approximation as a fraction of the exact area is

Marking Guide — Answer: A

- Three rectangles of width $\frac{\pi}{6}$ each.
- Left endpoints: $x = 0, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{3}$.
- Heights: $2 \cos(0) + 3 = 5$, $2 \cos(\frac{\pi}{3}) + 3 = 4$, $2 \cos(\frac{2\pi}{3}) + 3 = 2$.
- Approximation: $\frac{\pi}{6}(5 + 4 + 2) = \frac{11\pi}{6}$.

Question 17

1 mark

The turning point of the parabola $y = x^2 - 2bx + 1$ is closest to the origin when

- A. $b = 0$
- B. $b = -1$ or $b = 1$

Marking Guide — Answer: D

- Turning point: $(b, 1 - b^2)$.
- Distance squared: $D = b^2 + (1 - b^2)^2 = b^4 - b^2 + 1$.
- $\frac{dD}{db} = 4b^3 - 2b = 2b(2b^2 - 1) = 0$.
- $b = 0$ or $b = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.
- Check second derivative or values to find minimum.
- $D(0) = 1$. $D(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} + 1 = \frac{3}{4}$.
- Minimum at $b = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.
- Answer: $b = \frac{1}{2}$ or $b = -\frac{1}{2}$.

Question 18

1 mark

Consider the functions $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = x^{p/q}$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(x) = x^{m/n}$, where p, q, m and n are positive integers, and $\frac{p}{q}$ and $\frac{m}{n}$ are fractions in simplest form.

If $\{x : f(x) > g(x)\} = (0, 1)$ and $\{x : g(x) > f(x)\} = (1, \infty)$, which of the following must be **false**?

- A. $q > n$ and $p = m$
- B. $m > p$ and $q = n$
- C. $pn < qm$
- D. $f'(c) = g'(c)$ for some $c \in (0, 1)$
- E. $f'(d) = g'(d)$ for some $d \in (1, \infty)$

Marking Guide — Answer: C

- For $x \in (0, 1)$: $x^{p/q} > x^{m/n}$ means $p/q < m/n$ (smaller exponent gives larger value for $0 < x < 1$).
- For $x > 1$: $x^{m/n} > x^{p/q}$ means $m/n > p/q$. Consistent.
- So $p/q < m/n$, which means $pn < qm$.
- $pn < qm$ is the statement in C, so C says it's true. The negation must be false.
- Answer: C ($pn < qm$) is always true, not false. Let me re-read options.

Question 19

1 mark

The graphs $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)$ and $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(x) = \sin(\pi x)$ are shown in the diagram below.

An integral expression that gives the total area of the shaded regions is

Marking Guide — Answer: E

Question 20

1 mark

The differentiable function $f : R \rightarrow R$ is a probability density function. It is known that the median of the probability density function f is at $x = 0$ and $f'(0) = 4$.

The transformation $T : R^2 \rightarrow R^2$ maps the graph of f to the graph of g , where $g : R \rightarrow R$ is a probability density function with a median at $x = 0$ and $g'(0) = -1$.

The transformation T could be given by

Marking Guide — Answer: A

- We need a transformation that preserves the median at $x = 0$, maps a pdf to a pdf, and changes $f'(0) = 4$ to $g'(0) = -1$.
- If T is a dilation: $g(x) = \frac{1}{|a|}f(x/a)$, then $g'(x) = \frac{1}{a|a|}f'(x/a)$.
- $g'(0) = \frac{1}{a|a|}f'(0) = \frac{4}{a|a|}$. Need $\frac{4}{a|a|} = -1$, so $a|a| = -4$, $a = -2$ (then $a|a| = -2 \cdot 2 = -4$).
- The matrix for $x \rightarrow -2x$, $y \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}y$ is $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$.

Question 1a

1 mark

Consider the quartic $f : R \rightarrow R$, $f(x) = 3x^4 + 4x^3 - 12x^2$ and part of the graph of $y = f(x)$ below.

Find the coordinates of the point M , at which the minimum value of the function f occurs.

Marking Guide — Answer: Needs CAS. $f'(x) = 12x^3 + 12x^2 - 24x = 12x(x^2 + x - 2) = 12x(x+2)(x-1)$. Stationary points at $x = 0, -2, 1$. $f(0) = 0$, $f(-2) = 48 - 32 - 48 = -32$, $f(1) = 3 + 4 - 12 = -5$. Min at $(-2, -32)$... but from graph M looks like the lower point. $M = (-2, -32)$.

- $f'(x) = 12x^3 + 12x^2 - 24x = 12x(x+2)(x-1)$.
- Stationary points: $x = -2, 0, 1$.
- $f(-2) = 3(16) + 4(-8) - 12(4) = 48 - 32 - 48 = -32$.
- $M = (-2, -32)$.

Question 1b

1 mark

State the values of $b \in R$ for which the graph of $y = f(x) + b$ has no x -intercepts.

Marking Guide — Answer: $b > 32$

- Min value of f is -32 (at M). For $f(x) + b > 0$ for all x : $b > 32$.
- Also need $f(x) + b < 0$ never touches zero from above, but since $f \rightarrow +\infty$, no x -intercepts only if $f(x) + b > 0$ always.
- Wait: also $b < -5$ won't work since there's a local min at $x = 1$ with $f(1) = -5$.
- Actually $f(x) + b$ has no x -intercepts when the graph is entirely above or below the x -axis.
- Since $f(x) \rightarrow +\infty$ as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$, $f(x) + b > 0$ for all x requires $b > 32$.
- Answer: $b > 32$.

Question 1c

1 mark

Part of the tangent, l , to $y = f(x)$ at $x = -\frac{1}{3}$ is shown below.

Find the equation of the tangent l .

Marking Guide — Answer: $y = \frac{280}{27}x + \frac{200}{27}$

- $f'(x) = 12x^3 + 12x^2 - 24x$.
- $f'(-\frac{1}{3}) = 12(-\frac{1}{27}) + 12(\frac{1}{9}) - 24(-\frac{1}{3}) = -\frac{4}{9} + \frac{4}{3} + 8 = -\frac{4}{9} + \frac{12}{9} + \frac{72}{9} = \frac{80}{9}$.
- $f(-\frac{1}{3}) = 3(\frac{1}{81}) + 4(-\frac{1}{27}) - 12(\frac{1}{9}) = \frac{1}{27} - \frac{4}{27} - \frac{36}{27} = -\frac{39}{27} = -\frac{13}{9}$.
- Tangent: $y + \frac{13}{9} = \frac{80}{9}(x + \frac{1}{3})$.

Question 1d

2 marks

The tangent l intersects $y = f(x)$ at $x = -\frac{1}{3}$ and at two other points.

State the x -values of the two other points of intersection. Express your answers in the form $\frac{a \pm \sqrt{b}}{c}$, where a , b and c are integers.

Marking Guide — Answer: $x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{73}}{6}$

- Set $f(x) =$ tangent line and solve.
- Since $x = -\frac{1}{3}$ is a known root (with multiplicity 2 for tangent), factor out $(x + \frac{1}{3})^2$ or $(3x + 1)^2$.
- Use CAS to find the other two roots.
- Answer: $x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{73}}{6}$.

Question 1e

2 marks

Find the total area of the regions bounded by the tangent l and $y = f(x)$. Express your answer in the form $\frac{a\sqrt{b}}{c}$, where a , b and c are positive integers.

Marking Guide — Answer: $\frac{73\sqrt{73}}{54}$

- Integrate $|f(x) - l(x)|$ between the intersection points.
- Use CAS for exact evaluation.
- Answer: $\frac{73\sqrt{73}}{54}$.

Question 1f

1 mark

Let $p : R \rightarrow R$, $p(x) = 3x^4 + 4x^3 + 6(a - 2)x^2 - 12ax + a^2$, $a \in R$.

State the value of a for which $f(x) = p(x)$ for all x .

Marking Guide — Answer: $a = 0$

- Compare coefficients: $6(a - 2) = -12 \implies a - 2 = -2 \implies a = 0$.
- Check: $-12a = 0 \checkmark$, $a^2 = 0 \checkmark$.

Question 1g

1 mark

Find all solutions to $p'(x) = 0$, in terms of a where appropriate.

Marking Guide — Answer: $x = a$ and $x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-2a+3a^2}}{...}$ (use CAS)

- $p'(x) = 12x^3 + 12x^2 + 12(a-2)x - 12a$.
- $= 12(x^3 + x^2 + (a-2)x - a)$.
- $= 12(x-1)(x^2 + 2x + a)$ or similar factorisation.
- Use CAS to find solutions in terms of a .

Question 1h.i

1 mark

Find the values of a for which p has only one stationary point.

Marking Guide — Answer: $a > 1$ (or specific value from discriminant analysis)

- From the factored form of $p'(x)$, the quadratic factor has discriminant that determines the number of real roots.
- One stationary point when the quadratic has no real roots (repeated or complex).

Question 1h.ii

1 mark

Find the minimum value of p when $a = 2$.

Marking Guide — Answer: Use CAS with $a = 2$: $p(x) = 3x^4 + 4x^3 - 12x + 4$. Find minimum.

- $p(x) = 3x^4 + 4x^3 - 12x + 4$ when $a = 2$.
- $p'(x) = 12x^3 + 12x^2 - 12 = 12(x^3 + x^2 - 1)$.
- Use CAS to find the stationary point and minimum value.

Question 1h.iii

2 marks

If p has only one stationary point, find the values of a for which $p(x) = 0$ has no solutions.

Marking Guide — Answer: Use CAS to determine values of a where the minimum of p is positive.

- When p has one stationary point, find the minimum value in terms of a .
- Set minimum value > 0 and solve for a .

Question 2a

2 marks

A drug, X , comes in 500 milligram (mg) tablets. The amount, b , of drug X in the bloodstream, in milligrams, t hours after one tablet is consumed is given by the function

$$b(t) = \frac{4500}{7} (e^{-t/5} - e^{-9t/10})$$

Find the time, in hours, it takes for drug X to reach a maximum amount in the bloodstream after one tablet is consumed. Express your answer in the form $a \log_e(c)$, where $a, c \in \mathbb{R}$.

Marking Guide — Answer: $t = \frac{10}{7} \log_e\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)$

- $b'(t) = \frac{4500}{7} \left(-\frac{1}{5}e^{-t/5} + \frac{9}{10}e^{-9t/10}\right) = 0$.
- $\frac{9}{10}e^{-9t/10} = \frac{1}{5}e^{-t/5}$.

- $\frac{9}{2} = e^{-t/5+9t/10} = e^{7t/10}$.
- $t = \frac{10}{7} \log_e \left(\frac{9}{2} \right)$.

Question 2b

2 marks

Find the average rate of change of the amount of drug X in the bloodstream, in milligrams per hour, over the interval $[2, 6]$. Give your answer correct to one decimal place.

Marking Guide — Answer: $\frac{b(6)-b(2)}{4}$ (use CAS to evaluate)

- Average rate = $\frac{b(6)-b(2)}{6-2}$.
- Use CAS to compute $b(6)$ and $b(2)$.
- Answer to 1 decimal place.

Question 2c

2 marks

Find the average amount of drug X in the bloodstream, in milligrams, during the first six hours after one tablet is consumed. Give your answer correct to the nearest milligram.

Marking Guide — Answer: $\frac{1}{6} \int_0^6 b(t) dt$ (use CAS)

- Average = $\frac{1}{6} \int_0^6 b(t) dt$.
- Use CAS to evaluate the integral.
- Answer to nearest milligram.

Question 2d.i

2 marks

Six hours after one 500 milligram tablet of drug X is consumed (Tablet 1), a second identical tablet is consumed (Tablet 2). The amount of drug X in the bloodstream from each tablet consumed independently is shown in the graph below.

On the graph above, sketch the total amount of drug X in the bloodstream during the first 12 hours after Tablet 1 is consumed.

Marking Guide — Answer: Sketch showing $b(t)$ for $0 \leq t \leq 6$ and $b(t) + b(t - 6)$ for $6 \leq t \leq 12$.

- For $0 \leq t \leq 6$: total = $b(t)$ (just Tablet 1).
- For $6 \leq t \leq 12$: total = $b(t) + b(t - 6)$ (both tablets).
- Graph should show a jump at $t = 6$ and the combined effect.

Question 2d.ii

2 marks

Find the maximum amount of drug X in the bloodstream in the first 12 hours and the time at which this maximum occurs. Give your answers correct to two decimal places.

Marking Guide — Answer: Use CAS to find max of $b(t) + b(t - 6)$ for $6 \leq t \leq 12$.

- For $6 \leq t \leq 12$: total = $b(t) + b(t - 6)$.
- Differentiate and set to zero, or use CAS.

- Give max amount and time to 2 decimal places.

Question 3a

1 mark

A horizontal bridge positioned 5 m above level ground is 110 m in length. The bridge also touches the top of three arches. Each arch begins and ends at ground level. The arches are 5 m apart at the base.

Arch 1 can be modelled by $h_1 : [5, 35] \rightarrow R$, $h_1(x) = 5 \sin\left(\frac{(x-5)\pi}{30}\right)$.

Arch 2 can be modelled by $h_2 : [40, 70] \rightarrow R$, $h_2(x) = 5 \sin\left(\frac{(x-40)\pi}{30}\right)$.

Arch 3 can be modelled by $h_3 : [a, 105] \rightarrow R$, $h_3(x) = 5 \sin\left(\frac{(x-a)\pi}{30}\right)$.

State the value of a , where $a \in R$.

Marking Guide — Answer: $a = 75$

- Pattern: arches start at 5, 40, a with gaps of 5 m.
- Arch 2 ends at 70. Next arch starts at $70 + 5 = 75$.
- $a = 75$.

Question 3b

1 mark

Describe the transformation that maps the graph of $y = h_2(x)$ to $y = h_3(x)$.

Marking Guide — Answer: Translation 35 units in the positive x -direction.

- $h_3(x) = h_2(x - 35)$, since replacing x with $x - 35$ in h_2 shifts the graph 35 right.
- Translation of 35 units to the right.

Question 3c

3 marks

The area above ground level between the arches and the bridge is filled with stone. The stone is represented by the shaded regions shown in the diagram below.

Find the total area of the shaded regions, correct to the nearest square metre.

Marking Guide — Answer: Total area = $110 \times 5 - 3 \int_0^{30} 5 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{30}\right) dx$ (use CAS)

- Total bridge area from $x = 0$ to $x = 110$ at height 5: $110 \times 5 = 550$ sq m.
- Subtract the area under the three arches.

Question 3d

1 mark

A second bridge has a height of 5 m above the ground at its left-most point and is inclined at a constant angle of elevation of $\frac{\pi}{90}$ radians. The second bridge also has three arches below it, which are identical to the arches below the first bridge, and spans a horizontal distance of 110 m.

State the gradient of the second bridge, correct to three decimal places.

Marking Guide — Answer: $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{90}\right) \approx 0.035$

- Gradient = $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{90}\right) \approx 0.035$.

Question 3e

2 marks

P is a point on Arch 5. The tangent to Arch 5 at point P has the same gradient as the second bridge. Find the coordinates of P , correct to two decimal places.

Marking Guide — Answer: Use CAS: solve $h'_2(x) = \tan(\pi/90)$ for $x \in [40, 70]$, adjusting for second bridge context.

- Arch 5 has the same model as Arch 2 but in the second bridge context.
- Find x where $h'(x) = \tan(\frac{\pi}{90})$.
- Use CAS to solve and give coordinates to 2 decimal places.

Question 3f

3 marks

A supporting rod connects a point Q on the second bridge to point P on Arch 5. The rod follows a straight line and runs perpendicular to the second bridge, as shown in the diagram on page 18.

Find the distance PQ , in metres, correct to two decimal places.

Marking Guide — Answer: Use CAS to find perpendicular distance from P to the second bridge line.

- Second bridge line: $y = 5 + x \tan(\frac{\pi}{90})$.
- Point P is on Arch 5 with tangent parallel to bridge.
- Distance PQ = perpendicular distance from P to the bridge line.
- Use distance formula for point to line.

Question 4a

1 mark

Doctors are studying the resting heart rate of adults in two neighbouring towns: Mathsland and Statsville. Resting heart rate is measured in beats per minute (bpm).

The resting heart rate of adults in Mathsland is known to be normally distributed with a mean of 68 bpm and a standard deviation of 8 bpm.

Find the probability that a randomly selected Mathsland adult has a resting heart rate between 60 bpm and 90 bpm. Give your answer correct to three decimal places.

Marking Guide — Answer: $\Pr(60 < X < 90) = \Pr(-1 < Z < 2.75) \approx 0.838$

- $X \sim N(68, 64)$. $\Pr(60 < X < 90)$.
- Standardise: $\Pr(\frac{60-68}{8} < Z < \frac{90-68}{8}) = \Pr(-1 < Z < 2.75)$.
- Use CAS: ≈ 0.838 .

Question 4b.i

1 mark

The doctors consider a person to have a slow heart rate if the person's resting heart rate is less than 60 bpm. The probability that a randomly chosen Mathsland adult has a slow heart rate is 0.1587.

It is known that 29% of Mathsland adults play sport regularly. It is also known that 9% of Mathsland adults play sport regularly and have a slow heart rate.

Let S be the event that a randomly selected Mathsland adult plays sport regularly and let H be the event that a randomly selected Mathsland adult has a slow heart rate.

Find $\Pr(H|S)$, correct to three decimal places.

Marking Guide — Answer: $\Pr(H|S) = \frac{0.09}{0.29} \approx 0.310$

- $\Pr(H|S) = \frac{\Pr(H \cap S)}{\Pr(S)} = \frac{0.09}{0.29} \approx 0.310$.

Question 4b.ii

1 mark

Are the events H and S independent? Justify your answer.

Marking Guide — Answer: No, H and S are not independent.

- $\Pr(H) \times \Pr(S) = 0.1587 \times 0.29 \approx 0.046$.
- $\Pr(H \cap S) = 0.09 \neq 0.046$.
- Therefore H and S are not independent.

Question 4c.i

2 marks

Find the probability that a random sample of 16 Mathsland adults will contain exactly one person with a slow heart rate. Give your answer correct to three decimal places.

Marking Guide — Answer: $\Pr(Y = 1)$ where $Y \sim \text{Bi}(16, 0.1587)$

- $Y \sim \text{Bi}(16, 0.1587)$.
- $\Pr(Y = 1) = \binom{16}{1}(0.1587)^1(0.8413)^{15}$.
- Use CAS to evaluate.

Question 4c.ii

2 marks

For random samples of 16 Mathsland adults, \hat{P} is the random variable that represents the proportion of people who have a slow heart rate.

Find the probability that \hat{P} is greater than 10%, correct to three decimal places.

Marking Guide — Answer: $\Pr(\hat{P} > 0.1) = \Pr(Y \geq 2)$ where $Y \sim \text{Bi}(16, 0.1587)$

- $\hat{P} > 0.1$ means more than $0.1 \times 16 = 1.6$, so $Y \geq 2$.
- $\Pr(Y \geq 2) = 1 - \Pr(Y = 0) - \Pr(Y = 1)$.
- Use CAS to evaluate.

Question 4c.iii

2 marks

For random samples of n Mathsland adults, \hat{P}_n is the random variable that represents the proportion of people who have a slow heart rate.

Find the least value of n for which $\Pr\left(\hat{P}_n > \frac{1}{n}\right) > 0.99$.

Marking Guide — Answer: Use CAS to find least n satisfying the condition.

- $\Pr(\hat{P}_n > 1/n) = \Pr(Y \geq 2)$ where $Y \sim \text{Bi}(n, 0.1587)$.
- Need $\Pr(Y \geq 2) > 0.99$, i.e. $\Pr(Y \leq 1) < 0.01$.
- Use CAS to find minimum n .

Question 4d.i

1 mark

The doctors took a large random sample of adults from the population of Statsville and calculated an approximate 95% confidence interval for the proportion of Statsville adults who have a slow heart rate. The confidence interval they obtained was (0.102, 0.145).

Determine the sample proportion used in the calculation of this confidence interval.

Marking Guide — Answer: $\hat{p} = \frac{0.102+0.145}{2} = 0.1235$

- $\hat{p} = \frac{0.102+0.145}{2} = 0.1235$.

Question 4d.ii

1 mark

Explain why this confidence interval suggests that the proportion of adults with a slow heart rate in Statsville could be different from the proportion in Mathsland.

Marking Guide — Answer: The Mathsland proportion is 0.1587, which lies outside the confidence interval (0.102, 0.145).

- The Mathsland proportion is $\Pr(X < 60) = 0.1587$.
- Since 0.1587 is outside the 95% CI (0.102, 0.145), this suggests the Statsville proportion is different.

Question 4e

2 marks

Every year at Mathsland Secondary College, students hike to the top of a hill that rises behind the school.

The time taken by a randomly selected student to reach the top of the hill has the probability density function M with the rule

$$M(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{50} \left(\frac{t}{50}\right)^2 e^{-(t/50)^3} & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

where t is given in minutes.

Find the expected time, in minutes, for a randomly selected student from Mathsland Secondary College to reach the top of the hill. Give your answer correct to one decimal place.

Marking Guide — Answer: $E(T) = \int_0^\infty t \cdot M(t) dt$ (use CAS)

- $E(T) = \int_0^\infty t \cdot \frac{3}{50} \left(\frac{t}{50}\right)^2 e^{-(t/50)^3} dt$.
- Use CAS to evaluate.
- Answer to 1 decimal place.

Question 4f

1 mark

Students who take less than 15 minutes to get to the top of the hill are categorised as 'elite'.

Find the probability that a randomly selected student from Mathsland Secondary College is categorised as elite. Give your answer correct to four decimal places.

Marking Guide — Answer: $\Pr(T < 15) = \int_0^{15} M(t) dt$ (use CAS)

- $\Pr(T < 15) = \int_0^{15} M(t) dt$.
- Use CAS to evaluate.

- Answer to 4 decimal places.

Question 4g

2 marks

The Year 12 students at Mathsland Secondary College make up $\frac{1}{7}$ of the total number of students at the school. Of the Year 12 students at Mathsland Secondary College, 5% are categorised as elite.

Find the probability that a randomly selected non-Year 12 student at Mathsland Secondary College is categorised as elite. Give your answer correct to four decimal places.

Marking Guide — Answer: Let p = overall elite probability from part f. $\Pr(\text{elite}) = \frac{1}{7}(0.05) + \frac{6}{7}q = p$. Solve for q .

- Let $q = \Pr(\text{elite}|\text{non-Year 12})$ and $p = \Pr(\text{elite})$ from part f.
- $p = \frac{1}{7}(0.05) + \frac{6}{7}q$.
- $q = \frac{7p-0.05}{6}$.
- Answer to 4 decimal places.

Question 5a

2 marks

Consider functions of the form

$$f : R \rightarrow R, f(x) = \frac{81x^2(a-x)}{4a^4}$$

and

$$h : R \rightarrow R, h(x) = \frac{9x}{2a^2}$$

where a is a positive real number.

Find the coordinates of the local maximum of f in terms of a .

Marking Guide — Answer: Local max at $(\frac{2a}{3}, \frac{3}{a})$

- $f(x) = \frac{81x^2(a-x)}{4a^4} = \frac{81(ax^2-x^3)}{4a^4}$.
- $f'(x) = \frac{81(2ax-3x^2)}{4a^4} = \frac{81x(2a-3x)}{4a^4} = 0$.
- $x = 0$ or $x = \frac{2a}{3}$.
- $f(\frac{2a}{3}) = \frac{81 \cdot \frac{4a^2}{9} \cdot \frac{a}{3}}{4a^4} = \frac{81 \cdot \frac{4a^3}{27}}{4a^4} = \frac{12a^3}{4a^4} = \frac{3}{a}$.
- Local max at $(\frac{2a}{3}, \frac{3}{a})$.

Question 5b

1 mark

Find the x -values of all of the points of intersection between the graphs of f and h , in terms of a where appropriate.

Marking Guide — Answer: $x = 0$ and $x = \frac{2a}{3} \pm \frac{2a}{3}\sqrt{\dots}$ (use CAS)

- Set $f(x) = h(x)$: $\frac{81x^2(a-x)}{4a^4} = \frac{9x}{2a^2}$.
- If $x \neq 0$: $\frac{81x(a-x)}{4a^4} = \frac{9}{2a^2}$.
- $81x(a-x) = 18a^2$.
- $81ax - 81x^2 = 18a^2$.

- $9x^2 - 9ax + 2a^2 = 0$.
- $x = \frac{9a \pm \sqrt{81a^2 - 72a^2}}{18} = \frac{9a \pm 3a}{18}$.
- $x = \frac{2a}{3}$ or $x = \frac{a}{3}$.
- Intersections at $x = 0, \frac{a}{3}, \frac{2a}{3}$.

Question 5c

2 marks

Determine the total area of the regions bounded by the graphs of $y = f(x)$ and $y = h(x)$.

Marking Guide — Answer: $\frac{a}{4}$ (use CAS to integrate)

- Integrate $|f(x) - h(x)|$ over the regions between the intersection points.
- Area = $\int_0^{a/3} |f(x) - h(x)| dx + \int_{a/3}^{2a/3} |f(x) - h(x)| dx$.
- Use CAS to evaluate.

Question 5d

1 mark

Consider the function $g : [0, \frac{2a}{3}] \rightarrow R$, $g(x) = \frac{81x^2(a-x)}{4a^4}$, where a is a positive real number.
Evaluate $\frac{2a}{3} \times g(\frac{2a}{3})$.

Marking Guide — Answer: $\frac{2a}{3} \times \frac{3}{a} = 2$

- $g(\frac{2a}{3}) = \frac{3}{a}$ (from part a).
- $\frac{2a}{3} \times \frac{3}{a} = 2$.

Question 5e

2 marks

Find the area bounded by the graph of g^{-1} , the x -axis and the line $x = g(\frac{2a}{3})$.

Marking Guide — Answer: Use the relationship: area under g^{-1} = rectangle area minus area under g .

- Area under g^{-1} from 0 to $g(\frac{2a}{3}) = \frac{3}{a}$:
- $= \frac{2a}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{a} - \int_0^{2a/3} g(x) dx = 2 - \int_0^{2a/3} g(x) dx$.
- Use CAS to evaluate $\int_0^{2a/3} g(x) dx$.

Question 5f

1 mark

Find the value of a for which the graphs of g and g^{-1} have the same endpoints.

Marking Guide — Answer: $a = \frac{3}{2}$ (or specific value)

- Endpoints of g : $(0, 0)$ and $(\frac{2a}{3}, \frac{3}{a})$.
- Endpoints of g^{-1} : $(0, 0)$ and $(\frac{3}{a}, \frac{2a}{3})$.
- Same endpoints: $\frac{2a}{3} = \frac{3}{a}$, so $2a^2 = 9$, $a = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$.

Question 5g

1 mark

Find the area enclosed by the graphs of g and g^{-1} when they have the same endpoints.

Marking Guide — Answer: Use symmetry and results from previous parts.

- When g and g^{-1} have the same endpoints, the area between them can be found using symmetry about $y = x$.
- Area = $2 \times$ (area under g from 0 to endpoint – triangle area) or similar.
- Use CAS with $a = \frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$.