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# ATAR Master

VCE Mathematical Methods

**2022 Examination 1 (Technology-Free)**

Questions & Marking Guide

Total: 40 marks

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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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**Question 1a**

1 mark

Let  $y = 3xe^{2x}$ . Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3e^{2x} + 6xe^{2x} = 3e^{2x}(1 + 2x)$

- Apply product rule:  $u = 3x$ ,  $v = e^{2x}$ .
- $u' = 3$ ,  $v' = 2e^{2x}$ .
- $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3e^{2x} + 6xe^{2x}$  or equivalently  $3e^{2x}(1 + 2x)$ .

**Question 1b**

2 marks

Find and simplify the rule of  $f'(x)$ , where  $f : R \rightarrow R$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{e^x}$ .

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $f'(x) = \frac{-e^x \sin(x) - e^x \cos(x)}{e^{2x}} = -\frac{\sin(x) + \cos(x)}{e^x}$

- Apply quotient rule:  $u = \cos(x)$ ,  $v = e^x$ .
- $u' = -\sin(x)$ ,  $v' = e^x$ .
- $f'(x) = \frac{-e^x \sin(x) - e^x \cos(x)}{e^{2x}}$ .
- Simplify:  $f'(x) = -\frac{\sin(x) + \cos(x)}{e^x}$ .

**Question 2a**

1 mark

Let  $g : (\frac{3}{2}, \infty) \rightarrow R$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{3}{2x-3}$ . Find the rule for an antiderivative of  $g(x)$ .

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $\frac{3}{2} \log_e(2x - 3) + c$

- Recognise  $\int \frac{3}{2x-3} dx = \frac{3}{2} \log_e(2x - 3) + c$ .

**Question 2b**

3 marks

Evaluate  $\int_0^1 f(x)(2f(x) - 3) dx$ , where  $\int_0^1 [f(x)]^2 dx = \frac{1}{5}$  and  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{3}$ .

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $-\frac{3}{5}$

**Question 3**

3 marks

Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} kx - 5y &= 4 + k \\ 3x + (k + 8)y &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Determine the value of  $k$  for which the system of equations above has an infinite number of solutions.

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $k = -3$

- For infinite solutions, the ratios of coefficients must be equal:  $\frac{k}{3} = \frac{-5}{k+8} = \frac{4+k}{-1}$ .
- From  $\frac{k}{3} = \frac{-5}{k+8}$ :  $k(k + 8) = -15$ , so  $k^2 + 8k + 15 = 0$ ,  $(k + 3)(k + 5) = 0$ , giving  $k = -3$  or  $k = -5$ .
- Check  $\frac{4+k}{-1}$ : For  $k = -3$ :  $\frac{1}{-1} = -1$  and  $\frac{-3}{3} = -1 \checkmark$ . For  $k = -5$ :  $\frac{-1}{-1} = 1$  and  $\frac{-5}{3} \neq 1 \times$ .

- Therefore  $k = -3$ .

### Question 4a

*2 marks*

A card is drawn from a deck of red and blue cards. After verifying the colour, the card is replaced. This is performed four times. Each card has probability  $\frac{1}{2}$  of being red and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of being blue. Let  $X$  be the number of blue cards drawn.

Complete the table:  $|x|$   $0$   $1$   $2$   $3$   $4$   $|$   $—$   $—$   $—$   $—$   $—$   $—$   $|$   $\Pr(X = x)$   $|\frac{1}{16}|$   $|\frac{6}{16}|$   $||$

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $\Pr(X = 1) = \frac{4}{16}$ ,  $\Pr(X = 3) = \frac{4}{16}$ ,  $\Pr(X = 4) = \frac{1}{16}$

- $X \sim \text{Bi}(4, \frac{1}{2})$ .
- $\Pr(X = 1) = \binom{4}{1}(\frac{1}{2})^4 = \frac{4}{16}$ .
- $\Pr(X = 3) = \binom{4}{3}(\frac{1}{2})^4 = \frac{4}{16}$ .
- $\Pr(X = 4) = (\frac{1}{2})^4 = \frac{1}{16}$ .

### Question 4b

1 mark

Given that the first card drawn is blue, find the probability that exactly two of the next three cards drawn will be red.

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $\frac{3}{8}$

- Given first card is blue, the remaining 3 draws are independent with  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- $\Pr(\text{exactly 2 red out of 3}) = \binom{3}{2}(\frac{1}{2})^2(\frac{1}{2})^1 = \frac{3}{8}$ .

### Question 4c

*2 marks*

The deck is changed so that the probability of a card being red is  $\frac{2}{3}$  and the probability of a card being blue is  $\frac{1}{3}$ . Given that the first card drawn is blue, find the probability that exactly two of the next three cards drawn will be red.

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $\frac{4}{9}$

- Given first card is blue (already happened), remaining 3 draws:  $p(\text{red}) = \frac{2}{3}$ .
- $\Pr(\text{exactly 2 red out of 3}) = \binom{3}{2}(\frac{2}{3})^2(\frac{1}{3})^1 = 3 \times \frac{4}{9} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{12}{27} = \frac{4}{9}$ .

### Question 5a

*2 marks*

Solve  $10^{3x-13} = 100$  for  $x$ .

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $x = 5$

- Write  $100 = 10^2$ .
- $10^{3x-13} = 10^2$ , so  $3x - 13 = 2$ .
- $3x = 15$ ,  $x = 5$ .

### Question 5b

*3 marks*

Find the maximal domain of  $f$ , where  $f(x) = \log_e(x^2 - 2x - 3)$ .

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (3, \infty)$

- Require  $x^2 - 2x - 3 > 0$ .
- Factorise:  $(x - 3)(x + 1) > 0$ .
- Critical points:  $x = -1$  and  $x = 3$ .
- Solution:  $x < -1$  or  $x > 3$ , i.e.,  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (3, \infty)$ .

**Question 6a**

2 marks

The graph of  $y = f(x)$ , where  $f : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = 2\sin(2x) - 1$ , is shown.

On the axes, draw the graph of  $y = g(x)$ , where  $g(x)$  is the reflection of  $f(x)$  in the horizontal axis.

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $g(x) = -f(x) = -2\sin(2x) + 1 = 1 - 2\sin(2x)$

- Correct shape: reflection of  $f(x)$  in the  $x$ -axis.
- $g(x) = -(2\sin(2x) - 1) = 1 - 2\sin(2x)$ .

**Question 6b**

3 marks

Find all values of  $k$  such that  $f(k) = 0$  and  $k \in [0, 2\pi]$ .

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $k = \frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{13\pi}{12}, \frac{17\pi}{12}$

- $2\sin(2k) - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \sin(2k) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Question 6c.i**

1 mark

Let  $h : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h(x) = 2\sin(2x) - 1$ , where  $h(x)$  has the same rule as  $f(x)$  with a different domain. The graph of  $y = h(x)$  is translated  $a$  units in the positive horizontal direction and  $b$  units in the positive vertical direction so that it is mapped onto the graph of  $y = g(x)$ , where  $a, b \in (0, \infty)$ .

Find the value for  $b$ .

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $b = 2$

- $g(x) = 1 - 2\sin(2x)$  has vertical midline at  $y = 1$ ;  $h(x) = 2\sin(2x) - 1$  has midline at  $y = -1$ .
- Vertical shift:  $b = 1 - (-1) = 2$ .

**Question 6c.ii**

1 mark

Find the smallest positive value for  $a$ .

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $a = \frac{\pi}{2}$

- After vertical shift:  $h(x) + 2 = 2\sin(2x) + 1$ .
- Need  $2\sin(2(x - a)) + 1 = 1 - 2\sin(2x)$ , so  $\sin(2x - 2a) = -\sin(2x)$ .
- $\sin(2x - 2a) = \sin(2x + \pi)$ , so  $2a = \pi$  (smallest positive),  $a = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

**Question 6c.iii**

1 mark

Hence, or otherwise, state the domain  $D$  of  $h(x)$ .

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $D = \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right]$

**Question 7a.i**

1 mark

A tilemaker wants to make square tiles of size  $20 \text{ cm} \times 20 \text{ cm}$ . The front surface is painted with two colours meeting these conditions: - Condition 1: Each colour covers half the front surface. - Condition 2: Tiles can line up horizontally to form a continuous pattern.

For Type A, colours are divided using  $f(x) = 4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{10}\right) + a$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Tile corners are at  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(20, 0)$ ,  $(20, 20)$ ,  $(0, 20)$ .

Find the area of the front surface of each tile.

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $400 \text{ cm}^2$

- Area  $= 20 \times 20 = 400 \text{ cm}^2$ .

**Question 7a.ii**

1 mark

Find the value of  $a$  so that a Type A tile meets Condition 1.

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $a = 10$

- Area below  $f(x)$  from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 20$ :  $\int_0^{20} f(x) dx = \int_0^{20} 4 \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{10}\right) + a dx$ .

**Question 7b**

3 marks

Type B tiles are divided using  $g(x) = -\frac{1}{100}x^3 + \frac{3}{10}x^2 - 2x + 10$ .

Show that a Type B tile meets Condition 1.

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $\int_0^{20} g(x) dx = 200$

- $\int_0^{20} g(x) dx = \int_0^{20} \left(-\frac{x^3}{100} + \frac{3x^2}{10} - 2x + 10\right) dx$ .

**Question 7c**

2 marks

Determine the endpoints of  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  on each tile. Hence, use these values to confirm that Type A and Type B tiles can be placed in any order to produce a continuous pattern to meet Condition 2.

**Marking Guide** — Answer: Both  $f$  and  $g$  have value 10 at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 20$ .

- $f(0) = 4 \sin(0) + 10 = 10$  and  $f(20) = 4 \sin(2\pi) + 10 = 10$ .
- $g(0) = 0 + 0 - 0 + 10 = 10$  and  $g(20) = -80 + 120 - 40 + 10 = 10$ .
- Both functions have the same value (10) at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 20$ , so tiles connect continuously.

**Question 8a**

1 mark

Part of the graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown. The rule  $A(k) = k \sin(k)$  gives the area bounded by the graph of  $f$ , the horizontal axis and the line  $x = k$ .

State the value of  $A\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ .

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $A\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{6}$

$$\bullet A\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3} \cdot \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{6}.$$

**Question 8b**

2 marks

Evaluate  $f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ .

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\pi}{6}$

- Since  $\int_0^k f(x) dx = A(k) = k \sin(k)$ , by the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus:  $f(k) = A'(k)$ .
- $A'(k) = \sin(k) + k \cos(k)$ .
- $f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + \frac{\pi}{3} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\pi}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{\pi}{6}$ .

**Question 8c**

2 marks

Consider the average value of the function  $f$  over the interval  $x \in [0, k]$ , where  $k \in [0, 2]$ .

Find the value of  $k$  that results in the maximum average value.

**Marking Guide** — Answer:  $k = \frac{\pi}{2}$

- Average value  $= \frac{1}{k} \int_0^k f(x) dx = \frac{A(k)}{k} = \frac{k \sin(k)}{k} = \sin(k)$ .