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MATHEMATICS

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Paper 3 Pure Mathematics 3

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1 hour 50 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen. Do **not** use correction fluid or tape.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined page at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- You should use a calculator where appropriate.
- You must show all necessary working clearly; no marks will be given for unsupported answers from a calculator.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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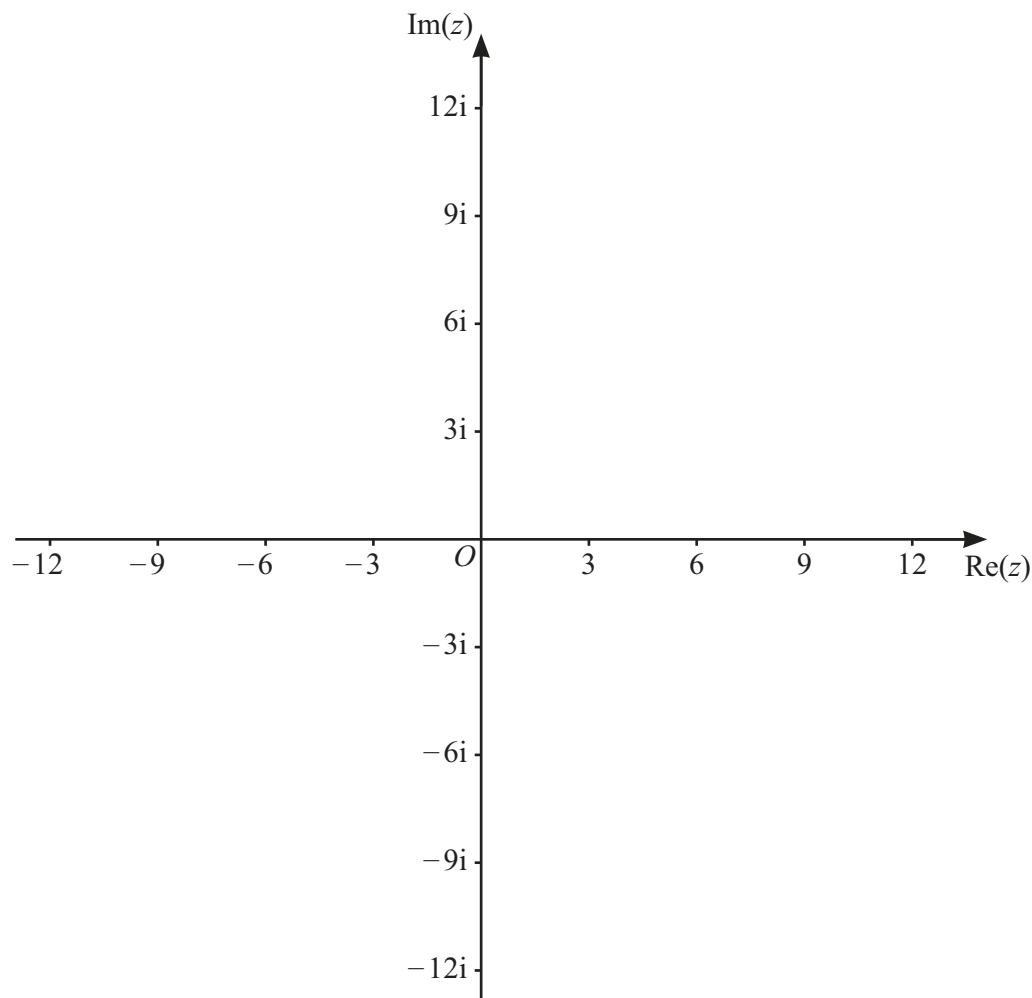


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- 2 The complex number z satisfies $|z| = 9$ and $\frac{1}{2}\pi \leq \arg z \leq \pi$.

(a) On the Argand diagram, sketch the locus of the points representing z . [2]

(b) On the **same diagram**, sketch the locus of the points representing $z^* + 3$. [2]





4 The coefficient of x^3 in the expansion of $(1 - ax)^{\frac{2}{5}}$ is 1.

(a) Find the value of a .

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(b) Hence, find the coefficient of x^4 in the expansion of $(2x + 1)(1 - ax)^{\frac{2}{5}}$.

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(c) State the set of values of x for which the expansion in 4(b) is valid.

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5 It is given that $z = \frac{3 + \lambda i}{\lambda + 2i}$, where λ is a real constant.

(a) Find the value of λ for which $\arg z = \frac{1}{4}\pi$.

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(b) When λ has the value found in **5(a)**, find the exact value of $|z|$, making your method clear.

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- 6 The polynomial $2x^4 + ax^3 + 4x^2 + bx - 3$ is denoted by $p(x)$.

It is given that $(x^2 + x + 1)$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

- (a) Find the values of a and b .

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- (b) Hence, show that $(x + 3)$ is a factor of $p(x)$.

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- 7 (a) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation $\ln x = \operatorname{cosec} \frac{1}{2}x$ has exactly one root in the interval $0 < x < \pi$. [2]

- (b) Verify by calculation that this root lies between 2.6 and 2.9. [2]

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- (c) Use the iterative formula $x_{n+1} = \exp\left(\operatorname{cosec}\frac{1}{2}x_n\right)$ to determine the root correct to 3 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 5 decimal places. [3]

[$\exp(x)$ is an alternative notation for e^x .]

[illegible]



8 The variables x and y satisfy the differential equation

$$ye^{3x} \frac{dy}{dx} = x(y+5).$$

It is given that $y = 0$ when $x = 0$.

Solve the differential equation to obtain an equation in x and y .

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[illegible]



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(a) Using the substitution $x = \sqrt{3} \tan u$, show that $I = \int_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} 3 \tan^3 u \, du$. [4]

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- (b) Hence, or otherwise, find the exact value of I . Give your answer in the form $p + q \ln r$, where p, q and r are rational.

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10 The variables x and y satisfy the equation $y^2 = k \frac{x-2}{x+2}$, where k is a constant.

(a) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y}{x^2 - 4}$.

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Give your answer in the form $a \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{c}\right)$, where a , b and c are integers.

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- 11** The points A and B have position vectors $\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = 4\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$ relative to the origin, O .

(a) Show that the perpendicular distance from A to the line through O and B is $\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{65}$. [5]

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(b) The point C has position vector $\overrightarrow{OC} = 3\mathbf{i} + p\mathbf{j} + q\mathbf{k}$, where p and q are constants.

Given that

- $\overrightarrow{OC}$ is perpendicular to $\overrightarrow{AB}$ and
- angle $AOC = \text{angle } COB$,

find the values of p and q .

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