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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

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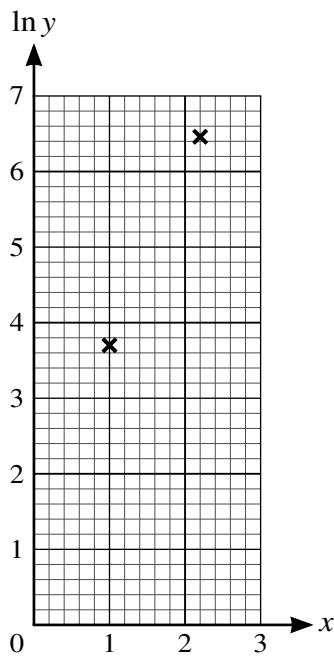
- The total mark for this paper is 75.
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1 Find the exact coordinates of the points on the curve $y = \frac{x^2}{1-3x}$ at which the gradient of the tangent is equal to 8. [5]

2 On an Argand diagram, shade the region whose points represent complex numbers z satisfying the inequalities $|z - 2i| \leq |z + 2 - i|$ and $0 \leq \arg(z + 1) \leq \frac{1}{4}\pi$. [4]

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The variables x and y are related by the equation $y = ab^x$, where a and b are constants. The diagram shows the result of plotting $\ln y$ against x for two pairs of values of x and y . The coordinates of these points are $(1, 3.7)$ and $(2.2, 6.46)$.

Use this information to find the values of a and b .

[4]

4 The complex number u is defined by $u = \frac{3+2i}{a-5i}$, where a is real.

(a) Express u in the Cartesian form $x+iy$, where x and y are in terms of a . [3]

(b) Given that $\arg u = \frac{1}{4}\pi$, find the value of a . [2]

5 (a) Given that

$$\sin(x + \frac{1}{6}\pi) - \sin(x - \frac{1}{6}\pi) = \cos(x + \frac{1}{3}\pi) - \cos(x - \frac{1}{3}\pi),$$

find the exact value of $\tan x$.

[4]

(b) Hence find the exact roots of the equation

$$\sin(x + \frac{1}{6}\pi) - \sin(x - \frac{1}{6}\pi) = \cos(x + \frac{1}{3}\pi) - \cos(x - \frac{1}{3}\pi)$$

for $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

[2]

6 The parametric equations of a curve are

$$x = \sqrt{t} + 3, \quad y = \ln t,$$

for $t > 0$.

(a) Obtain a simplified expression for $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of t . [3]

(b) Hence find the exact coordinates of the point on the curve at which the gradient of the normal is -2 . [3]

7 The variables x and θ satisfy the differential equation

$$\frac{x}{\tan \theta} \frac{dx}{d\theta} = x^2 + 3.$$

It is given that $x = 1$ when $\theta = 0$.

Solve the differential equation, obtaining an expression for x^2 in terms of θ .

[7]

8 (a) By sketching a suitable pair of graphs, show that the equation

$$\sqrt{x} = e^x - 3$$

has only one root.

[2]

(b) Show by calculation that this root lies between 1 and 2.

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(c) Show that, if a sequence of values given by the iterative formula

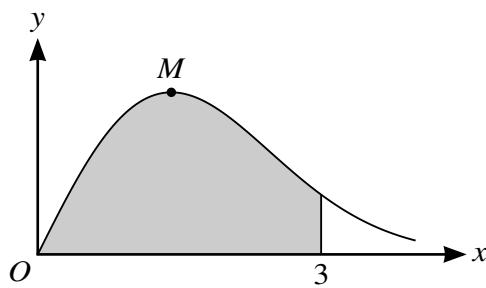
$$x_{n+1} = \ln(3 + \sqrt{x_n})$$

converges, then it converges to the root of the equation in **(a)**.

[1]

(d) Use the iterative formula to calculate the root correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places. [3]

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The diagram shows the curve $y = xe^{-\frac{1}{4}x^2}$, for $x \geq 0$, and its maximum point M .

(a) Find the exact coordinates of M . [4]

(b) Using the substitution $x = \sqrt{u}$, or otherwise, find by integration the exact area of the shaded region bounded by the curve, the x -axis and the line $x = 3$. [5]

10 Let $f(x) = \frac{24x + 13}{(1 - 2x)(2 + x)^2}$.

(a) Express $f(x)$ in partial fractions.

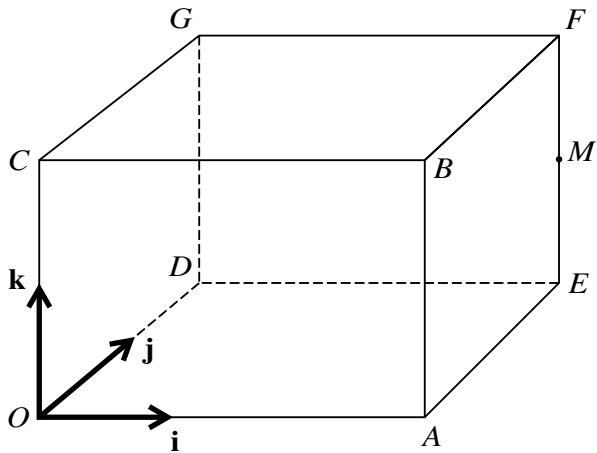
[5]

(b) Hence obtain the expansion of $f(x)$ in ascending powers of x , up to and including the term in x^2 . [5]

(c) State the set of values of x for which the expansion in (b) is valid. [1]

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In the diagram, $OABCDEFG$ is a cuboid in which $OA = 3$ units, $OC = 2$ units and $OD = 2$ units. Unit vectors \mathbf{i} , \mathbf{j} and \mathbf{k} are parallel to OA , OD and OC respectively. M is the midpoint of EF .

(a) Find the position vector of M .

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The position vector of P is $\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$.

(b) Calculate angle PAM .

[4]

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(c) Find the exact length of the perpendicular from P to the line passing through O and M . [5]

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