

**2015 VCAA Math Methods CAS Exam 2 Solutions**  
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CAS should be used whenever possible to speed up the solution process.

**SECTION 1**

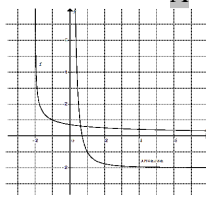
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Q1 Period =  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ , the range is  $[-2-3, 2-3]$ , i.e.  $[-5, -1]$  **A**

Q2 **A**

$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{y+2}}, y = \frac{1}{x^2} - 2, \therefore f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} - 2$



Q3 **C**

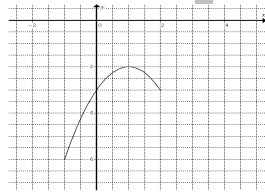
Q4  $y = x^2, m_t = \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$ . At  $(2, 4), m_t = 2(2) = 4$ .

Consider  $(3, 8)$  and  $(2, 4), m = \frac{8-4}{3-2} = 4 = m_t$  **B**

Q5 Reflection in the line  $y = x$  **E**

Q6  $P(3) = 3^3 - a \cdot 3^2 - 4(3) + 4 = 10, \therefore a = 1$  **C**

Q7 **C**



Q8 Area under the straight line =  $\frac{1}{2}p^2 = \frac{25}{8}, \therefore p = \frac{5}{2}$  **D**

Q9  $\frac{1}{6}(a-2) = 1, \therefore a = 8, E(X) = \int_2^8 \frac{x}{6} dx = \left[ \frac{x^2}{12} \right]_2^8 = 5$  **B**

Q10  $np = 2, npq = \frac{4}{3}, \therefore n = 6, p = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $q = \frac{2}{3}$

$\Pr(X = 1) = {}^6C_1 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^1 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^5$  **D**

Q11  $\sqrt{x^3+1} = \sqrt{8\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3+1}$  **A**

Q12  $\Pr(\text{at least one}) = 1 - \Pr(\text{none}) = 1 - \frac{1}{{}^8C_3} = \frac{55}{56}$  **E**

Q13  $\int_0^1 ae^x dx + ae = 1, [ae^x]_0^1 + ae = 1, 2ae - a = 1, a = \frac{1}{2e-1}$  **E**

Q14  $p + 2p + 3p + 4p + 5p = 1, \therefore p = \frac{1}{15}$

Mean of  $X = 1 \times \frac{1}{15} + 2 \times \frac{2}{15} + 3 \times \frac{3}{15} + 4 \times \frac{4}{15} + 5 \times \frac{5}{15} = \frac{11}{3}$  **D**

Q15  $\int_0^5 (2g(x) + ax) dx = \int_0^5 2g(x) dx + \int_0^5 ax dx$   
 $= 2 \int_0^5 g(x) dx + \left[ \frac{ax^2}{2} \right]_0^5 = 2 \times 20 + \frac{25a}{2} = 90, \therefore a = 4$  **B**

Q16  $f'(x) = \int g(x) dx, \max^{m-1} = \frac{bx^{n+1}}{n+1}$   
 $\therefore \frac{b}{a} = m(n+1)x^{m-n-2} \therefore m-n-2 = 0 \therefore \frac{b}{a} = m(n+1)$  is an integer since  $m$  and  $n$  are positive integers. **D**

Q17 By CAS  $y = x^3 - 3x^2$  has a local max at  $(0, 0)$  and a local min at  $(2, -4)$ . To have three distinct  $x$ -intercepts,  $y = x^3 - 3x^2$  must translate upwards by less than 4 units. Hence  $c \in (0, 4)$ . **D**

Q18  $f(x) = x^2$  satisfies  $|f(x+y) - f(x-y)| = 4\sqrt{f(x)f(y)}$ .  
 L.H.S. =  $|(x+y)^2 - (x-y)^2| = |4xy| = 4|xy|$   
 R.H.S. =  $4\sqrt{x^2y^2} = 4\sqrt{(xy)^2} = 4|xy| = \text{L.H.S.}$  **A**

Q19 Let  $F(t) = \int (\sqrt{t^2+4}) dt$   
 $\therefore f(x) = \int_0^x (\sqrt{t^2+4}) dt = [F(t)]_0^x = F(x) - F(0)$   
 $\therefore f'(x) = F'(x) = \sqrt{x^2+4}, f'(-2) = \sqrt{(-2)^2+4} = 2\sqrt{2}$  **C**

Q20  $f(x-1) = x^2 - 2x + 3$   
 Replace  $x$  with  $x+1$ :  $f(x+1-1) = (x+1)^2 - 2(x+1) + 3$   
 $\therefore f(x) = x^2 + 2$  **B**

Q21 Let  $ax^2 = mx + c, ax^2 - mx - c = 0$   
 No intersections:  $\Delta < 0, (-m)^2 - 4a(-c) < 0, m^2 + 4ac < 0$   
 If  $a > 0, c < -\frac{m^2}{4a}$ ; if  $a < 0, c > -\frac{m^2}{4a}$  **D**

Q22 Let  $f(x) = -a|x|$  where  $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .  
 $\therefore g(-f(x)) = g(a|x|) = g(|a|-|x|) \geq 0$  and  $g(-f(x))$  is even. **B**

**SECTION 2**

Q1a  $f(x) = \frac{1}{5}(x-2)^2(5-x)$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{5}(x-2)(5-x) - \frac{1}{5}(x-2)^2 = \frac{3}{5}(x-2)(4-x)$$

Q1bi At  $P\left(1, \frac{4}{5}\right)$ ,  $m = f'(1) = -\frac{9}{5}$

$$y - \frac{4}{5} = -\frac{9}{5}(x-1), 9x + 5y = 13 \text{ or } y = -\frac{9}{5}x + \frac{13}{5}$$

Q1bii  $9x + 5y = 13$  When  $x = 0$ ,  $y = \frac{13}{5}$ ,  $\therefore S\left(0, \frac{13}{5}\right)$

When  $y = 0$ ,  $x = \frac{13}{9}$ ,  $\therefore Q\left(\frac{13}{9}, 0\right)$

Q1c Distance  $PS = \sqrt{(0-1)^2 + \left(\frac{13}{5} - \frac{4}{5}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{106}}{5}$

Q1d Use CAS to solve simultaneous equations

$y = \frac{1}{5}(x-2)^2(5-x)$  and  $9x + 5y = 13$  to find the second point of intersection at  $x = 7$ .

Area of the shaded region  $= \int_1^7 \left( \frac{1}{5}(x-2)^2(5-x) - \left(-\frac{9}{5}x + \frac{13}{5}\right) \right) dx$   
 $= 21.6$  square units by CAS

Q2a  $y = 60 - \frac{3}{80}x^2$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{40}x$

At  $A(-40, 0)$ ,  $m = -\frac{3}{40}(-40) = 3$ ,  $\tan \theta = 3$ ,  $\theta \approx 72^\circ$

Q2b  $y = \frac{x^3}{25600} - \frac{3x}{16} + 35$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{25600} - \frac{3}{16}$

The turning point of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is  $\left(0, -\frac{3}{16}\right)$ .

$\therefore$  the max downward slope is  $-\frac{3}{16}$ .

Q2c Vertical distance  $D = 60 - \frac{3}{80}x^2 - \left(\frac{x^3}{25600} - \frac{3x}{16} + 35\right)$

Let  $\frac{dD}{dx} = 0$ .  $-\frac{3}{40}x - \frac{3x^2}{25600} + \frac{3}{16} = 0$

$\therefore u = x \approx 2.49$  m (2.49031)

and  $v = \frac{2.49031^3}{25600} - \frac{3 \times 2.49031}{16} + 35 \approx 34.53$  m

Q2d  $P(-2.49031, w)$ ,

$$w = \frac{(-2.49031)^3}{25600} - \frac{3(-2.49031)}{16} + 35 \approx 35.47$$
 m

$$D_{MN} = 60 - \frac{3}{80}(2.49031)^2 - \left(\frac{2.49031^3}{25600} - \frac{3 \times 2.49031}{16} + 35\right) \approx 25.23 \text{ m}$$

$$D_{PQ} = 60 - \frac{3}{80}(-2.49031)^2 - \left(\frac{(-2.49031)^3}{25600} - \frac{3(-2.49031)}{16} + 35\right) \approx 24.30 \text{ m}$$

Q2e Let  $D = 60 - \frac{3}{80}x^2 - \left(\frac{x^3}{25600} - \frac{3x}{16} + 35\right) = 0$

By CAS,  $x_E = -23.71$  and  $x_F = 28.00$

Q2f Area of the shaded region

$$= \int_{-23.71}^{28.00} \left( 60 - \frac{3}{80}x^2 - \left(\frac{x^3}{25600} - \frac{3x}{16} + 35\right) \right) dx \approx 870 \text{ m}^2 \text{ by CAS}$$

Q3ai  $\Pr(X > 7) = \int_7^8 \frac{3}{4}(x-6)^2(8-x) dx = 0.6875 = \frac{11}{16}$  by CAS

Q3aii Binomial distribution:  $n = 3$ ,  $p = \frac{11}{16}$

$$\Pr(X = 1) = {}^3C_1 \left(\frac{11}{16}\right)^1 \left(\frac{5}{16}\right)^2 = \frac{825}{4096}$$

Q3b Mean  $= \int_6^8 \frac{3}{4}(x-6)^2(8-x)x dx = 7.2$  cm

Q3c Normal distribution:  $\mu = 74$ ,  $\sigma = 9$

$$\Pr(X < 85 | X > 74) = \frac{\Pr(74 < X < 85)}{\Pr(X > 74)} \approx 0.778$$

Q3di Binomial distribution:  $n = 3$ ,  $p = 0.03$ ,  $q = 0.97$

$$\Pr(X \geq 1) = 1 - \Pr(X = 0) = 1 - 0.97^4 \approx 0.1147$$

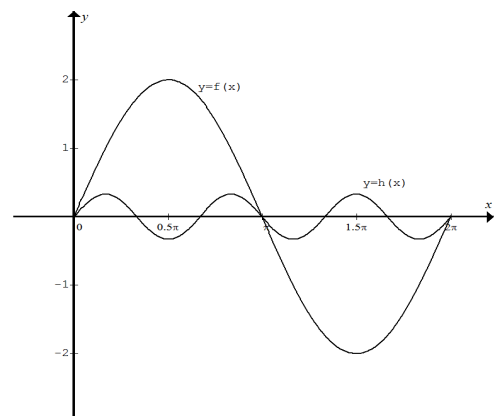
Q3dii Binomial distribution:  $n?$ ,  $p = 0.03$ ,  $q = 0.97$

$$1 - \Pr(X = 0) = 1 - 0.97^n > 0.5$$

$$\therefore 0.97^n < 0.5, n > 22.75, \therefore n = 23$$

Q4a Area of shaded region  $= 2 \times \int_0^\pi 2 \sin(x) dx = 4 \int_0^\pi \sin(x) dx$ ,  $a = 4$

Q4b



Q4c Dilate from the  $x$ -axis by a factor of  $\frac{1}{6}$ , then dilate from the  $y$ -axis by a factor of  $\frac{1}{3}$ .

Q4di If  $n$  is even, the calculation is similar to part a.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of shaded region} &= 2 \times \int_0^\pi m \sin(x) dx = 2m \int_0^\pi \sin(x) dx \\ &= 2m[-\cos(x)]_0^\pi = 4m = 4m + \frac{0}{n^2} \end{aligned}$$

If  $n$  is odd, area of shaded region

$$= 2 \left( \int_0^\pi m \sin(x) dx - \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{n}} \frac{1}{n} \sin(nx) dx \right) = 4m + \frac{-4}{n^2}$$

Q5ai  $S(t) = 2e^{\frac{t}{3}} + 8e^{-\frac{2t}{3}}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 5$

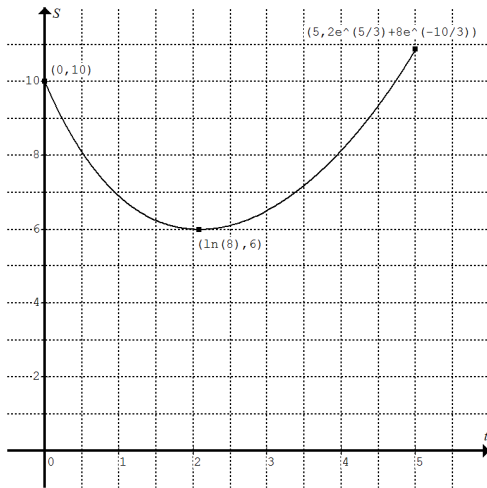
$$S(0) = 10, \quad S(5) = 2e^{\frac{5}{3}} + 8e^{-\frac{10}{3}}$$

Q5aii  $\frac{dS}{dt} = \frac{2}{3}e^{\frac{t}{3}} - \frac{16}{3}e^{-\frac{2t}{3}}$  Let  $\frac{dS}{dt} = 0$  to find  $S_{\min}$ .

$$\therefore \frac{2}{3}e^{\frac{t}{3}} - \frac{16}{3}e^{-\frac{2t}{3}} = 0, \quad \left( \frac{2}{3}e^{\frac{t}{3}} - \frac{16}{3}e^{-\frac{2t}{3}} \right) e^{\frac{2t}{3}} = 0$$

$$\therefore e^t = 8, \quad t = \log_e 8, \therefore c = 8 \text{ and } S_{\min} = 2e^{\frac{\log_e 8}{3}} + 8e^{-\frac{2 \log_e 8}{3}} = 6$$

Q5aiii



Q5aiv Average rate of change  $= \frac{6-10}{\log_e 8 - 0} = -\frac{4}{\log_e 8}$

Q5b  $V(t) = de^{\frac{t}{3}} + (10-d)e^{-\frac{2t}{3}}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 5$  and  $0 < d < 10$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{d}{3}e^{\frac{t}{3}} - \frac{2(10-d)}{3}e^{-\frac{2t}{3}}$$

$V_{\min}$  occurs when  $t = \log_e 9$  (i.e.  $e^t = 9$ ) and  $\frac{dV}{dt} = 0$ .

$$\therefore \frac{d}{3} \left( 9^{\frac{1}{3}} \right) - \frac{2(10-d)}{3} \left( 9^{-\frac{2}{3}} \right) = 0 \quad \therefore d = \frac{20}{11}$$

Note: When  $d$  decreases (or increases), the turning point (local min) of  $V(t)$  occurs at increased (or decreased)  $t$  values. It can also occur outside the interval  $[0, 5]$  and  $\therefore$  the minimum value (not necessarily the turning point) of  $V(t)$  occurs at one of the endpoints.

Q5ci  $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{d}{3}e^{\frac{t}{3}} - \frac{2(10-d)}{3}e^{-\frac{2t}{3}}$

Turning point at  $t = 0$ ,  $\frac{d}{3} - \frac{2(10-d)}{3} = 0$ ,  $\therefore d = \frac{20}{3}$

$$\therefore V_{\min} \text{ occurs at } t = 0 \text{ when } d \in \left[ \frac{20}{3}, 10 \right)$$

Q5cii  $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{d}{3}e^{\frac{t}{3}} - \frac{2(10-d)}{3}e^{-\frac{2t}{3}}$

Turning point at  $t = 5$ ,  $\frac{d}{3}e^{\frac{5}{3}} - \frac{2(10-d)}{3}e^{-\frac{10}{3}} = 0$ ,  $\therefore d = \frac{20}{e^{\frac{5}{3}} + 2}$

$$\therefore V_{\min} \text{ occurs at } t = 5 \text{ when } d \in \left( 0, \frac{20}{e^{\frac{5}{3}} + 2} \right].$$

Q5d  $V(t) = de^{\frac{t}{3}} + (10-d)e^{-\frac{2t}{3}}$ ,  $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{d}{3}e^{\frac{t}{3}} - \frac{2(10-d)}{3}e^{-\frac{2t}{3}}$

$(a, m)$  is a local minimum,  $\therefore \frac{d}{3}e^{\frac{a}{3}} - \frac{2(10-d)}{3}e^{-\frac{2a}{3}} = 0 \dots (1)$

and  $m = de^{\frac{a}{3}} + (10-d)e^{-\frac{2a}{3}} = \frac{k}{2}d^{\frac{2}{3}}(10-d)^{\frac{1}{3}} \dots (2)$

From (1),  $e^a = \frac{2(10-d)}{d}$

$$\therefore e^{\frac{a}{3}} = \left( \frac{2(10-d)}{d} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \dots (3) \text{ and } e^{-\frac{2a}{3}} = \left( \frac{2(10-d)}{d} \right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \dots (4)$$

Substitute (3) and (4) in (2):

$$m = d \frac{2^{\frac{1}{3}}(10-d)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{d^{\frac{1}{3}}} + (10-d) \frac{2^{-\frac{2}{3}}(10-d)^{-\frac{2}{3}}}{d^{-\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{k}{2}d^{\frac{2}{3}}(10-d)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\therefore 2^{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{1}{2^{\frac{2}{3}}} = \frac{k}{2}, \therefore k = 2 \times 2^{\frac{1}{3}} + 2^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2^{\frac{1}{3}}(2+1) = 3 \times 2^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

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