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**MATHEMATICAL METHODS**  
**Written examination 1**

Friday 1 June 2018

Reading time: 2.00 pm to 2.15 pm (15 minutes)

Writing time: 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm (1 hour)

**QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK**

**Structure of book**

<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
9	9	40

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**Materials supplied**

- Question and answer book of 13 pages
- Formula sheet
- Working space is provided throughout the book.

**Instructions**

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
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### Instructions

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

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In questions where more than one mark is available, appropriate working **must** be shown.

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#### Question 1 (4 marks)

a. Let  $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{(x^2 - 3)}$ .

Find  $f'(x)$ .

2 marks

$$f'(x) = \frac{e^x(x^2 - 3) - 2xe^x}{(x^2 - 3)^2} \quad A1$$

$$= \frac{e^x(x^2 - 2x - 3)}{(x^2 - 3)^2} \quad A1$$

b. Let  $y = (x + 5) \log_e(x)$ .

Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  when  $x = 5$ .

2 marks

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \log_e(x) + \frac{x+5}{x} \quad A1$$

$$\text{when } x = 5, \frac{dy}{dx} = \log_e(5) + 2 \quad A1$$

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**Question 2** (4 marks)Let  $f(x) = -x^2 + x + 4$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 2$ .**a.** Find  $g(f(3))$ .

2 marks

$$g(f(x)) = (-x^2 + x + 4)^2 - 2$$

A1A1

$$g(f(3)) = 2$$

**b.** Express the rule for  $f(g(x))$  in the form  $ax^4 + bx^2 + c$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are non-zero integers. 2 marks

$$f(g(x)) = -(x^4 - 4x^2 + 4) + x^2 + 2 \quad M1$$

$$= -x^4 + 4x^2 - 4 + x^2 + 2$$

$$= -x^4 + 5x^2 - 2 \quad A1$$

**Question 3** (2 marks)Evaluate  $\int_0^1 e^x - e^{-x} dx$ .

$$= [e^x + e^{-x}]_0^1 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$= \left( e + \frac{1}{e} \right) - (1+1)$$

$$= e + \frac{1}{e} - 2 \quad \text{A1}$$

**Question 4** (3 marks)Solve  $\log_3(t) - \log_3(t^2 - 4) = -1$  for  $t$ .

$$\frac{t}{t^2 - 4} = 3^{-1} \text{ and } t > 0 \text{ and } t^2 - 4 > 0 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\frac{t}{t^2 - 4} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$3t = t^2 - 4$$

$$t^2 - 3t - 4 = 0$$

$$(t-4)(t+1) = 0 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$t = 4 \text{ as } t > 2 \quad \text{A1}$$

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**Question 5** (3 marks)

$$\text{Let } h: R^+ \cup \{0\} \rightarrow R, h(x) = \frac{7}{x+2} - 3.$$

- a. State the range of  $h$ .

1 mark

$$\left(-3, \frac{1}{2}\right]$$

A1

- b. Find the rule for  $h^{-1}$ .

2 marks

$$x = \frac{7}{y+2} - 3$$

$$(x+3)(y+2) = 7 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$y+2 = \frac{7}{x+3}$$

$$h^{-1}(x) = \frac{7}{x+3} - 2 \quad \text{A1}$$

**Question 6** (4 marks)

The discrete random variable  $X$  has the probability mass function

$$\Pr(X = x) = \begin{cases} kx & x \in \{1, 4, 6\} \\ k & x = 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- a. Show that  $k = \frac{1}{12}$ .

2 marks

$x$	1	3	4	6
$\Pr(X=x)$	$k$	$k$	$4k$	$6k$

A1 table

$$12k = 1 \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{12} \quad \text{A1}$$

- b. Find  $E(X)$ .

1 mark

$x$	1	3	4	6
$\Pr(X=x)$	$1/12$	$1/12$	$4/12$	$6/12$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{3}{12} + \frac{16}{12} + \frac{36}{12} = \frac{56}{12} = \frac{14}{3} \quad \text{A1}$$

- c. Evaluate  $\Pr(X \geq 3 \mid X \geq 2)$ .

1 mark

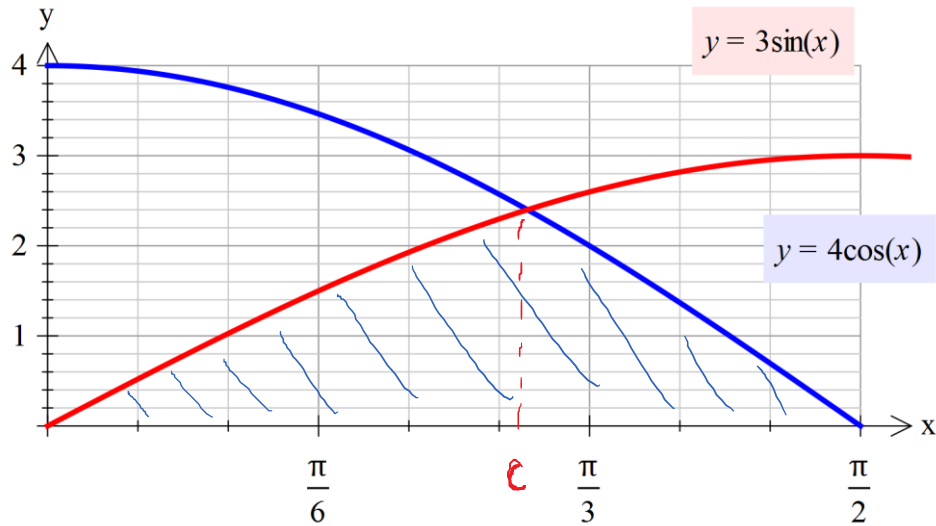
$$= \frac{\Pr(X \geq 3)}{\Pr(X \geq 2)} = 1 \quad \text{A1}$$

**Question 7** (9 marks)

Let  $f: \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 4\cos(x)$  and  $g: \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = 3\sin(x)$ .

- a. Sketch the graph of  $f$  and the graph of  $g$  on the axes provided below.

2 marks



A1A1 for each correct graph

- b. Let  $c$  be such that  $f(c) = g(c)$ , where  $c \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ .

Find the value of  $\sin(c)$  and the value of  $\cos(c)$ .

3 marks

$$4\cos x = 3\sin x$$

$$16\cos^2 x = 9\sin^2 x$$

$$16\cos^2 x = 9(1 - \cos^2 x)$$

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{9}{25}$$

A1

$$\cos(c) = \frac{3}{5}, \sin(c) = \frac{4}{5}$$

A1A1



- c. Let  $A$  be the region enclosed by the horizontal axis, the graph of  $f$  and the graph of  $g$ .
- i. Shade the region  $A$  on the axes provided in **part a.** and also label the position of  $c$  on the horizontal axis. **A1** 1 mark
- ii. Calculate the area of the region  $A$ . 3 marks

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \int_0^c 3 \sin x \, dx + \int_c^{\frac{\pi}{2}} 4 \cos x \, dx && \text{A1} \\
 &= [-3 \cos x]_0^c + [4 \sin x]_c^{\frac{\pi}{2}} && \text{A1} \\
 &= -3 \cos c + 3 \cos 0 + 4 \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) - 4 \sin c \\
 &= -3 \times \frac{3}{5} + 3 + 4 - 4 \times \frac{4}{5} \\
 &= 2 && \text{A1}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 8** (3 marks)

Let  $\hat{P}$  be the random variable that represents the sample proportions of customers who bring their own shopping bags to a large shopping centre.

From a sample consisting of all customers on a particular day, an approximate 95% confidence interval for the proportion  $p$  of customers who bring their own shopping bags to this large shopping centre was determined to be  $\left( \frac{4853}{50000}, \frac{5147}{50000} \right)$ .

- a** Find the value of  $\hat{p}$  that was used to obtain this approximate 95% confidence interval. 1 mark

$$5147 - 4853 = 294 / 2 = 147$$

$$4853 + 147 = 5000$$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{5000}{50000} = 0.1 \quad \text{A1}$$

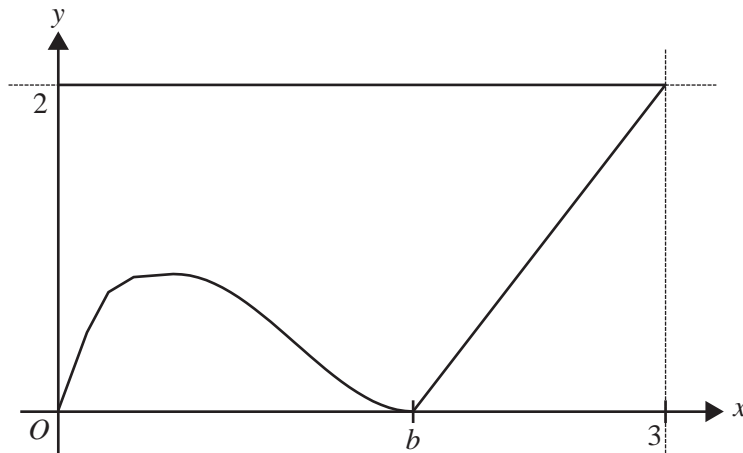
- b** Use the fact that  $1.96 = \frac{49}{25}$  to find the size of the sample from which this approximate 95% confidence interval was obtained. 2 marks

$$\frac{49}{25} \sqrt{\frac{0.1 \times 0.9}{n}} = \frac{147}{50000} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$n = 40000 \quad \text{A1}$$

**Question 9** (8 marks)

The diagram below shows a trapezium with vertices at  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(0, 2)$ ,  $(3, 2)$  and  $(b, 0)$ , where  $b$  is a real number and  $0 < b < 2$ .



On the same axes as the trapezium, part of the graph of a cubic polynomial function is drawn. It has the rule  $y = ax(x - b)^2$ , where  $a$  is a non-zero real number and  $0 \leq x \leq b$ .

- a. At the local maximum of the graph,  $y = b$ .

Find  $a$  in terms of  $b$ .

3 marks

$$y = ax^3 - 2abx^2 + ab^2x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3ax^2 - 4abx + ab^2 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$3ax^2 - 4abx + ab^2 = 0$$

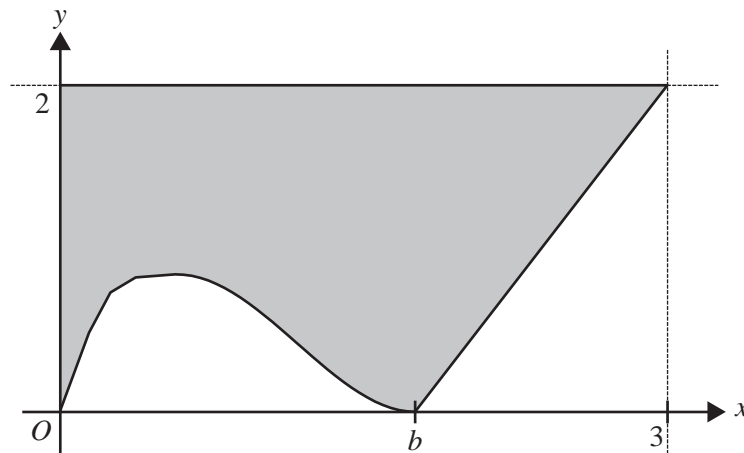
$$x = \frac{4ab \pm \sqrt{4a^2b^2}}{6a} \quad \text{A1}$$

$$b = a \times \frac{b}{3} \left( \frac{b}{3} - b \right)^2$$

$$3b = ab \times \frac{4b^2}{9}$$

$$a = \frac{27}{4b^2} \quad \text{A1}$$

The area between the graph of the function and the  $x$ -axis is removed from the trapezium, as shown in the diagram below.



- b. Show that the expression for the area of the shaded region is  $b + 3 - \frac{9b^2}{16}$  square units. 3 marks

$$A = \int_0^b 2 - ax(x-b)^2 dx + \int_b^3 \frac{2}{3-b}(x-3) + 2 dx$$

A1

$$= \left[ 2x - \frac{ax^4}{4} + \frac{2abx^3}{3} - \frac{ab^2x^2}{2} \right]_0^b + \left[ \frac{2}{3-b} \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - 3x \right) + 2x \right]_b^3$$

A1

$$= 2b - \frac{ab^4}{4} + \frac{2ab}{3}b^3 - \frac{ab^2}{2}b^2 + \frac{2}{3-b} \left( \frac{9}{2} - 9 \right) + 6 - \frac{2}{3-b} \left( \frac{b^2}{2} - 3b \right) - 2b$$

A1

$$= b + 3 - \frac{9b^2}{16}$$

- c. Find the value of  $b$  for which the area of the shaded region is a maximum and find this maximum area.

2 marks

$$A = b + 3 - \frac{9b^2}{16}$$

$$\frac{dA}{db} = 1 - \frac{9}{16} \times 2b$$

$$1 - \frac{9}{16} \times 2b = 0$$

$$b = \frac{8}{9} \quad A1$$

$$A\left(\frac{8}{9}\right) = \frac{31}{9} \quad A1$$

**END OF QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK**



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## Mathematical Methods formulas

### Mensuration

area of a trapezium	$\frac{1}{2}(a + b)h$	volume of a pyramid	$\frac{1}{3}Ah$
curved surface area of a cylinder	$2\pi rh$	volume of a sphere	$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
volume of a cylinder	$\pi r^2h$	area of a triangle	$\frac{1}{2}bc\sin(A)$
volume of a cone	$\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2h$		

### Calculus

$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$	$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$			
$\frac{d}{dx}((ax+b)^n) = an(ax+b)^{n-1}$	$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{1}{a(n+1)}(ax+b)^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$			
$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = ae^{ax}$	$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a}e^{ax} + c$			
$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_e(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \log_e(x) + c, x > 0$			
$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(ax)) = a \cos(ax)$	$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a}\cos(ax) + c$			
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos(ax)) = -a \sin(ax)$	$\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a}\sin(ax) + c$			
$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(ax)) = \frac{a}{\cos^2(ax)} = a \sec^2(ax)$				
product rule	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><math>\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}</math></td> <td style="text-align: center;">quotient rule</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><math>\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}</math></td> </tr> </table>	$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$	quotient rule	$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$
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chain rule	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$			

**Probability**

$\Pr(A) = 1 - \Pr(A')$		$\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$	
$\Pr(A B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$			
mean	$\mu = E(X)$	variance	$\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2 = E((X - \mu)^2) = E(X^2) - \mu^2$

Probability distribution		Mean	Variance
discrete	$\Pr(X = x) = p(x)$	$\mu = \sum x p(x)$	$\sigma^2 = \sum (x - \mu)^2 p(x)$
continuous	$\Pr(a < X < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$	$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$	$\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$

**Sample proportions**

$\hat{P} = \frac{X}{n}$		mean	$E(\hat{P}) = p$
standard deviation	$\text{sd}(\hat{P}) = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$	approximate confidence interval	$\left( \hat{p} - z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right)$