



Trial Examination 2019

VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3&4

Written Examination 1

Suggested Solutions

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Question 1 (4 marks)

a. $y = (3\log_e(x))^2$

Using the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy}{dx} &= 2(3\log_e(x)) \times 3 \times \frac{1}{x} \\ &= \frac{18\log_e(x)}{x}\end{aligned}$$

A1

b. $f(x) = \frac{\cos(3x)}{x^2}$

Using the quotient rule:

Let $u = \cos(3x) \Rightarrow u' = -3\sin(3x)$

Let $v = x^2 \Rightarrow v' = 2x$

M1

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= \frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2} \\ &= \frac{-3x^2\sin(3x) - 2x\cos(3x)}{x^4}\end{aligned}$$

A1

$$\begin{aligned}f'\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) &= \frac{-3\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)^2\sin(2\pi) - 2\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\cos(2\pi)}{\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)^4} \\ &= -\frac{27}{4\pi^3}\end{aligned}$$

A1

Question 2 (4 marks)

a. $f'(x) = 1 + \frac{2}{e^x}$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= \int (1 + 2e^{-x})dx \\ &= x - 2e^{-x} + c\end{aligned}$$

A1

$$\begin{aligned}f(0) = 4 &\Rightarrow 0 - 2 + c = 4 \\ \therefore c &= 6\end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = x - 2e^{-x} + 6$$

A1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } m_T = f'(0) &= 1 + 2e^{-0} \\ &= 3 \end{aligned} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$y - y_1 = m_T(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 4 = 3(x - 0)$$

$$y = 3x + 4 \quad \text{A1}$$

Question 3 (2 marks)

$$\tan^2(2x) = 1 \text{ for } x, \text{ where } x \in [0, \pi].$$

$$\tan(2x) = \pm 1 \text{ for } x, \text{ where } 2x \in [0, 2\pi]. \quad \text{M1}$$

$$2x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{8}, \frac{3\pi}{8}, \frac{5\pi}{8}, \frac{7\pi}{8} \quad \text{A1}$$

Question 4 (5 marks)

$$\text{a. } 5 - 2\log_e(x) = \log_e\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)$$

$$5 = \frac{1}{2}\log_e(x) + 2\log_e(x) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\frac{5}{2}\log_e(x) = 5$$

$$\log_e(x) = 2$$

$$x = e^2 \quad \text{A1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b. } 5^x &= 125^{k-x^2} \\ &= 5^{3(k-x^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 3(k - x^2) \quad \text{A1}$$

$$3x^2 + x - 3k = 0$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$= 1 - 4(3)(-3k)$$

$$= 1 + 36k \quad \text{M1}$$

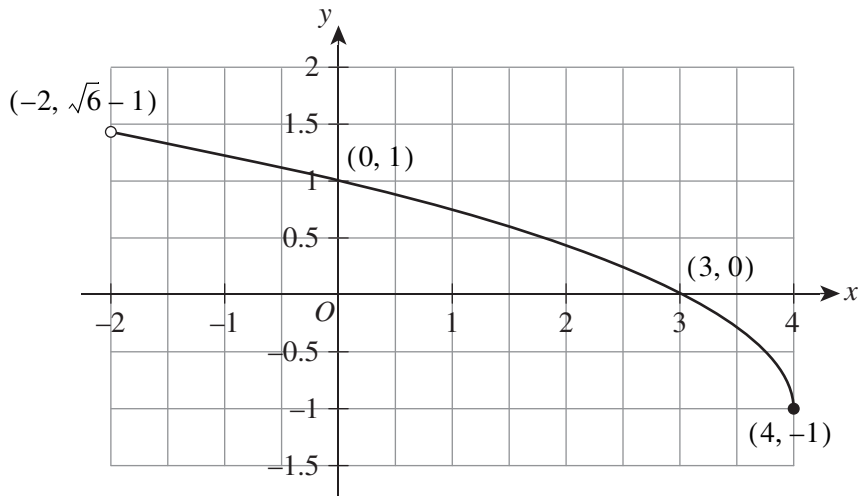
No solutions: $\Delta < 0$

$$1 + 36k < 0$$

$$k < -\frac{1}{36} \quad \text{A1}$$

Question 5 (6 marks)

a.



correct intercepts A1
correct endpoints A1
correct shape A1

b.
$$\text{area} = \int_0^3 (\sqrt{4-x} - 1) dx \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \int_0^3 \left((4-x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1 \right) dx$$

$$= \left[-\frac{2}{3}(4-x)^{\frac{3}{2}} - x \right]_0^3 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \left(-\frac{2}{3} - 3 \right) - \left(-\frac{2}{3} \times 8 \right)$$

$$= -\frac{11}{3} + \frac{16}{3}$$

$$= \frac{5}{3} \quad \text{A1}$$

Question 6 (7 marks)

- a. probability density function \rightarrow area = 1

$$\int_0^1 (kx^2 - kx^3) dx = 1 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$k \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^1 = 1$$

$$k \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) = 1$$

$$k \times \frac{1}{12} = 1$$

$$k = 12 \text{ as required} \quad \text{A1}$$

b. mean = $\int_0^1 x \times 12x^2(1-x) dx$ M1

$$= 12 \int_0^1 (x^3 - x^4) dx$$

$$= 12 \left[\frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^1$$

$$= 12 \left[\frac{1^4}{4} - \frac{1^5}{5} \right]$$

$$= 12 \times \frac{1}{20}$$

$$= \frac{3}{5} \quad \text{A1}$$

c. $g(x)$ is a probability density function.

$$\therefore q \int_0^p x^2(p-x)dx = 1$$

$$\frac{qp^4}{12} = 1 \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

$$\text{mean} = \int_0^p x \times qx^2(p-x)dx$$

$$\frac{3}{10} = q \int_0^p x^3(p-x)dx$$

$$\frac{3}{10} = q \int_0^p (px^3 - x^4)dx$$

$$\frac{3}{10} = q \left[\frac{px^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^p$$

$$\frac{3}{10} = q \left[\frac{p^5}{4} - \frac{p^5}{5} \right]$$

$$\frac{3}{10} = q \times \frac{p^5}{20}$$

$$q = \frac{6}{p^5} \quad (\text{eq. 2})$$

M1

Substitute **eq. 1** into **eq. 2**.

$$\frac{6}{p^5} \times \frac{p^4}{12} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2p} = 1$$

$$p = \frac{1}{2}$$

A1

Substitute $p = \frac{1}{2}$ into **eq. 2**.

$$q = \frac{6}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5}$$

$$= 192$$

A1

Question 7 (5 marks)

$$\text{a. } \Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\Pr(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{8}\Pr(B)$$

$$\Pr(B|A) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(A)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Pr(A \cap B) = \frac{1}{3}\Pr(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{8}\Pr(B) = \frac{1}{3}\Pr(A)$$

$$\therefore \Pr(A) = \frac{3}{8}\Pr(B) \text{ as required}$$

A1

$$\text{b. } \Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$$

$$\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A) \times \Pr(B), \text{ as } A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent}$$

$$\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A) \times \Pr(B)$$

$$\Pr(A) = \frac{3}{8}\Pr(B) \text{ from part a.}$$

$$\therefore \Pr(A \cup B) = \frac{3}{8}\Pr(B) + \Pr(B) - \frac{3}{8}\Pr(B) \times \Pr(B) = \frac{3}{4}$$

M1

$$\text{Let } b = \Pr(B).$$

$$\frac{3}{8}b + b - \frac{3}{8}b \times b = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\frac{11}{8}b - \frac{3}{8}b^2 = \frac{3}{4}$$

M1

$$3b^2 - 11b + 6 = 0$$

$$(3b - 2)(b - 3) = 0$$

$$b = \frac{2}{3} \text{ or } b = 3$$

$$\therefore \Pr(B) = \frac{2}{3}, \text{ as } \Pr(B) < 1$$

A1

$$\text{c. } \Pr(A' \cap B) = \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$$

$$= \Pr(B) - \Pr(A) \times \Pr(B)$$

$$= \Pr(B) - \frac{3}{8}\Pr(B) \times \Pr(B)$$

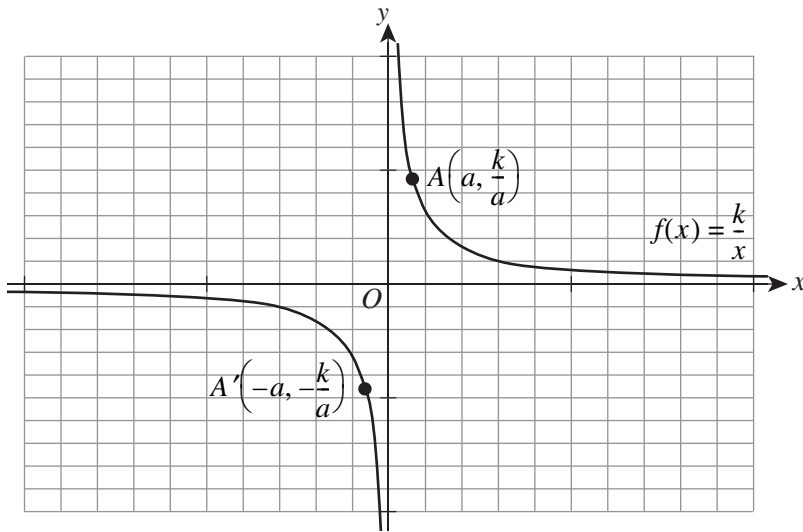
$$= \frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

A1

Question 8 (7 marks)

a.



A1

b.

$$\begin{aligned}
 d &= \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(a - (-a))^2 + \left(\frac{k}{a} - \left(-\frac{k}{a}\right)\right)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{(2a)^2 + \left(\frac{2k}{a}\right)^2} \\
 &= \sqrt{4a^2 + \frac{4k^2}{a^2}} \\
 &= \sqrt{\frac{4(a^4 + k^2)}{a^2}} \\
 &= \frac{2\sqrt{a^4 + k^2}}{a}
 \end{aligned}$$

M1

A1

- c. i. Let distance = $d(a)$.

$$\begin{aligned} d(a) &= \frac{2\sqrt{a^4 + k^2}}{a} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{4a^4 + 4k^2}}{\sqrt{a^2}} \\ &= \sqrt{4a^2 + 4k^2 a^{-2}} \end{aligned}$$

Using the chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} d'(a) &= (8a - 8k^2 a^{-3}) \times \frac{1}{2}(4a^2 + 4k^2 a^{-2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{(8a - 8k^2 a^{-3})}{2\sqrt{4a^2 + 4k^2 a^{-2}}} \\ &= \frac{(8a - 8k^2 a^{-3})}{2\sqrt{4(a^2 + k^2 a^{-2})}} \\ &= \frac{8(a - k^2 a^{-3})}{4\sqrt{a^2 + k^2 a^{-2}}} \\ &= \frac{2(a - k^2 a^{-3})}{\sqrt{a^2 + k^2 a^{-2}}} \end{aligned}$$

M1

Let $d'(a) = 0$.

$$a - k^2 a^{-3} = 0$$

$$a^4 - k^2 = 0 \text{ as } a > 0$$

$$a^4 = k^2$$

$$a = \sqrt{k} \text{ as } k > 0$$

A1

$$\begin{aligned} d(\sqrt{k}) &= \frac{2\sqrt{(\sqrt{k})^4 + k^2}}{\sqrt{k}} \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt{2k^2}}{\sqrt{k}} \\ &= 2\sqrt{2k} \end{aligned}$$

A1

- ii. $2\sqrt{2k} < 10$

$$\sqrt{2k} < 5$$

$$k < \frac{25}{2}$$

$$\therefore 0 < k < \frac{25}{2} \text{ as } k > 0 \text{ (stated in original question)}$$

A1