

**The Mathematical Association of Victoria**  
**Trial Exam 2020**  
**SPECIALIST MATHEMATICS**  
**Written Examination 1**

**STUDENT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reading time: 15 minutes**  
**Writing time: 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

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners, rulers,
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: any technology (calculators or software) notes of any kind, blank sheets of paper and/or correction fluid/tape.

**Materials supplied**

- Question and answer book of 17 pages.
- Formula sheet.
- Working space is provided throughout the book.

**Instructions**

- Write your **name** in the space provided above on this page.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the diagrams in this book are **not** drawn to scale.
- All written responses must be in English.

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**Note:** This examination was written for the Adjusted 2020 VCE Mathematics Study Design and accordingly does not include the Specialist Mathematics Area of Study 6 (Probability and Statistics).

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**Question 2** (6 marks)

Let  $g : D \rightarrow R$ ,  $g(x) = x - 2 - \frac{2}{|x-1|-2}$  where  $D$  is the maximal domain of  $g$ .

**a.** Find the maximal domain  $D$  of  $g$ .

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**b.** Solve  $g(x) = 0$ .

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c. Express  $g$  as a piecewise (hybrid) function.

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**Question 3** (5 marks)

- a. Express  $\frac{4}{4-x^2}$  in partial fraction form.

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- b. Solve the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{4y \cos(x)}{3 + \cos^2(x)}$  given that  $y(\pi) = 1$ . Express your answer in the form  $y = \frac{a}{b - \sin(x)} + c$  where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are integers.

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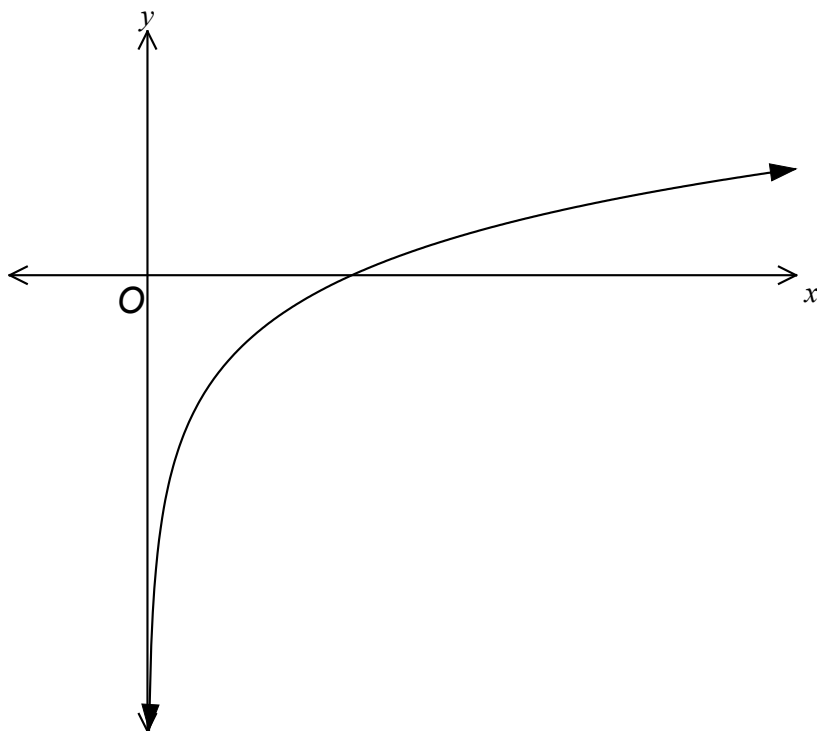
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**Question 4** (3 marks)

Part of the graph of  $y = \log_2(x)$  is shown below.



Sketch the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{\log_2(x)}$  on the set of axes above, given that it has a point of inflection at  $x = \frac{1}{e^2}$ . Clearly label its asymptotes with their equation and any endpoints and points of intersection with  $y = \log_2(x)$  with their coordinates.

**Working space**





**Question 6** (5 marks)

After being given an initial push, an object of mass 4 kg slides down a rough plane inclined at  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal with an acceleration of  $3 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

After four seconds the velocity of the object is  $14 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

- a. Find, in newtons, the size of the friction force acting on the object.

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**Working space**















- b.** Hence find an anti-derivative of  $x \arccos\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right)$ . 3 marks

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