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MATHEMATICAL METHODS

Unit 3-SAC 1c – Application Task: Test

June 2023

SOLUTIONS

Reading Time	none
Writing Time	45 minutes

Task Sections	Marks	Your Marks
Extended Response Questions	30	
Total Marks	30	

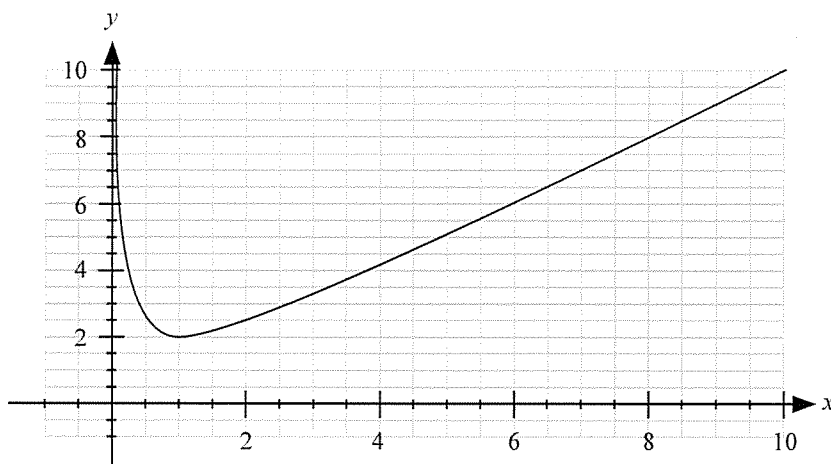
Declaration
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General Instructions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Answer all questions in the spaces provided.• In all questions where a numerical answer is required, an exact value must be given unless otherwise specified.• In questions where more than one mark is available, appropriate working must be shown.• Unless otherwise indicated, the diagrams in this task are not drawn to scale.
Allowed Materials
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calculators are allowed• Notes and/or references are not allowed.
At the end of the task
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure you cease writing upon request.
Electronic Devices
Students are not allowed to have a mobile phone, smart watch and/or any other unauthorised electronic device in the SAC, unless it is TURNED OFF and is placed on the front teacher desk.

Question 1 (6 marks)

Functions f and g are defined as $f: \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and $g: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(x) = x$.

Let $k(x) = f(x) + g(x)$. Part of the graph of $y = k(x)$ is shown below.



- a. Show that $k(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x}$ 1 mark

$$\begin{aligned}
 k(x) &= f(x) + g(x) \\
 &= \frac{1}{x} + x \\
 &= \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x^2}{x} \\
 &= \frac{x^2 + 1}{x} \quad \text{as required.}
 \end{aligned}$$

- b. Determine the domain of k . 1 mark

$$(0, \infty) \quad (\text{or } \mathbb{R}^+)$$

- c. Show that $k'(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{x^2}$ 2 marks

$$\begin{aligned}
 k'(x) &= \frac{2x \cdot x - 1(x^2 + 1)}{x^2} \\
 &= \frac{2x^2 - x^2 - 1}{x^2} \\
 &= \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2} \\
 &= \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{x^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

- d. Determine the coordinates of the stationary point on the graph of $y = k(x)$. 1 mark

$(1, 2)$

- e. Determine the values of x for which $k(x)$ is strictly increasing. 1 mark

$[1, \infty)$

Question 2 (12 marks)

Consider the function given by $f(x) = 3(x-1)^3 e^{(1-x)} + 3$.

- a. The graph of f has a horizontal asymptote at $y = a$. State the value of a . 1 mark

$$a = 3$$

- b. The graph of f passes through the point $(0, b)$. Find the exact value of b . 1 mark

$$b = 3(-1)^3 e^1 + 3$$

$$b = -3e + 3$$

- c. Consider the function $g_1 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g_1(x) = f(2x-h) + k$, where h and k are positive real numbers. List the sequence of transformations which maps the graph of $y = f(x)$ to the graph of $y = g_1(x)$. 3 marks

• dilation of factor $\frac{1}{2}$ from y axis

• translated k units in the positive y direction

• translated $\frac{h}{2}$ units in the positive x direction.

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{alternatives possible} \\ x' = \frac{x+h}{2} \quad y' = y+k \\ \quad = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{h}{2} \end{array} \right)$$

d. Consider the function $g_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g_2(x) = f(2x - p) + q$, where p and q are real numbers.

i. Determine the coordinates of the y -intercept and the stationary points of g_2 , giving your answers in terms of p and q .

2 marks

y intercept $(0, -3(p+1)^3 e^{p+1} + q + 3)$

stat pts $(\frac{p+1}{2}, q+3)$ and $(\frac{p+4}{2}, q+81e^{-3}+3)$

ii. Hence or otherwise, find the value(s) of q for which g_2 has exactly one x -intercept.

2 marks

$\{-3 - 81e^{-3}\} \cup [-3, \infty)$

iii. If $p = q$, find the non zero value(s) of q for which the graph of g_2 cuts the y -axis at

$y = \frac{1 - e^q}{2}$, giving your answer(s) correct to two decimal places.

1 mark

$q = -5.52, -0.25$

e. Let $g_3 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $g_3(x) = (x - a)^3 e^{(1-x)}$, where $a \in \mathbb{R}$.

The coordinates of the stationary points of g_3 are $A(a, 0)$ and $B(a + r + s, 27e^{-(a+r)})$,

where r and s are positive integers.

Find the values of r and s .

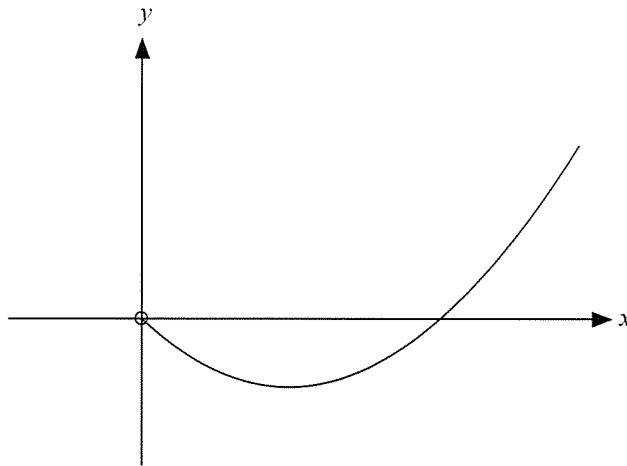
2 marks

$r = 2$

$s = 1$

Question 3 (4 marks)

Let $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = x \log_e(x) - x$. Part of the graph of f is shown below.



- a. Find the values of x for which $f(x) > 0$.

1 mark

$$x \in (e, \infty)$$

- b. The equation of the tangent to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at the point $(\sqrt{n}, f(\sqrt{n}))$ is

$$y = \frac{\log_e(n)}{2}x + b. \text{ Find } b \text{ in terms of } n.$$

1 mark

$$b = -\sqrt{n}$$

- c. Find the value(s) of n for which the tangents to the graph of $y = f(x)$ at the points with coordinates $(n, f(n))$ and $(\frac{1}{n}, f(\frac{1}{n}))$ are perpendicular, giving your answer(s) correct to two decimal places.

2 marks

$$m_1 = \log_e(n) \quad m_2 = \log_e\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$\log_e(n) \times \log_e\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = -1$$

$$n = 0.37, 2.72$$

Question 4 (8 marks)

Functions f and g are defined as $f : (-14, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \log_e\left(\frac{x}{2} + 7\right)$ and $g : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \log_e\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$.

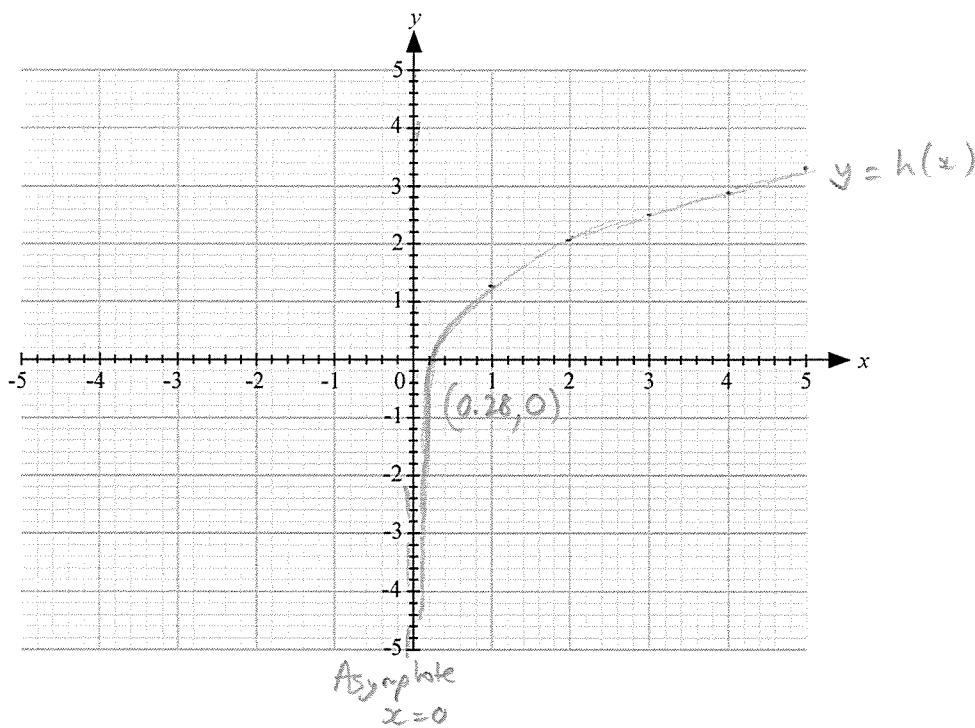
Let $h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$, for $x \in (0, \infty)$.

- a. The x -intercept of function h is $x = \sqrt{a} - b$. Find the value of a and b . 1 mark

$a = 53$

$b = 7$

- b. Sketch the graph $y = h(x)$ on the set of axes below. Label the asymptote with its equation and the axial intercept with its coordinates correct to two decimal places. 2 marks



- c. i. Find the rule for the inverse function h^{-1} . 1 mark

$h^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{4e^x + 49} - 7$

- ii. Find the coordinates of the point(s) of intersection of the graphs of $y = h(x)$ and $y = h^{-1}(x)$, giving your answer(s) correct to two decimal places.

1 mark

$$(0.42, 0.42) \text{ and } (2.17, 2.17)$$

Consider the function $h_2(x) = \log_e\left(\frac{x}{k} + 7\right) + \log_e\left(\frac{x}{k}\right)$ where k is a positive real constant.

- d. Find the value of x in terms of k such that $h_2'(x) = 1$.

1 mark

$$x = \frac{\sqrt{49k^2 + 4} - 7k + 2}{2}$$

- e. Hence or otherwise, find the value of k so that the graphs of h_2 and h_2^{-1} have only one point of intersection. Give your answer correct to two decimal places.

2 marks

$$h_2(x) = x \text{ and } x = \frac{\sqrt{49k^2 + 4} - 7k + 2}{2}$$

$$k = 2.71$$

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