



SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

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2015-2016

CORE FOUNDATION MATHEMATICS

3 hours

Attempt *all* questions. The allocation of marks is shown in brackets. Total marks: 100.

1 (i) Let  $f(x) = 4 \cos x - 5 \sin x$ .

(a) Write  $f(x)$  in the form

$$f(x) = R \cos(x + \alpha), \quad 0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2},$$

expressing  $\alpha$  to 2 d.p.

(b) Determine the maximum value of  $f(x)$  and the values of  $x$  for which this maximum value occurs.

(c) Determine the minimum value of  $F(x) = f(x) - 2$  and the values of  $x$  for which this minimum value occurs. **(8 marks)**

(ii) Prove that  $\tan x = \frac{2}{\sin 2x} - \frac{1}{\tan x}$ , where  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . **(4 marks)**

2 (i) A circle  $C$  has equation  $(x - 4)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 25$ .

(a) Find the coordinates of the centre of the circle.

(b) Find the radius of the circle.

(c) Show that the point  $P$  with coordinates  $(0, 2)$  lies on  $C$ .

**(4 marks)**

(ii) Find the cartesian equation of the curve described parametrically as

$$x = 2 \tan t, \quad y = \sec t, \quad -\frac{\pi}{2} < t < \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

**(4 marks)**

3 (i) Find

(a)  $\sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \left(-\frac{1}{6}\right)^q$ ,

(b)  $\sum_{t=1}^{50} (4t + 1)$ . (6 marks)

(ii) Showing all your workings, (*including* workings for the binomial coefficients), find the first three terms when  $\left(1 + \frac{y}{4}\right)^{12}$  is expanded in ascending powers of  $y$ . (6 marks)

(iii) A frog wants to move from point  $A$  to point  $B$ . Each time the frog jumps, it lands halfway between its starting point and the point  $B$ .

Let  $d$  be the distance between the point  $A$  and the point  $B$ .

- (a) For *each* of the frog's first three jumps, write down the *individual* distance covered as a fraction of  $d$ .
- (b) Explain why these fractions are the first three terms of a geometric sequence.
- (c) What would be the distance from  $A$  covered by the frog after  $n$  jumps?
- (d) What would be the distance from  $A$  covered by the frog as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ? Will the frog ever reach the point  $B$ ? Briefly explain your answer. (7 marks)

4 (i) A doctor gives a patient 5mg of medicine. The medicine leaves the patient's bloodstream at a rate of 10% per hour.

Determine how long it takes (to the nearest hour) for the amount of medicine in the patient's bloodstream to fall below 1mg. (6 marks)

(ii) The relative intensity,  $I$ , of an earthquake can be given as a magnitude,  $M$ , on a base-10 logarithmic scale called the Richter scale.

- (a) Write down an equation that shows how this magnitude,  $M$  relates to the relative intensity,  $I$ .
- (b) Two earthquakes  $X$  and  $Y$  have magnitudes  $M_X = 2$  and  $M_Y = 5$ . Using your equation from part (i) (a), determine how many times more intense earthquake  $Y$  is than earthquake  $X$ . (5 marks)

- 5 (i) Find the derivative of  $f(x) = 4x - x^2$  by using *first principles*.
- (ii) Differentiate  $y = x^3 + \frac{5}{x^{\frac{7}{2}}} - \sqrt[3]{x} + 17$ .
- (iii) Differentiate  $y = e^{\tan x}$ .
- (iv) Differentiate  $y = (\ln x)(\tan^{-1} x)$ .
- (v) Differentiate  $y = \frac{\cos x}{x^2 + 1}$ .
- (vi) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in terms of  $t$  when  $y = \frac{t^3 + 1}{t^7 - 1}$  and  $x = \frac{t^2 + 1}{t^3}$ .
- (vii) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  if  $y = 2^{e^{\sin x}}$ . **(13 marks)**

- 6 (i) Find  $\int \left( 4x^3 + \frac{3}{x^{\frac{5}{9}}} + \frac{1}{x} + \pi \right) dx$ .
- (ii) Find  $\int 3x \cos(x^2 + 2) dx$ .
- (iii) Find  $\int xe^x dx$ .
- (iv) Find  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{(2x)^2 + 1} dx$ . **(7 marks)**

- 7 Let  $y = f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{x^2 + 2}$ .
- (i) Find the stationary points of  $y = f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{x^2 + 2}$  and determine their nature. **(5 marks)**
- (ii) Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{x^2 + 2}$ . **(6 marks)**

- 8 (i) Express  $p(x) = \frac{x - 3}{(2x - 1)(x^2 - 4)}$  in partial fractions. **(6 marks)**

- (ii) Find

$$\int \frac{x - 3}{(2x - 1)(x^2 - 4)} dx$$

using your answer to (i) or otherwise.

**(2 marks)**

- 9** Find the area enclosed by the lines  $y = \ln(x + 1)$ ,  $y = x^2 - 2x + \ln 3$ ,  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$ .  
Give your answer as an approximation to two decimal points. **(8 marks)**
- 10** Find the equation of the function  $y = f(x)$  which has derivative  $y' = \cos\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  and has  $y = 0$  when  $x = 0$ . **(3 marks)**

**End of Question Paper**