

GCE Examinations
Advanced Subsidiary

Core Mathematics C4

Paper H

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions and Information

Candidates may use any calculator EXCEPT those with the facility for symbolic algebra, differentiation and/or integration.

Full marks may be obtained for answers to ALL questions.

Mathematical formulae and statistical tables are available.

This paper has eight questions.

Advice to Candidates

You must show sufficient working to make your methods clear to an examiner.
Answers without working may gain no credit.



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8. An entomologist is studying the population of insects in a colony.

Initially there are 300 insects in the colony and in a model, the entomologist assumes that the population, P , at time t weeks satisfies the differential equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = kP,$$

where k is a constant.

- (a) Find an expression for P in terms of k and t . (5)

Given that after one week there are 360 insects in the colony,

- (b) find the value of k to 3 significant figures. (2)

Given also that after two and three weeks there are 440 and 600 insects respectively,

- (c) comment on suitability of the model. (2)

An alternative model assumes that

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = P(0.4 - 0.25 \cos 0.5t).$$

- (d) Using the initial data, $P = 300$ when $t = 0$, solve this differential equation. (4)

- (e) Compare the suitability of the two models. (3)
