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Mathematics

International Advanced Level
Pure Mathematics P4
Question paper

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1. Prove by contradiction that, if a and b are real numbers, $a > 0$ and $b > 0$, then

$$\frac{9a}{b} + \frac{4b}{a} \geqslant 12$$

(4)

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

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2. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**
Solutions relying on calculator technology are not acceptable.

Use integration by parts to find the exact value of $\int_1^{\mathrm{e}} \frac{\ln x}{x^2}\,\mathrm{d}x$

Write your answer in the form $a + \frac{b}{\mathrm{e}}$, where a and b are integers.

(6)

(Total for Question 2 is 6 marks)

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3. **In this question you must show all stages of your working.**
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A curve C has equation

$$3^x + 6y = \frac{3}{2}xy^2$$

Find the exact value of $\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}x}$ at the point on C with coordinates (2, 3). Give your answer in the form $\frac{a + \ln b}{8}$, where a and b are integers.

(7)

(Total for Question 3 is 7 marks)

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4. (a) Use the binomial expansion, in ascending powers of x, of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{(1-2x)}}$ to show that

$$\frac{2+3x}{\sqrt{(1-2x)}} \approx 2 + 5x + 6x^2 \qquad |x| < 0.5$$

(4)

(b) Substitute $x = \frac{1}{20}$ into

$$\frac{2+3x}{\sqrt{(1-2x)}} = 2 + 5x + 6x^2$$

to obtain an approximation to $\sqrt{10}$

Give your answer as a fraction in its simplest form.

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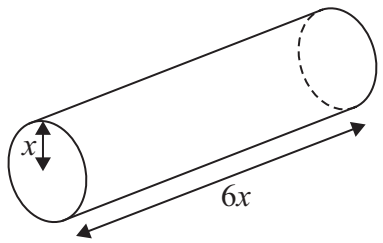

Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a right circular cylindrical rod which is expanding as it is heated.

At time t seconds the radius of the rod is x cm and the length of the rod is $6x$ cm.

Given that the **cross-sectional area** of the rod is increasing at a constant rate of $\frac{\pi}{20}\text{cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$, find the rate of increase of the volume of the rod when $x = 2$

Write your answer in the form $k\pi\text{cm}^3\text{s}^{-1}$ where k is a rational number.

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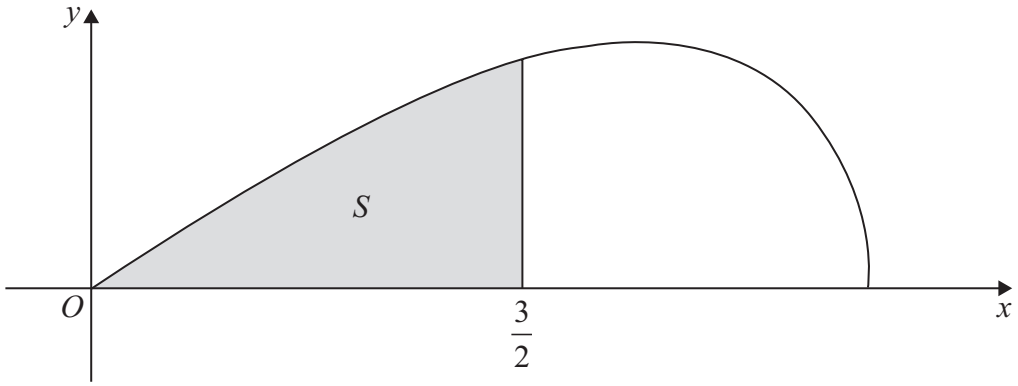

Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of the curve with parametric equations

$$x = 3\sin t \qquad y = 2\sin 2t \qquad 0 \leqslant t \leqslant \frac{\pi}{2}$$

The finite region S, shown shaded in Figure 2, is bounded by the curve, the x-axis and the line with the equation $x = \frac{3}{2}$

The shaded region S is rotated through 2π radians about the x-axis to form a solid of revolution.

(a) Show that the volume of the solid of revolution is given by

$$k\int_0^a \sin^2 t \cos^3 t \, \mathrm{d}t$$

where k and a are constants to be given in terms of π.

(4)

(b) Use the substitution $u = \sin t$, or otherwise, to find the exact value of this volume, giving your answer in the form $\frac{p\pi}{q}$ where p and q are integers.

(*Solutions relying entirely on calculator technology are not acceptable.*)

(5)

(Total for Question 6 is 9 marks)

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7. (a) Express $\dfrac{1}{(4-x)(2-x)}$ in partial fractions.

(2)

The mass, x grams, of a substance at time t seconds after a chemical reaction starts is modelled by the differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = k(4-x)(2-x) \qquad t \geqslant 0 \qquad 0 \leqslant x < 2$$

where k is a constant.

Given that when $t = 0$, $x = 0$

(b) solve the differential equation and show that the solution can be written as

$$x = \frac{4 - 4e^{2kt}}{1 - 2e^{2kt}}$$

(*Solutions relying on calculator technology are not acceptable.*)

(6)

Given that $k = 0.1$

(c) find the value of t when $x = 1$, giving your answer, in seconds, to 3 significant figures.

(2)

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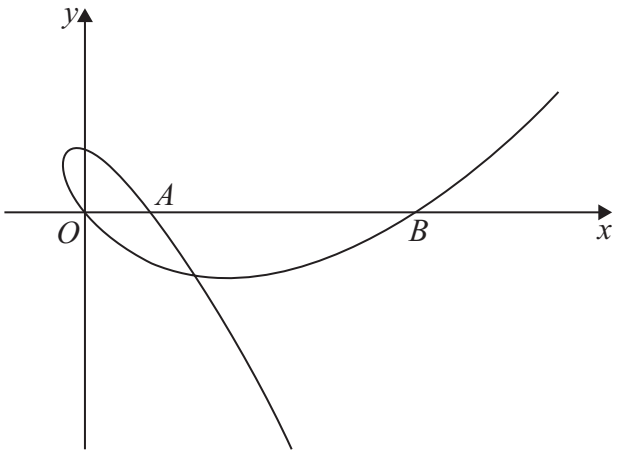

Figure 3

Figure 3 shows a sketch of part of the curve with parametric equations

$$x = t^2 + 2t \qquad y = t^3 - 9t \qquad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

The curve cuts the x-axis at the origin and at the points A and B as shown in Figure 3.

(a) Find the coordinates of point A and show that point B has coordinates (15, 0).

(3)

(b) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at B, giving your answer in the form $ax + by + c = 0$, where a, b and c are integers.

(4)

The tangent to the curve at B cuts the curve again at point X.

(c) Use algebra to find the coordinates of X, showing each stage of your working.

(5)

(Total for Question 8 is 12 marks)

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9. Relative to a fixed origin O, the line l has vector equation

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

where λ is a scalar parameter.

Points A and B lie on the line l, where A has coordinates $(1, a, 5)$ and B has coordinates $(b, -1, 3)$.

(a) Find the value of the constant a and the value of the constant b.

(3)

(b) Find the vector $\overrightarrow{AB}$

(2)

The point C has coordinates $(4, -3, 2)$

(c) Find the size of angle CAB.

(3)

(d) Find the exact area of the triangle CAB.

(2)

The point D lies on the line l so that the area of the triangle CAD is twice the area of the triangle CAB.

(e) Find the coordinates of the two possible positions of D.

(4)

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