

2014 NSW BOS Mathematics Exam Solutions

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Section I

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A	B	D	C	B	D	B	C	A	D

Q1 $\frac{\pi^2}{6} = 1.64$ (3 significant figures) **A**

Q2 The graph of $y = (x-1)^2$ is the graph of $y = x^2$ translated to the right by 1 unit. **B**

Q3 $\log_2(x-1) = 8$, $x-1 = 2^8$, $x = 257$ **D**

Q4 $\int e^{2x} dx = \frac{e^{2x}}{2} + c$ **C**

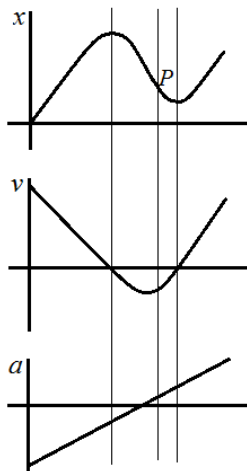
Q5 Gradient of $2x - 3y = 8$ is $\frac{2}{3}$, \therefore gradient of perpendicular line is $-\frac{3}{2}$. $3x + 2y = 6$ has gradient $-\frac{3}{2}$ and passes through the point $(2, 0)$. **B**

Q6 $8x^3 + 27 = (2x)^3 + 3^3 = (2x+3)((2x)^2 - 3(2x) + 3^2)$
 $= (2x+3)(4x^2 - 6x + 9)$ **D**

Q7 $(\sin x - 1)(\tan x + 2) = 0$, $\therefore \tan x + 2 = 0$ which has 2 solutions between 0 and 2π . $\sin x - 1 = 0$ has 1 solution, i.e. $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ which is undefined for $\tan x$.
 \therefore Total number of solutions is 2. **B**

Q8 $a = 3x$, $r = -2x$, $t_{11} = (3x)(-2x)^{10} = 3072x^{11}$ **C**

Q9 **A**



Q10 $\Pr(\text{at least one}) = 1 - \Pr(\text{none}) = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{4}\right)\left(1 - \frac{1}{6}\right)\left(1 - \frac{2}{5}\right) = \frac{5}{8}$ **D**

Section II

Q11a $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}-2} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}+2}{\sqrt{5}+2} = \frac{\sqrt{5}+2}{1} = \sqrt{5} + 2$

Q11b $3x^2 + x - 2 = (3x-2)(x+1)$

Q11c $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x^3}{x+1} \right) = \frac{(x+1)(3x^2) - (x^3)(1)}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{x^2(2x+3)}{(x+1)^2}$

Q11d $\int \frac{1}{(x+3)^2} dx = \int (x+3)^{-2} dx = \frac{(x+3)^{-1}}{-1} + c = -\frac{1}{x+3} + c$

Q11e $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin \frac{x}{2} dx = \left[-\frac{\cos \frac{x}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = -2 \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + 2 \cos 0 = -\sqrt{2} + 2$

Q11f $f'(x) = 4x - 5$, $f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x + c$
 The curve passes through $(2, 3)$.

$\therefore f(2) = 2(2)^2 - 5(2) + c = 3$, $c = 5$. $\therefore y = 2x^2 - 5x + 5$

Q11g Arc length $= r\theta = 8 \times \frac{\pi}{7} = \frac{8\pi}{7}$ cm

Perimeter $= 8 + 8 + \frac{8\pi}{7} = 8 \left(2 + \frac{\pi}{7} \right)$ cm

Q12a $a = 2$, $d = 3$, $t_n = 1094$, $\therefore 2 + (n-1)3 = 1094$, $n = 365$
 $S_{365} = \frac{365}{2}(2 + 1094) = 200020$

Q12bi Gradient $= \frac{1-4}{6-0} = -\frac{1}{2}$, $\therefore y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$, $\therefore x + 2y - 8 = 0$

Q12bii Let $P(u, v)$ be a point on AC , and $BP \perp AC$.

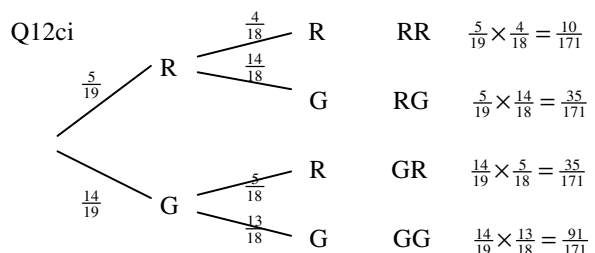
$\therefore u + 2v - 8 = 0$ and $\frac{v-0}{u-3} \times \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -1$

$\therefore \frac{v}{5-2v} = 2$, $v = 2$, $\therefore u = 4$

$BP = \sqrt{(4-3)^2 + (2-0)^2} = \sqrt{5}$

Q12biii $\overline{AC} = \sqrt{(6-0)^2 + (1-4)^2} = \sqrt{45}$

Area of $\triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{45} \sqrt{5} = \frac{15}{2}$ square units



Q12cii $\Pr(\text{diff. colours}) = \Pr(\text{RG}) + \Pr(\text{GR}) = \frac{35}{171} + \frac{35}{171} = \frac{70}{171}$

Q12di $y = -2x^2 + 8x$ and $y = 2x$

$\therefore 2x = -2x^2 + 8x, 2x^2 - 6x = 0, 2x(x-3) = 0, x_A = 3$

Q12dii Area = $\int_0^3 (-2x^2 + 8x - 2x) dx = \int_0^3 (-2x^2 + 6x) dx$
 $= \left[\frac{-2x^3}{3} + 3x^2 \right]_0^3 = 9$ square units

Q13ai $\frac{d}{dx}(3 + \sin 2x) = \frac{d}{dx} \sin 2x = 2 \cos 2x$

Q13aii Let $u = 3 + \sin 2x, \frac{1}{2} \frac{du}{dx} = \cos 2x$

$\int \frac{\cos 2x}{3 + \sin 2x} dx = \int \frac{\frac{1}{2} \frac{du}{dx}}{u} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{du}{u} = \frac{1}{2} \log_e u + c$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \log_e (3 + \sin 2x) + c$

Q13bi $M = Ae^{-kt}, \frac{dM}{dt} = -kAe^{-kt}, \therefore \frac{dM}{dt} = -kM$

$M = Ae^{-kt}$ is a solution because it satisfies the equation
 $\frac{dM}{dt} = -kM$.

Q13bii $t = 0, M = 20$ kg, $\therefore A = 20, M = 20e^{-kt}$

At $t = 300, M = \frac{1}{2} \times 20, \therefore e^{-300k} = \frac{1}{2}, k = \frac{1}{300} \log_e 2$

\therefore at $t = 1000, M = 20e^{-\frac{\log_e 2}{300} \times 1000} \approx 1.98$ kg

Q13ci $x = t - \frac{1}{1+t}; v = \frac{dx}{dt} = 1 + \frac{1}{(1+t)^2}; a = \frac{dv}{dt} = -\frac{2}{(1+t)^3}$

$\therefore a < 0$ (i.e. a is negative) for $t \geq 0$

Q13cii As $t \rightarrow \infty, v = 1 + \frac{1}{(1+t)^2} \rightarrow 1$ m s⁻¹

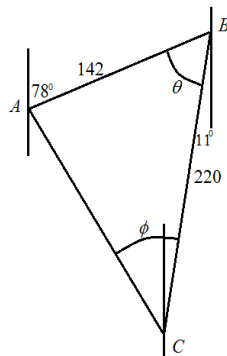
Q13di

$\theta = 78 - 11 = 67^\circ$

$CA = \sqrt{142^2 + 220^2 - 2(142)(220)\cos 67^\circ}$

≈ 210.12

$\therefore CA$ is approximately 210 km



Q13dii $\frac{\sin \phi}{142} = \frac{\sin 67^\circ}{210.12}, \therefore \phi \approx 38.47^\circ$

\therefore bearing is $360^\circ - (38.47^\circ - 11^\circ) \approx 333^\circ$

Q14a $y = e^x - ex, \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x - e$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ at a stationary point, $\therefore e^x - e = 0, \therefore x = 1$ and $y = 0$

x	< 1	1	> 1
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	< 0	0	> 0

The stationary point is $(1, 0)$. It is a minimum turning point of $y = e^x - ex$.

Q14bi $2x^2 + 8x + k = 2\left(x^2 + 4x + \frac{k}{2}\right)$

$= 2(x - \alpha)(x - \beta) = 2(x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta)$

$\therefore \alpha + \beta = -4$

Q14bii From bi, $\alpha\beta = \frac{k}{2}$

$\alpha^2\beta + \alpha\beta^2 = \alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta), \therefore 6 = \frac{k}{2}(-4), \therefore k = -3$

Q14c Volume = $\int_0^4 \pi y^2 dx = \pi \int_0^4 (1 + 2\sqrt{x} + x) dx$

$= \pi \left[x + \frac{4x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3} + \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^4 = \frac{68\pi}{3}$ cubic units

Q14di $\frac{1}{3} \times 10 + 10 = \frac{40}{3}$ mL

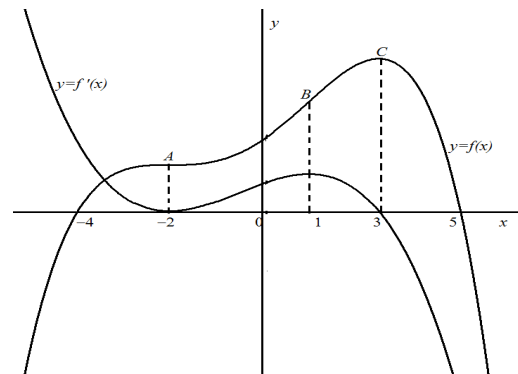
Q14dii Immediately after the n^{th} dose, the total amount

$= 10 + \frac{1}{3} \times 10 + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \times 10 + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{n-1} \times 10$ is a geometric series

with $a = 10$ and $r = \frac{1}{3}$.

$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{10}{1-\frac{1}{3}} = 15, \therefore$ the total amount will not exceed 15 mL

Q14e



Q15a $2\sin^2 x + \cos x - 2 = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$

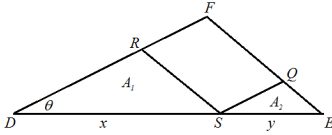
$2(1 - \cos^2 x) + \cos x - 2 = 0$

$\cos x - 2\cos^2 x = 0, \cos x(1 - 2\cos x) = 0$

$\therefore \cos x = 0, x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$ or $1 - 2\cos x = 0, x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$

The solutions are $x = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{3}$

Q15bi



$RS \parallel FE, \therefore \angle DRS = \angle DFE$ and $\angle DSR = \angle DEF$ because corresponding angles are equal. θ is a common angle to both triangles. $\therefore \triangle DSR$ and $\triangle DEF$ are similar.

Q15bii Ratios of any two pairs of corresponding sides of two similar triangles are equal, $\therefore \frac{DR}{DF} = \frac{DS}{DE} = \frac{x}{x+y}$

Q15biii $\frac{A_1}{A} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(DR)(DS)\sin\theta}{\frac{1}{2}(DF)(DE)\sin\theta} = \frac{x}{x+y} \cdot \frac{x}{x+y} = \left(\frac{x}{x+y}\right)^2$

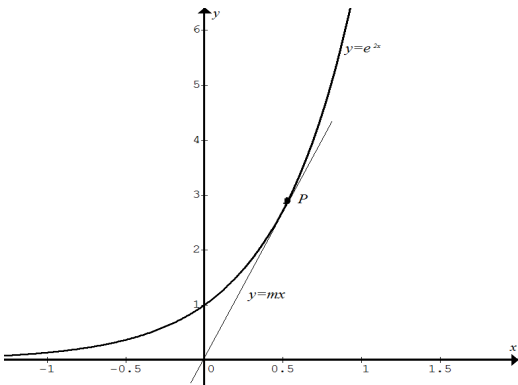
$\therefore \frac{x}{x+y} = \sqrt{\frac{A_1}{A}}$

Q15biv From biii, $\sqrt{\frac{A_1}{A}} = \frac{x}{x+y}$. Similarly, $\sqrt{\frac{A_2}{A}} = \frac{y}{x+y}$

$\sqrt{\frac{A_1}{A}} + \sqrt{\frac{A_2}{A}} = \frac{x}{x+y} + \frac{y}{x+y}, \therefore \frac{\sqrt{A_1}}{\sqrt{A}} + \frac{\sqrt{A_2}}{\sqrt{A}} = \frac{x+y}{x+y} = 1$

$\therefore \sqrt{A} = \sqrt{A_1} + \sqrt{A_2}$

Q15ci



Q15cii At $P, e^{2x} = mx$ and $\frac{d}{dx}e^{2x} = \frac{d}{dx}mx, \therefore 2e^{2x} = m$

$\therefore 2mx = m, 2x = 1, x = \frac{1}{2}, y = e^{2x} = e, \therefore P\left(\frac{1}{2}, e\right)$

Q15ciii At $P, e^{2x} = mx, \therefore e = \frac{m}{2}, m = 2e$

Q16a

$\int_{-\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{3}} \sec x dx \approx \frac{\pi}{6} \left(\sec\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) + 4\sec\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right) + 2\sec 0 + 4\sec\frac{\pi}{6} + \sec\frac{\pi}{3} \right)$
 $= \frac{\pi}{18} \left(2 + \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} + 2 + \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} + 2 \right) = \frac{\pi}{18} \left(6 + \frac{16}{\sqrt{3}} \right) = \frac{\pi}{9} \left(3 + \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$

Q16bi

	Start of month	End of month
1 st	500	500(1.003)
2 nd	500(1.003) + 500(1.01)	500(1.003) ² + 500(1.01)(1.003)

Q16bii

Start of 3rd month = $500(1.003)^2 + 500(1.01)(1.003) + 500(1.01)^2$

End of 3rd month

$= 500(1.003)^3 + 500(1.01)(1.003)^2 + 500(1.01)^2(1.003)$

$= 500(1.003)((1.01)^2 + (1.01)(1.003) + (1.003)^2)$

$= 500(1.003) \left(\frac{(1.01)^3 - (1.003)^3}{1.01 - 1.003} \right)$

\therefore end of the 60th month = $500(1.003) \left(\frac{(1.01)^{60} - (1.003)^{60}}{1.01 - 1.003} \right)$

$\approx \$44404$

Q16ci Perimeter = $\frac{\pi x}{2} + 2x + 2y = 10, \therefore \frac{\pi x}{4} + x + y = 5$

$y = 5 - x - \frac{\pi x}{4}, y = 5 - x \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$

Q16cii Area of the semicircular section = $\frac{1}{2} \pi \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{\pi x^2}{8}$

Area of the rectangular section = $xy = 5x - x^2 \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$

$L = \frac{\pi x^2}{8} \times 1 + \left(5x - x^2 \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right) \times 3 \therefore L = 15x - x^2 \left(3 + \frac{5\pi}{8} \right)$

Q16ciii $L = 15x - x^2 \left(3 + \frac{5\pi}{8} \right)$ is an inverted parabola, \therefore the turning point is a maximum.

Let $\frac{dL}{dx} = 0, 15 - 2x \left(3 + \frac{5\pi}{8} \right) = 0, x = \frac{60}{24 + 5\pi} \approx 1.511$ m

$y = 5 - \left(\frac{60}{24 + 5\pi} \right) \left(1 + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \frac{60 + 10\pi}{24 + 5\pi} \approx 2.3022$ m

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