



2017 VCAA Mathematical Methods Exam 2 Solutions

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SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	D	C	E	A	C	B	A	A	D

11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
D	C	E	D	B	C	D	D	D	B

Q1 Period = $\frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$, range is $[-1-5, -1+5] = [-6, 4]$ C

Q2 D

Q3 $\frac{\binom{5}{1}\binom{3}{1}}{\binom{8}{2}} = \frac{15}{28}$ C

Q4 $f(g(3)) = f(2) = 5$ E

Q5 $\hat{p} + 2 \times \text{sd} = 0.121$, $\hat{p} + \frac{0.121 - 0.039}{2} = 0.121$, $\hat{p} = 0.080$ A

Q6 C

Q7 $(p-1)x^2 + 4x + (p-5) = 0$, $\Delta = 16 - 4(p-1)(p-5) < 0$
 $\therefore p^2 - 6p + 1 > 0$ B

Q8 $a^{b-4x} = y - 2$, $b - 4x = \log_a(y - 2)$, $x = \frac{1}{4}(b - \log_a(y - 2))$ A

Q9 Av. rate = $\frac{f(a) - f(1)}{a - 1} = \frac{a^2 - 2a + 1}{a - 1} = 8$, $a > 1$, $\therefore a = 9$ A

Q10 $x = \frac{x'}{2}$, $y = 3y'$
 $y = 3\sin 2\left(x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 3\cos 2x \rightarrow 3y' = 3\cos x'$, i.e. $y = \cos x$ D

Q11 $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2ax + b$
 $f'(-1) = 3 - 2a + b = 0$ and $f'(3) = 27 + 6a + b = 0$
 $\therefore a = -3$ and $b = -9$ D

Q12 $\sin 2x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, $x = -\frac{5\pi}{6}, -\frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \dots$
 $-\frac{5\pi}{6} + \frac{-2\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{3} = -\pi$, $\therefore \frac{\pi}{3} \leq x < \frac{7\pi}{6}$ C

Q13 $(h(x))^2 = \frac{1}{(x-1)^2}$, $h(x^2) = \frac{1}{x^2-1}$, $\therefore (h(x))^2 \neq h(x^2)$ E

Q14 $\mu = 1 - 4p$, $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - \mu^2 = 6p - 16p^2$ D

Q15 $A = uv = u(-u^3 + 8) = -u^4 + 8u$ B

Let $\frac{dA}{du} = -4u^3 + 8 = 0$, $\therefore u = \sqrt[3]{2}$, $A_{\max} = 6\sqrt[3]{2}$

Q16 $\hat{P} = \frac{X}{n} = 0$, $\therefore X = 0$

$\Pr(\hat{P} = 0) = \Pr(X = 0) = (1-p)^5 = \frac{1}{243}$ $\therefore p = \frac{2}{3}$

$\hat{P} = \frac{X}{n} = \frac{X}{5} > 0.6$, $\therefore X > 3$

$\Pr(\hat{P} > 0.6) = \Pr(X > 3) = \Pr(X = 4) + \Pr(X = 5) = 0.4609$ C

Q17 $b + c = 0$ D

Q18 $\mu = \sigma$, $np = \sqrt{np(1-p)}$, $(np)^2 = np(1-p)$, $np = 1-p$
 $\therefore p = \frac{1}{n+1} \leq 0.01$, $n+1 \geq 100$, $n \geq 99$ D

Q19 $\int_k^{k+1} (\cos x + 1) dx = 1$, $[\sin x + x]_k^{k+1} = 1$, $\sin(k+1) - \sin k = 0$

For $0 < k < 2$, $\sin(k+1) - \sin(\pi - k) = 0$

$\therefore k+1 = \pi - k$, $k = \frac{\pi - 1}{2}$ D

Q20 Let $\sqrt{3} \sin x = \cos x$, $\tan x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$, $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$, $\therefore B\left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$

Area of $\triangle OAB = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\pi}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}\pi}{8}$

Area of the shaded region = $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \sqrt{3} \sin x dx + \int_{\frac{\pi}{6}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos x dx = \sqrt{3} - 1$ B



SECTION B

Q1a $f(x) = x^3 - 5x$

Let $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 5 = 0$, $x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$, $y = \mp\frac{10}{3}\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}$

The turning points are $\left(-\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}, \frac{10}{3}\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}\right)$ and $\left(\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}, -\frac{10}{3}\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}\right)$

Q1bi The line AB passes through the origin.

$m_{AB} = \frac{f(1) - f(-1)}{1 - (-1)} = -4$ ∴ the equation of the line is $y = -4x$

Q1bii $\overline{AB} = 2\sqrt{1^2 + 4^2} = 2\sqrt{17}$

Q1ci $\overline{CD} = 2\sqrt{1^2 + (k-1)^2} = 2\sqrt{k^2 - 2k + 2}$

Q1cii Let $2\sqrt{k^2 - 2k + 2} = k + 1$, ∴ $k = 1$ or $\frac{7}{3}$

Q1di $a^3 - ak = a$, $a > 0$, $a^2 - k = 1$, $a = \sqrt{k+1}$

Q1dii Area of the shaded region = $\int_0^{\sqrt{k+1}} (x - (x^3 - kx)) dx = \frac{(k+1)^2}{4}$

Q2a $h_{\min} = 65 - 55 = 10$, $h_{\max} = 65 + 55 = 120$

Q2b Time in the capsule = one period = $\frac{2\pi}{\frac{\pi}{15}} = 30$ minutes

Q2c Rate of change of $h = h'(t) = \frac{11\pi}{3} \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{15}\right)$

Let $h''(t) = \frac{11\pi^2}{45} \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{15}\right) = 0$, $t = \frac{15}{2}$

Q2d $\tan \theta = \frac{65}{500}$, $\theta = 7.41^\circ$

Q2e $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{3025 - x^2}}$

Q2f $m_{P_2B} = \frac{-v}{500 - u} = -\frac{\sqrt{3025 - u^2} + 65}{500 - u}$

Let $-\frac{\sqrt{3025 - u^2} + 65}{500 - u} = -\frac{u}{\sqrt{3025 - u^2}}$

∴ $u = 13.00$ and $v = \sqrt{3025 - u^2} + 65 = 118.44$
∴ $P_2(13.00, 118.44)$

Q2g $\tan \alpha = \frac{118.44}{500 - 13.00}$, $\alpha \approx 13.67^\circ$

Q2h From P_1 to P_2 , point P has rotated $(180 - 13.67)^\circ - (90 - 7.41)^\circ = 83.74^\circ$

Length of time $\approx \frac{83.74}{360} \times 30 \approx 7$ min

Q3a



Q3b $f(25) = \frac{5}{625}$, $f(55) = \frac{15}{625}$

$\Pr(25 \leq T \leq 55) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(25 - 20)f(25) - \frac{1}{2}(70 - 55)f(55)$
 $= 1 - 0.02 - 0.18 = 0.80$

Q3c $\Pr(T \leq 25 | T \leq 55) = \frac{\Pr(T \leq 25)}{\Pr(T \leq 55)} = \frac{0.02}{0.80 + 0.02} = \frac{1}{41}$

Q3d $f(a) = \frac{1}{625}(a - 20)$, $\Pr(T \geq a) = 0.7$, $\Pr(T \leq a) = 0.3$
∴ $\frac{1}{2}(a - 20) \times \frac{1}{625}(a - 20) = 0.3$, $a \approx 39.3649$

Q3ei Binomial: $n = 7$, $p = \frac{8}{25}$, $\Pr(X > 3) = \Pr(X \geq 4) \approx 0.1534$

Q3eii $\Pr(X \geq 2 | X \geq 1) = \frac{\Pr(X \geq 2)}{\Pr(X \geq 1)} \approx 0.7626$

Q3f $q = \Pr(X = 2) + \Pr(X = 3) = \binom{7}{2}p^2(1-p)^5 + \binom{7}{3}p^3(1-p)^4$
∴ $q = 14p^7 - 35p^6 + 70p^4 - 70p^3 + 21p^2$

Q3gi $p \approx 0.3539$ and $q \approx 0.5665$

Q3gii $\Pr(T > d) \approx 0.3539$, $\frac{1}{2}(70 - d) \times \frac{1}{625}(70 - d) \approx 0.3539$
 $d \approx 49$

Q4a $c = -1$ and $d = -2$

Q4b Domain for f^{-1} is $(-2, \infty)$.

Let $x = 2^{y+1} - 2$, $y = \log_2(x+2) - 1$, $f^{-1}(x) = \log_2(x+2) - 1$

Q4c The two graphs intersect at $y = x = 2^{x+1} - 2$, i.e. $x = -1$

Area = $2 \times \int_{-1}^0 (x - (2^{x+1} - 2)) dx = 2 \times \int_{-1}^0 (x + 2 - 2^{x+1}) dx$
 $= 2 \times \int_{-1}^0 (x + 2 - e^{(\log_e 2)(x+1)}) dx = 3 - \frac{2}{\log_e 2}$



Q4d $f'(0) = 2 \log_e 2$, $(f^{-1})'(0) = \frac{1}{f'(0)} = \frac{1}{2 \log_e 2}$

Q4e Let $2e^{kx} - 2 = 2^{x+1} - 2$, $e^{kx} = 2^x$, $\therefore k = \log_e 2$

Q4f Let $x = 2e^{ky} - 2$, $y = \frac{1}{k} \log_e \left(\frac{x+2}{2} \right)$

$\therefore g_k^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{k} \log_e \left(\frac{x+2}{2} \right)$

Q4gi $g_1 = 2e^x - 2 \rightarrow g_1 = 2e^{kx} - 2$

Dilation by a factor of $\frac{1}{k}$ in the direction parallel to the x -axis

Q4gii

Dilation by a factor of $\frac{1}{k}$ in the direction parallel to the y -axis

Q4h Let $m_1 = \frac{dg}{dx} = 2ke^{kx} = 2k$ at $x=0$, $\therefore m_2 = \frac{1}{2k}$ where $k > 0$

$\tan \theta = \pm \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2}$, $\tan 30^\circ = \pm \frac{2k - \frac{1}{2k}}{2}$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \pm \frac{2k - \frac{1}{2k}}{2}$

$\therefore k = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$ or $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Q4i i Same gradient at $x=0$, $\therefore 2p = \frac{1}{2p} = 1$, $\therefore p = \frac{1}{2}$

Q4i ii As $k \rightarrow \infty$, the graph of g_k approaches the lines $x=0$ and $y=-2$, and the graph of g_k^{-1} approaches the lines $y=0$ and $x=-2$.

$\therefore b=4$, the area of the square region enclosed by $x=-2$, $x=0$, $y=-2$ and $y=0$.

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