



2019 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
B	B	E	C	C	A	D	C	E	D

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

Q1 Period = $\frac{2\pi}{\frac{2}{5}} = 5\pi$, range is $[-5, 1]$ **B**

Q2 $\Delta = 4 + 4k > 0$, $k > -1$ **B**

Q3 $f(6) = \frac{a}{2}$, $f(8) = \frac{a}{4}$, av rate of change = $\frac{\frac{a}{4} - \frac{a}{2}}{4 - 2} = -\frac{a}{8}$ **E**

Q4 $[-a \cos x + b \sin x]_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} = \frac{-a\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{b}{2} + a = \frac{-a\sqrt{3} + b + 2a}{2}$ **C**

Q5 $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 + c$ and $f(4) = 0$, $\therefore c = -48$ **C**

Q6 $V(x) = x(80 - 2x)(50 - 2x) = 4x(40 - x)(25 - x)$
By CAS, V_{\max} occurs at $x = 10$ **A**

Q7 $16a = 1$, $a = \frac{1}{16}$, $\bar{X} = 1 \times \frac{3}{16} + 2 \times \frac{5}{16} + 3 \times \frac{7}{16} = \frac{17}{8}$ **D**

Q8 $\Pr(X = 74 | X \geq 70) = \frac{\Pr(X = 74)}{\Pr(X \geq 70)} \approx 0.1494$ **C**

Q9 $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $a = 1$ and $b = -1$ **E**

Q10 **D**

Q11 $\Pr(B | A) = m$, $\Pr(B | A') = n$
If A and B are independent, then $\Pr(B)$ is not conditional on the occurrence of A or not. $\therefore m = n$ **A**

Q12 $\int_1^2 (f(x) + x) dx = \int_1^2 f(x) dx + \int_1^2 x dx = 4 - (-2) + \frac{3}{2} = \frac{15}{2}$ **E**

Q13 $h(x)$ is the result of a horizontal dilation of $f(x)$ by a factor of 2 followed by a vertical translation of 5 units.
 $(-2, 7) \rightarrow (-2 \times 2, 7 + 5) = (-4, 12)$ **C**

Q14 $\Pr(X > 190) = \Pr\left(Z > \frac{190 - 200}{\sigma}\right) = \Pr\left(Z > \frac{-10}{\sigma}\right) = 0.97$ or
 $\Pr\left(Z < \frac{-10}{\sigma}\right) = 0.03$, $\sigma \approx 5.3$ g **B**

Q15 $f'(x) = 2x - 4$, $f'(5) = 6$, $g'(7) = \frac{1}{f'(5)} = \frac{1}{6}$ **A**

Q16 Gradient is 0 at $x = 0, 5$. Gradient is negative in $(-\infty, 0)$ or $(0, 5)$ and positive in $(5, \infty)$. **A**

Q17 $\Pr(\text{two of the same colour}) = \frac{{}^k C_2 + {}^{n-k} C_2}{{}^n C_2}$
 $= \frac{k(k-1) + (n-k)(n-k-1)}{n(n-1)}$ **D**

Q18 Average value = $\frac{\text{area}}{a+b} = \frac{1}{a+b} = \frac{3}{4}$, $\therefore b = \frac{4}{3} - a$

where area = $a^2 + \frac{1}{2}(2a+b)b = 1$.

Substitute $b = \frac{4}{3} - a$ in the equation and solve for $a^2 = \frac{2}{9}$

$\therefore \Pr(X > 0) = 1 - \Pr(X < 0) = 1 - a^2 = \frac{7}{9}$ **D**

Q19 $\tan 2x = d$, $2x = \alpha$, $\pi + \alpha$ or $2\pi + \alpha$
 $\therefore x = \frac{\alpha}{2}$, $\frac{\pi + \alpha}{2}$ or $\frac{2\pi + \alpha}{2}$

\therefore sum of the solutions = $\frac{3(\pi + \alpha)}{2}$ **E**

Q20 $\log_x y + \log_y z = \frac{\log_y y}{\log_y x} + \frac{\log_z z}{\log_z y} = \frac{1}{\log_y x} + \frac{1}{\log_z y}$ **D**

SECTION B

Q1a $f'(x) = -2x^3 e^{-x^2} + 2x e^{-x^2} = 2x e^{-x^2} (1 - x^2)$

Q1bi Local minimum

Q1bii Let $2x e^{-x^2} (1 - x^2) = 0$, $x = -1, 0, 1$ where stationary points are.

The same maximum value occurs at $x = -1, 1$, $y_{\max} = \frac{1}{e}$.

Q1biii $y_{\max} + d < 0$, $\therefore d < -\frac{1}{e}$

Q1ci The tangent is a horizontal line: $y = \frac{1}{e}$

Q1cii Area = $\int_{-1}^1 \left(\frac{1}{e} - x^2 e^{-x^2}\right) dx \approx 0.3568$

Q1d $n = m^2 e^{-m^2}$, distance $D = \sqrt{(m-0)^2 + (m^2 e^{-m^2} - e)^2}$
By CAS minimum distance ≈ 2.511 , $m \approx 0.783$



Q2a By CAS $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{9(x-10)(x-30)}{2000}$

Q2b By reading the gradient graph $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is strictly decreasing for $x \in [0, 20]$.

Q2c $y = f(x) = \frac{3x(x-30)^2}{2000} + 3$ for $x \in [a, 30]$

Q2d Average gradient of the hill = $\frac{0 - \frac{3(10)(-20)^2}{2000}}{30-10} = -\frac{3}{10}$

Let $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{9(x-10)(x-30)}{2000} = -\frac{3}{10}$, $3x^2 - 120x + 1100 = 0$

$x = \frac{120 \pm \sqrt{14400 - 13200}}{6} = \frac{60 \pm 10\sqrt{3}}{3} \approx 14.23$ or 25.77

Q2ei At $A(a, b)$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{9(a-10)(a-30)}{2000}$

Q2eii $b = f(a) = \frac{3a(a-30)^2}{2000} + 3$

Gradient of the straight section = $\frac{b-10}{a} = \frac{3a(a-30)^2 - 14000}{2000a}$

Let $\frac{3a(a-30)^2 - 14000}{2000a} = \frac{9(a-10)(a-30)}{2000}$

$\therefore a \approx 11.12$, $b \approx 8.95$ $\therefore A(11.12, 8.95)$ correct to 2 decimal places.

Q2eiii Gradient at $A = \frac{9(11.12-10)(11.12-30)}{2000} \approx -0.1$

Q3a 12

Q3b $t = 0, 4, 6$

Q3c Maximum strength ≈ 1.76

Q3d Area = $\int_0^4 \left(\sin \frac{\pi t}{3} + \sin \frac{\pi t}{6} \right) dt - \int_4^6 \left(\sin \frac{\pi t}{3} + \sin \frac{\pi t}{6} \right) dt$

$= \left[-\frac{3}{\pi} \cos \frac{\pi t}{3} - \frac{6}{\pi} \cos \frac{\pi t}{6} \right]_0^4 - \left[-\frac{3}{\pi} \cos \frac{\pi t}{3} - \frac{6}{\pi} \cos \frac{\pi t}{6} \right]_4^6$

$= \left(\frac{3}{2\pi} + \frac{6}{2\pi} + \frac{3}{\pi} + \frac{6}{\pi} \right) - \left(-\frac{3}{\pi} + \frac{6}{\pi} - \frac{3}{2\pi} - \frac{6}{2\pi} \right) = \frac{15}{\pi}$

Next 2 parts, x or t ?

Q3e $g(t)$ is the reflection of $f(t)$ in the t axis followed by a horizontal translation to the left by 6 units.

$\therefore a = 1$, $b = -1$, $c = -6$, $d = 0$

Q3f $12k = 2 \times \frac{15}{\pi}$, $k = \frac{5}{2\pi}$

Q4a $\mu = \int_0^5 \frac{4}{625} x(5x^3 - x^4) dx = \frac{4}{625} \left[x^5 - \frac{x^6}{6} \right]_0^5 = \frac{10}{3}$

Q4b $\Pr(X > 2) = \int_2^5 \frac{4}{625} (5x^3 - x^4) dx = \frac{4}{625} \left[\frac{5x^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_2^5 = 0.91296$

Number of butterflies = $80 \times 0.91296 \approx 73$

Q4c $\Pr(X \geq 4 | X \geq 2) = \frac{\Pr(X \geq 4)}{\Pr(X \geq 2)} \approx \frac{0.26272}{0.91296} \approx 0.2878$

Q4d Let random variable L (cm) be the wingspan, $\mu = 14.1$, $\sigma = 2.1$
 $\Pr(16 < L < 18) \approx 0.1512$

Q4e $\Pr(L < \ell) = 0.05$, $\Pr\left(Z < \frac{\ell - 14.1}{2.1}\right) = 0.05$

$\frac{\ell - 14.1}{2.1} \approx -1.6449$, $\ell = 10.6$ cm is the greatest possible wingspan for a very small butterfly. OR $\text{invNorm}(5\%, 14.1, 2.1)$

Q4fi Binomial random variable X number of successes, $p = 0.0527$, $n = 36$ $\Pr(X \geq 3) \approx 0.2947$

Q4fii Define $v(n) = \text{binomCdf}(36, 0.0527, n, 36)$

$\Pr(X \geq 6) = 0.01066 > 0.01$

$\Pr(X \geq 7) = 0.00244 < 0.01$, $n = 7$

Q4fiii $E(\hat{p}) = p \approx 0.0527$, $\text{sd}(\hat{p}) \approx \sqrt{\frac{0.0527(1-0.0527)}{36}} \approx 0.0372$

Q4fiv $\hat{p} : (0.0527 - 0.0372, 0.0527 + 0.0372) = (0.0155, 0.0899)$

$X : (36 \times 0.0155, 36 \times 0.0899) \approx (0.558, 3.2364)$, i.e. (1, 3)

$\Pr(1 \leq X \leq 3) \approx 0.7380$

Q4g $0.0234 = \hat{p} - 1.96\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$, $0.0866 = \hat{p} + 1.96\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$

Solve the simultaneous equations:

$\hat{p} \approx 0.055$, $0.0234 = 0.055 - 1.96\sqrt{\frac{0.055(1-0.055)}{n}}$, $n \approx 199.96$

The sample size was 200.



Q5a $f'(x) = -3x^2$, $f'(a) = -3a^2$, equation: $y = -3a^2x + 1 + 2a^3$
where $0 < a < 1$

Q5b At Q , $y = 0$, $x = \frac{1 + 2a^3}{3a^2}$

Q5c Let $-3a^2x + 1 + 2a^3 = 1 - x^3$, $x^3 - 3a^2x + 2a^3 = 0$, $x = -2a$

Q5d

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \int_{-2a}^1 (-3a^2x + 1 + 2a^3 - (1 - x^3)) dx + \int_1^{\frac{1+2a^3}{3a^2}} (-3a^2x + 1 + 2a^3) dx \\
 &= \left[\frac{-3a^2x^2}{2} + 2a^3x + \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_{-2a}^1 + \left[\frac{-3a^2x^2}{2} + (1 + 2a^3)x \right]_1^{\frac{1+2a^3}{3a^2}} \\
 &= \left(\frac{-3a^2}{2} + 2a^3 + \frac{1}{4} \right) - \left(\frac{-12a^4}{2} \right) \\
 &\quad + \left(\frac{-3a^2}{2} \left(\frac{1+2a^3}{3a^2} \right)^2 + (1 + 2a^3) \left(\frac{1+2a^3}{3a^2} \right) \right) - \left(\frac{-3a^2}{2} + 1 + 2a^3 \right) \\
 &= 6a^4 + \frac{(1+2a^3)^2}{6a^2} - \frac{3}{4} = \frac{80a^6 + 8a^3 - 9a^2 + 2}{12a^2} \\
 &\text{or } \frac{20}{3}a^4 + \frac{2}{3}a - \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{6a^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q5e Let $\frac{dA}{da} = \frac{80}{3}a^3 + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3a^3} = 0$

$$a^3 = \frac{1}{10}, \quad a = \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ or approx. } 0.4642$$

Q5f There is only one region bounded by the tangent and the graph of f^{-1} . The area of the region $\rightarrow 0$ as $b \rightarrow 1$.

There are two regions bounded by the tangent, the graph of f^{-1} and the **vertical** axis. In the latter case the two regions are the reflection of the two regions in **part e** in the line $y = x$. The image of $(a, 1 - a^3)$ after reflection is $(1 - a^3, a)$, $\therefore b = 1 - a^3 = \frac{9}{10}$.

Q5g Tangent to f^{-1} at $x = 1$ is a vertical line.

Gradient of the tangent to f at $x = 1$ is -3 , angle with horizontal axis $\theta = \tan^{-1}(-3)$.

$$\text{Required acute angle} = \tan^{-1}(-3) + \frac{\pi}{2} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right).$$

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