



2019 VCAA Specialist Mathematics Exam 2 Solutions

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SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions

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E	C	D	C	D	A	B	E	B	C

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E	A	D	A	E	A	E	D	C	B

Q1  $f'' \neq 0$  E

Q2  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 2 + \frac{17}{2x-8}$  C

Q3  $\dots, \frac{-3\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \dots$  D

Q4  $i^{1!} = i, i^{2!} = -1, i^{3!} = -1, i^{4!}, \dots, i^{100!} = 1$   
Sum =  $i - 1 - 1 + 97 = 95 + i$  C

Q5 Solve simultaneous equations  $\frac{y}{x-2} = \tan \frac{\pi}{4} = 1$  and  
 $\frac{y-1}{x-5} = \tan \frac{5\pi}{6} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, y = \sqrt{3}$  D

Q6  $\arg\left(\frac{z^5}{w^4}\right) = 5\text{Arg}(z) - 4\text{Arg}(w) = \frac{5\pi}{2} - \pi = \frac{3\pi}{2}$   
 $\therefore \text{Arg}\left(\frac{z^5}{w^4}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$  A

Q7  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 3 \cos t, \frac{dy}{dt} = -4 \sin t$   
Length =  $\int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{(3 \cos t)^2 + (-4 \sin t)^2} dt = \int_0^{\pi} \sqrt{9 + 7 \sin^2 t} dt$  B

Q8 Let  $u = 2x + 1, \int_1^5 (2x-1)\sqrt{2x+1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_3^{11} (u-2)u^{\frac{1}{2}} du$  E

Q9 Gradient  $\approx 1$  at  $(0, 0)$  and gradient  $\approx 0$  at  $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$  B

Q10 Radius  $h \tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3}h, V = \frac{1}{3}\pi(\sqrt{3}h)^2 h = \pi h^3$   
 $\frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{\frac{dV}{dt}}{\frac{dV}{dh}} = \frac{1.5}{3\pi(0.5)^2} \approx 0.64$  C

Q11  $\left(\frac{a-3}{2}, \frac{1+b}{2}, \frac{-2-1}{2}\right) = \left(-5, \frac{3}{2}, c\right)$   
 $\therefore a = -7, b = 2, c = -\frac{3}{2}$  E

Q12 Let  $\tilde{a} = \tilde{i} + \tilde{j} - \tilde{k}$  and  $\tilde{b} = m\tilde{i} + n\tilde{j} + p\tilde{k}$ .

$$\hat{b} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m^2 + n^2 + p^2}}(m\tilde{i} + n\tilde{j} + p\tilde{k}), \tilde{a} \cdot \hat{b} = \frac{m+n-p}{\sqrt{m^2 + n^2 + p^2}}$$

Vector resolutes

$$= (\tilde{a} \cdot \hat{b})\hat{b} = \frac{m+n-p}{m^2 + n^2 + p^2}(m\tilde{i} + n\tilde{j} + p\tilde{k}) = 2\tilde{i} - 3\tilde{j} + \tilde{k}$$

Q13  $\tilde{F}_1 = 2\tilde{j}, 2\tilde{j} + \tilde{F}_2 = 3(\sqrt{3}\tilde{i} + \tilde{j}), \tilde{F}_2 = 3\sqrt{3}\tilde{i} + \tilde{j}$

$$\tilde{F}_1 \cdot \tilde{F}_2 = 2 \times 2\sqrt{7} \cos \theta = 2, \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{7}}\right) \text{ which is acute}$$

Q14 Total mass = 7, net force = 3g,  $a = \frac{3g}{7}$

$$g - T = \frac{3g}{7}, T = \frac{4g}{7}$$

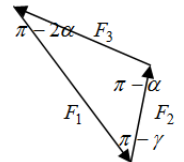
Q15 Projectile motion under a constant force (not in the direction of motion) E

$$Q16 a = v \frac{dv}{dx} = e^x \sin x (e^x \cos x + e^x \sin x) = e^{2x} \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x + \sin^2 x\right)$$

Q17

$$\frac{F_1}{\sin(\pi - \alpha)} = \frac{F_2}{\sin(\pi - 2\alpha)},$$

$$\frac{F_1}{F_2} = \frac{\sin(\pi - \alpha)}{\sin(\pi - 2\alpha)} = \frac{\sin \alpha}{2 \sin \alpha \cos \alpha} = \frac{1}{2} \sec \alpha$$



Q18  $\Pr(Z < z) = 0.99, z \approx 2.32635$

$$\left(65 - 2.32635 \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{36}}, 65 + 2.32635 \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{36}}\right) \approx (63.4, 66.6)$$

Q19  $E(aX + bY) = aE(X) + bE(Y), 4a + 4b = 8$

$$\text{var}(aX + bY) = a^2 \text{var}(X) + b^2 \text{var}(Y), 9a^2 + 9b^2 = 90$$

$$\therefore a = 3 \text{ and } b = -1 \text{ OR } a = -1 \text{ and } b = 3$$

$$Q20 \text{sd}(\bar{X}) = \frac{0.2887}{\sqrt{100}} = 0.02887$$

$$p = \Pr(\bar{X} \leq 0.4725 | \mu = 0.5) \approx 0.1704$$



SECTION B

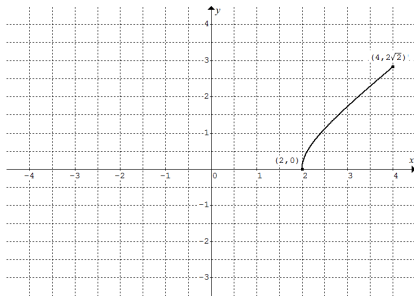
Q1a  $t \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \therefore y \geq 0, \sec t = \sqrt{1 + \tan^2 t} = \sqrt{1 + y^2} = x - 1$   
 $1 + y^2 = (x - 1)^2, y = \sqrt{x^2 - 2x}$

Q1b The domain is  $[2, \infty)$  and the range is  $[0, \infty)$

Q1ci  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \sin t \sec^2 t, \frac{dy}{dt} = \sec^2 t, \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\frac{dy}{dt}}{\frac{dx}{dt}} = \frac{1}{\sin t}$

Q1cii  $t \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), t \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{dy}{dx} \rightarrow 1$

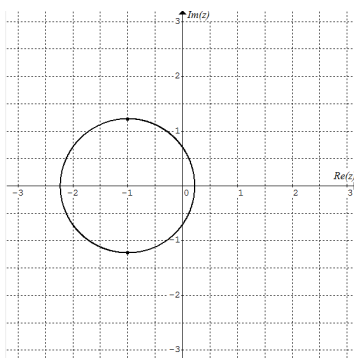
Q1d



Q1e  $\int_0^{2\sqrt{2}} \pi x^2 dy = \int_0^{2\sqrt{2}} \pi (\sec t + 1)^2 dy = \int_0^{\tan^{-1} 2\sqrt{2}} \pi (\sec t + 1)^2 \frac{dy}{dt} dt$   
 $= \int_0^{\tan^{-1} 2\sqrt{2}} \pi (\sec t + 1)^2 \sec^2 t dt$

Q2ai  $z = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 40}}{4} = \frac{-4 \pm 2\sqrt{6}i}{4} = -1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}i$

Q2aii



Q2bi  $m = 1, n = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$

Q2bii  $(x + 1)^2 + y^2 = \frac{3}{2}$

Q2biii The circle  $|z + 1| = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$  is shown above.

Q2c  $z = -1 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{4 - 2d}, \therefore z + 1 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2 - d}{2}}$

$|z + 1| \leq \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}, \left| \sqrt{\frac{2 - d}{2}} \right| \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, |2 - d| \leq 3, \therefore -1 \leq d \leq 5 \text{ or } d \in [-1, 5]$

Q2d  $z = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$z + \frac{b}{2a} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}, \left| z + \frac{b}{2a} \right| = \left| \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \right|$

$p = \frac{b}{2a} \text{ and } q = \left| \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \right|$

Q3ai  $\frac{dt}{dP} = \frac{1}{k} \cdot \frac{1}{P}, t = \frac{1}{k} \int \frac{1}{P} dP, kt = \log_e P + c$  where  $P > 0, t \geq 0$

$\therefore ka = \log_e r + c, kb = \log_e s + c, ka - kb = \log_e r - \log_e s = \log_e \left(\frac{r}{s}\right)$

$\therefore k = \frac{1}{a - b} \log_e \left(\frac{r}{s}\right)$  where  $a, b, r$  and  $s > 0$

Q3aii When  $a - b > 0$  and  $\frac{r}{s} > 1$ , i.e.  $a > b$  and  $r > s$ , then  $k > 0$

Q3bi  $\frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{e^t}{e^Q}, \int e^Q dQ = \int e^t dt$

Q3bii  $e^Q = e^t + c, Q = 1$  when  $t = 0, \therefore c = e - 1$  and  
 $Q = \log_e (e^t + e - 1)$

Q3biii  $\frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{e^t}{e^Q} = \frac{e^t}{e^t + e - 1}$

$\frac{d^2Q}{dt^2} = \frac{e^t(e^t + e - 1) - e^t \cdot e^t}{(e^t + e - 1)^2} = \frac{e^t(e - 1)}{(e^t + e - 1)^2} \neq 0$  for  $t \geq 0$

$\therefore$  the graph of  $Q$  does not have a point of inflection.

Q4a  $\vec{AB} = (4 - 2)\tilde{i} + (-2 + 1)\tilde{j} + (1 - 3)\tilde{k} = 2\tilde{i} - \tilde{j} - 2\tilde{k}$

$\vec{DC} = (a - 4)\tilde{i} + (b - 3)\tilde{j} + (c + 1)\tilde{k}$

$ABCD$  is a parallelogram,  $\therefore \vec{AB} = \vec{DC}, \therefore a = 6, b = 2$  and  $c = -3$ .

Q4b  $\vec{AD} = 2\tilde{i} + 4\tilde{j} - 4\tilde{k}, \cos \angle BAD = \frac{AB \cdot AD}{|AB| \cdot |AD|} = \frac{4}{9}$

Q4c Height of parallelogram  $= |AB| \sin \left( \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{4}{9} \right) \right) = \frac{\sqrt{65}}{3}$

Area of parallelogram  $= \text{height} \times |AD| = \frac{\sqrt{65}}{3} \times 6 = 2\sqrt{65}$

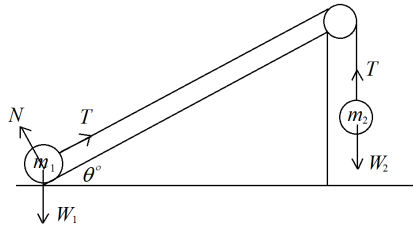


Q4d  $(6\tilde{i} + 2\tilde{j} + 5\tilde{k}) \cdot \overrightarrow{AB} = 0$ ,  $(6\tilde{i} + 2\tilde{j} + 5\tilde{k}) \cdot \overrightarrow{AD} = 0$   
 $\therefore 6\tilde{i} + 2\tilde{j} + 5\tilde{k}$  is perpendicular to both  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AD}$ .  
 $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AD}$  define the base parallelogram  
 $\therefore$  unit vector  $\hat{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{65}}(6\tilde{i} + 2\tilde{j} + 5\tilde{k})$  is perpendicular to the base of the pyramid.

Q4e  $\overrightarrow{BP} = -2\tilde{j} + 8\tilde{k}$ , height of the pyramid  $= \overrightarrow{BP} \cdot \hat{u} = \frac{36}{\sqrt{65}}$

Volume of the pyramid  $= \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{36}{\sqrt{65}} \times 2\sqrt{65} = 24$

Q5a



Q5b  $m_1 g \sin \theta = m_2 g$ ,  $\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{m_2}{m_1}$

Q5ci  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $m_1 g \sin \theta < m_2 g$ ,  $0 < \theta < \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{m_2}{m_1}\right)$

Q5cii Assuming  $m_1 g \sin \theta < m_2 g$ ,  $a = \frac{(m_2 - m_1 \sin \theta)g}{m_1 + m_2}$

Q5d Just after travelling 2 m up along the plane:

$$u = 0, a = \frac{(m_2 - m_1 \sin \theta)g}{m_1 + m_2} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{2}m_1 - \frac{1}{4}m_1\right)g}{m_1 + \frac{1}{2}m_1} = \frac{g}{6}, s = 2$$

$$v^2 = 2 \times \frac{g}{6} \times 2 = \frac{2g}{3}$$

Now  $m_1$  starts to slow down,  $a = -g \sin \theta = -\frac{g}{4}$ ,  $u^2 = \frac{2g}{3}$ ,

$$v = 0, 0 = u^2 + 2as = \frac{2g}{3} - 2 \times \frac{g}{4}s, \therefore s = \frac{4}{3}$$

Maximum distance  $= 2 + \frac{4}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$  m

Q6a  $\text{sd}(\bar{X}) = \frac{15}{\sqrt{50}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $\Pr(370 < \bar{X} < 375) \approx 0.490789$

$\Pr(\text{at least one}) = 1 - \Pr(\text{none}) \approx 1 - (1 - 0.490789)^2 \approx 0.741$

Q6b Let  $D = \bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2 = 2$ ,  $E(D) = 0$ ,

$$\text{sd}(D) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = 3$$

$\Pr(|D| < 2) = \Pr(-2 < D < 2) \approx 0.495$

Q6c  $H_0: \mu = 375$ ,  $H_1: \mu \neq 375$

Q6d  $\text{sd}(\bar{X}) = \frac{15}{\sqrt{100}} = 1.5$

For two tailed test,  $p = 2 \times \Pr(\bar{X} < 372 | \mu = 375) \approx 0.046$

Q6e Since  $p < 0.05$ , the machine is not working properly at the 5% level of significance for a two-tailed test.

Q6f  $2 \times \Pr(\bar{X} < \min x | \mu = 375) < 0.05$ ,  $\min x \approx 372.1$

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