

2021 VCAA Specialist Mathematics Exam 2 Solutions

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SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions

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

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

Q1 Graph $y = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\cos 3x} + \frac{3}{2}}$

B

Q2 $-1 \leq \log_e bx \leq 1, e^{-1} \leq bx \leq e, \frac{1}{be} \leq x \leq \frac{e}{b}$

E

Q3 $y_{\max} = \frac{1}{3}$ when $x = \pm \frac{\pi}{a}, \pm \frac{3\pi}{a}, \pm \frac{5\pi}{a}, \dots$

E

Q4 Let $z = 1 + i, \bar{z} = 1 - i, \frac{z\bar{z}}{z - \bar{z}} = -i, \text{Arg}\left(\frac{z\bar{z}}{z - \bar{z}}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{2}$

A

Q5 Circle centre $(2, \sqrt{3})$, radius 1,

$\max |z| = \sqrt{2^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} + 1 = \sqrt{7} + 1$

D

Q6 $z^2 = \cos 2\theta + i \sin 2\theta, \sin 2\theta = 0, \theta = 0, \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \pm \pi, \pm \frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots$

A

Q7 A and B define the first quadrant of $(x-1)^2 + (y+1)^2 = 25,$

$\frac{1}{4} \times 2\pi \times 5 = \frac{5\pi}{2}$

E

Q8 $x = 1, y = 2, y' = 2 \sin 1 = 1.6829$

$x = 1.1, y = 2 + 0.1 \times 1.6829 = 2.1683, y' = 2.1683 \sin 1.1 = 1.9324$

$x = 1.2, y = 2.1683 + 0.1 \times 1.9324 = 2.362$

C

Q9 $f'(x) = 2(x-3)^3 + 5, f''(x) = 6(x-3)^2 \geq 0, f(x)$ is concave

up on both sides of $x = 3$

B

Q10 Zero gradient at $(-2, -4)$, positive gradient at $(-3, -4)$

D

Q11 $\tilde{a} = -\frac{5}{2}\tilde{i} - 5 \cos 30^\circ \tilde{j} + 10\tilde{j}$

B

Q12 $\frac{\tilde{a}\tilde{b}}{ab} = \cos \theta, \frac{\tilde{b}\tilde{c}}{bc} = \cos \phi, \cos \theta \cos \phi = \frac{-(x-1)^2}{2(1+x^2)}$

D

Q13 $\hat{b} = -\tilde{i}, (-4)(-\tilde{i}) = 4\tilde{i}$

E

Q14 When $x = 2, a = v \frac{dv}{dx} = 2(3 + 2x) = 14, F = ma = 70$

D

Q15 $F_2 \sin 60^\circ = 6 \sin 30^\circ, 6 \cos 30^\circ + F_1 = F_2 \cos 60^\circ + 8$

$\therefore F_2 = 2\sqrt{3}, F_1 = 8 - 2\sqrt{3}$

A

Q16 At $\theta^\circ, a = g \sin \theta^\circ; \cos \theta^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{g^2 - a^2}}{g}$

At $2\theta^\circ$, acceleration $= g \sin 2\theta^\circ = 2g \sin \theta^\circ \cos \theta^\circ = \frac{2a}{g} \sqrt{g^2 - a^2}$

B

Q17 $E(\vec{v}) = \mu = 1.26, \text{sd}(\vec{v}) = \frac{0.01}{\sqrt{6}}, \Pr(\vec{v} \geq 1.25) \approx 0.9928$

E

Q18 $\bar{x} = \frac{70.2 + 75.8}{2} = 73, 73 + 1.96 \times \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{100}} = 75.8, \frac{\bar{x}}{\sigma} \approx 5.1$

C

Q19 $25 \rightarrow 30, 25 + 6 \rightarrow 30 + 7 \therefore 25m + n = 30$ and $31m + n = 37$

$\therefore m = \frac{7}{6}$ and $n = \frac{5}{6}$. When $X = 32, S \approx 38$

D

Alternatively: $E(mX + n) = mE(X) + n$ and $\text{Var}(mX + n) = m^2 \text{Var}(X)$

Q20 $E(T_1 - T_2) = E(T_1) - E(T_2) = 30 - 30 = 0$

$\text{Var}(T_1 - T_2) = 1^2 \text{Var}(T_1) + (-1)^2 \text{Var}(T_2) = 25 + 25 = 50, \sigma = \sqrt{50}$

$\Pr(-3 < (T_1 - T_2) < 3) \approx 0.329$

C

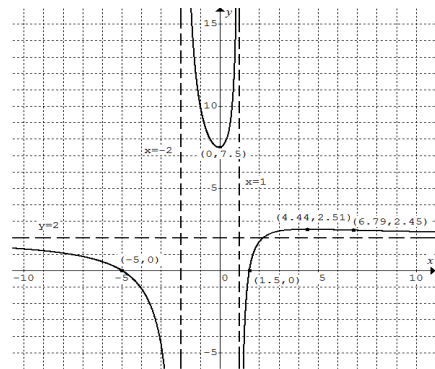
SECTION B

Q1a $A(x-1)(x+2) + Bx + C = (2x-3)(x+5), A = 2, B = 5,$

$C = -11 \therefore f(x) = 2 + \frac{5x-11}{(x-1)(x+2)}$

Q1b $x = 1, x = -2, y = 2$

Q1c



Q1di When $(x-k) = (x+2), k = -2$

When $(x-k) = (x+5), k = -5$

When $2(x-k) = (2x-3), k = 1.5$

Q1dii Let $g'_k(x) = 0$, solve for $x = \frac{-4k + 15 \pm \sqrt{-21(2k^2 + 7k - 15)}}{2k + 3}$

No solutions when $2k + 3 = 0$ or $\Delta = -21(2k^2 + 7k - 15) < 0$

i.e. $k = -1.5, k < -5$ or $k > 1.5$

Q2ai Real coefficients, complex roots are conjugates $\therefore z_3 = \bar{z}_2$

Q2aii Let $z_2 = a + bi$ and $b > 0 \therefore z_3 = a - bi$

$$|z_2 + z_3| = 0 \therefore a = 0; |z_2 - z_3| = 6 \therefore |2bi| = 6, b = 3$$

$$\therefore z_2 = 3i \text{ and } z_3 = -3i$$

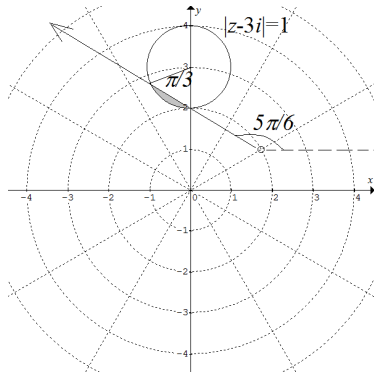
Let $z_1 = x, x \in R. p(z) = (z-x)(z-3i)(z+3i) = (z-x)(z^2+9)$

$$p(2) = (2-x)(2^2+9) = -13 \therefore x = 3 \text{ and}$$

$$p(z) = (z-3)(z^2+9) = z^3 - 3z^2 + 9z - 27$$

Hence $\alpha = -3, \beta = 9$ and $\gamma = -27$

Q2b



Q2ci Above

Q2cii Area of the shaded region $= \frac{1}{2} \times 1^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \right) = \frac{2\pi - 3\sqrt{3}}{12}$

Q3ai $V = \int_0^H \pi x^2 dy = \pi \int_0^H (y+8)^{\frac{2}{3}} dy$

Q3aii $V = \pi \left[\frac{3(y+8)^{\frac{5}{3}}}{5} \right]_0^H = \frac{3\pi}{5} \left((H+8)^{\frac{5}{3}} - 32 \right)$

Q3bi $V(h) = \frac{3\pi}{5} \left((h+8)^{\frac{5}{3}} - 32 \right), \frac{dV}{dh} = \pi(h+8)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dh} \times \frac{dh}{dt}, -4\sqrt{h} = \pi(h+8)^{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{dh}{dt}, \frac{dh}{dt} = -\frac{4\sqrt{h}}{\pi(h+8)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$$

Q3bii Let $\frac{d^2h}{dt^2} = 0, h = 24$

Maximum rate of decrease $= \left| \frac{dh}{dt} \right| \approx 0.62 \text{ cm/min}$

Q3biii When $h = 50$, leak rate $= 4\sqrt{50} = 20\sqrt{2}$

\therefore maximum add rate $= 20\sqrt{2} \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$

Q3c $\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{dV}{dh} \times \frac{dh}{dt} = 40\sqrt{2} - 4\sqrt{h}, \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{4(10\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{h})}{\pi(h+8)^{\frac{2}{3}}}$

$$\frac{dt}{dh} = \frac{\pi(h+8)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{4(10\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{h})}, t = \int_{25}^{50} \frac{\pi(h+8)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{4(10\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{h})} dh \approx 31.4 \text{ min}$$

Q4a $x = ut \cos \theta, t = \frac{x}{u \cos \theta}$

$$y = ut \sin \theta - \frac{1}{2}(9.8)t^2 = \frac{x \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} - 4.9 \left(\frac{x}{u \cos \theta} \right)^2 = x \tan \theta - \frac{4.9x^2}{u^2 \cos^2 \theta}$$

Q4b At $\theta = 30^\circ, y = x \tan 30^\circ - \frac{4.9x^2}{u^2 \cos^2 30^\circ} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{4.9x^2}{u^2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}$

At $(16, 4), 4 = \frac{16}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{4.9(16)^2}{u^2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)}, u \approx 17.87 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ is the minimum speed

Q4c Join up smoothly at $(16, 4): \frac{dy}{dx} = \tan \theta - \frac{9.8x}{u^2 \cos^2 \theta} = \tan 170^\circ$

$$\therefore \tan \theta - \frac{156.8}{u^2 \cos^2 \theta} \approx -0.176327$$

Also $4 = 16 \tan \theta - \frac{4.9 \times 16^2}{u^2 \cos^2 \theta}$. Solve: $\theta \approx 34^\circ, u \approx 16.4 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

Q4d $t = 0, s = 0, v = 0$

$$a = \frac{60}{v}, v \frac{dv}{ds} = \frac{60}{v}, \int v^2 dv = \int 60 ds, \frac{v^3}{3} = 60s, v = (180s)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Q4e When $v = 20$ at $B, s = \frac{400}{9}$

From A to W , car accelerates: $v = (180s)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

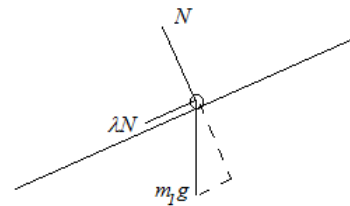
At W car starts to decelerate: $v = 0$ when $s = \frac{400}{9}$

$$v \frac{dv}{ds} = -9, v = \sqrt{800 - 18s}$$

Let $(180s)^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt{800 - 18s}, s \approx 28.082, WB = \frac{400}{9} - 28.082 \approx 16.4 \text{ m}$

Q5a $a = 0, m_1 g \sin 30^\circ - m_2 g = 0, m_1 = 2m_2$

Q5bi



Q5bii $N = m_1 g \cos 30^\circ = \frac{m_1 g \sqrt{3}}{2}$, weight force down the plane $\frac{m_1 g}{2}$

Consider the two masses as a unit:

$$m_2 g - \frac{\lambda m_1 g \sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{m_1 g}{2} = (m_1 + m_2)a, a = \frac{(2m_2 - (\sqrt{3} \lambda + 1)m_1)g}{2(m_1 + m_2)}$$

Q5c After m_2 hits the ground, $a = -\frac{(0.1\sqrt{3} + 1)g}{2}, u = 4.5, v = 0$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as, s = 1.76, \text{ distance is } 1.76 \text{ m}$$

Q5d Up motion, positive: $a = -\frac{(0.1\sqrt{3}+1)g}{2}$, $u = 4.5$, $v = 0$

$$v = u + at, t \approx 0.7828$$

Down motion, positive: $a = \frac{(-0.1\sqrt{3}+1)g}{2}$, $u = 0$, $s = 1.76$

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2, t \approx 0.9325 \quad \therefore \text{total time taken} \approx 1.7 \text{ s}$$

Q6a $E(\bar{X}) = \mu = 75$, $sd(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{n}}$

$$\Pr\left(\bar{X} > \frac{1000}{n}\right) < 0.01, \Pr\left(\bar{X} < \frac{1000}{n}\right) > 0.99$$

$$\Pr\left(Z < \frac{\frac{1000}{n} - 75}{\frac{8}{\sqrt{n}}}\right) > 0.99, n = 12$$

Q6b $E(4X) = 4E(X) = 8$

$$\text{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + X_4) = 4\text{Var}(X) = 4 \times 0.5^2 = 1 \quad \therefore sd(X) = 1$$

7.5 min to the meeting room, $\Pr(X \leq 7.5) \approx 0.3085$

Q6ci $H_0 : \mu = 60000$, $H_1 : \mu > 60000$

Q6cii $E(\bar{X}) = \mu = 60000$, $sd(\bar{X}) = \frac{5000}{\sqrt{14}}$

$$p = \Pr(\bar{X} > 63500 | \mu = 60000) \approx 0.0044$$

Q6ciii $p \approx 0.0044 < 0.01$, strong evidence against

$H_0 : \mu = 60000$, i.e. strong evidence for the success of the advertising campaign.

Q6d $p = \Pr(\bar{X} \geq \bar{x} | \mu = 60000) < 0.01$, $\bar{x} \geq 63109$

Q6e $p = \Pr(\bar{X} \geq \bar{x} | \mu = 60000) > 0.05$ incorrectly accepted

$\therefore \bar{x} = 62198$ at 5% level of significance

$$\Pr(\bar{X} \leq 62198 | \mu = 63000) \approx 0.274$$

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