

# 2024 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
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Q1 **C**

Q2 **A**

Q3 **C**

Q4  $\sin(x) = a, 2\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = a, 4\sin^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\cos^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = a^2$

$4\left(1 - \cos^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)\right)\cos^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = a^2, a^2 - 4\cos^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 4\cos^4\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 0$

$\cos^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - a^2}}{2}, \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - a^2}}}{\sqrt{2}}$  since

$\frac{3\pi}{4} < \frac{x}{2} < \pi$

Q5 **C**

Q6  $(3 + ki)^2 + 4i(3 + ki) + 3 = (-k^2 - 4k + 12) + 6(k + 2)i$

Let  $-k^2 - 4k + 12 = 0$  and  $6(k + 2) \neq 0 \therefore k = 2$  or  $-6$

Q7 Simplify to  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x}{e^y} 2\sin x \sin y$

Q8  $y_0 = 1, y_1 = 1, y_2 = 1 + h^2,$

$y_3 = 1 + h^2 + 2h^2(1 + h^2)^2 = 1.126528 \therefore h \approx 0.20$

Q9  $\int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{(\sin t)^2 + (1 - \cos t)^2} dt = \int_0^{2\pi} 2\sin\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) dt$

Q10  $\int_0^k 2\pi x \sqrt{5^2 + 12^2} dt = \int_0^k 10\pi t \sqrt{5^2 + 12^2} dt = [65\pi t^2]_0^k = 65\pi k^2$

Q11  $\int_0^{100} (-0.6t + 40) dt + \left(\frac{1}{2} \times 50 \times 20\right) = 500$

Q12  $\frac{dx}{dt} = (k-1)e^{(k-1)t}, \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = (k-1)^2 e^{(k-1)t} = (k-1)^2 x$

When  $x = k + 1, \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = (k-1)^2(k+1) = (k^2 - 1)(k-1)$

Q13 Let  $\hat{p} = \frac{1}{3}(2\tilde{i} - \tilde{j} + 2\tilde{k})$  and  $\hat{q} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{40 + m^2}}(2\tilde{i} + m\tilde{j} + 6\tilde{k})$

$\cos\theta = \hat{p} \cdot \hat{q} = \frac{(16 - m)^2}{9(40 + m^2)} = \frac{13}{21}$  and  $m > 0 \therefore m = 3$

Q14  $\tilde{s} = 2\tilde{i} - 2\tilde{j} + \tilde{k}$ , scalar resolute of  $\tilde{r}$  in the direction of

$\tilde{s} = -\sqrt{(-4)^2 + 4^2 + (-2)^2} = -6$ . Angle  $\theta$  between  $\tilde{r}$  and  $\tilde{s}$  is

given by  $\cos\theta = \frac{-6}{9} = \frac{-2}{3} \therefore$  scalar resolute of  $\tilde{s}$  in the direction

of  $\tilde{r}$  is  $|\tilde{s}|\cos\theta = 3 \times \frac{-2}{3} = -2$ .

Q15 Parabolic path  $y = 1 - 2x^2$ . Determine the times at  $(0, 1), (1, -1)$  and  $(-1, -1)$  to find the time  $2\pi$  for the round trip. **A**

Q16  $\dot{r}_1 = -\sin t \tilde{i} + \cos t \tilde{j} + \frac{\cos 2t}{\sqrt{\sin 2t}} \tilde{k}, \dot{r}_2 = \cos t \tilde{i} - \sin t \tilde{j} + \frac{\cos 2t}{\sqrt{\sin 2t}} \tilde{k}$

$\dot{r}_1 \cdot \dot{r}_2 = 0 \therefore \sin 2t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ , only one solution in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  **A**

Q17 Unit vector in the direction of  $\tilde{i} + \tilde{j} + \tilde{k}$  is  $\hat{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\tilde{i} + \tilde{j} + \tilde{k})$

Vector resolute of  $\tilde{r}_1(0) - \tilde{r}_2(0) = 3\tilde{i} + 2\tilde{j} - 2\tilde{k}$  in the direction of  $\hat{u}$  is  $(\tilde{r}_1(0) - \tilde{r}_2(0)) \cdot \hat{u} \hat{u} = \tilde{i} + \tilde{j} + \tilde{k} \therefore$  vector resolute perpendicular to  $\hat{u}$  is

$\tilde{r}_1(0) - \tilde{r}_2(0) - (\tilde{i} + \tilde{j} + \tilde{k}) = 2\tilde{i} + \tilde{j} - 3\tilde{k}$

The shortest distance =  $|2\tilde{i} + \tilde{j} - 3\tilde{k}| = \sqrt{14}$  **B**

Q18  $\tilde{r} = (1 - 2t)\tilde{i} + (1 + t)\tilde{j} + (3t - 2)\tilde{k}$

$\therefore 3(1 - 2t) - 2(1 + t) + 4(3t - 2) = 5 \therefore t = 3; x = -5, y = 4, z = 7$  **D**

Q19 **A**

Q20 For a sample of 4 avocados, the sample mean =  $4 \times 200 = 800$

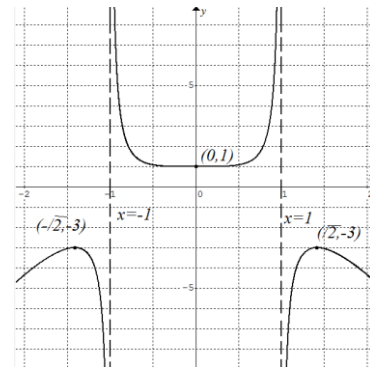
and sample standard deviation =  $\sqrt{4 \times 7.5^2} = 15$

$F_4 = 0.7M_4 > 570 \therefore M_4 > 814.2857143$

$\Pr(M_4 > 814.2857143) \approx 0.1705$  **B**

## SECTION B

Q1a



Q1bi  $\frac{x^4 - x^2 + 1}{1 - x^2} = y, x^4 + (y - 1)x^2 - (y - 1) = 0$

$\therefore x^2 = \frac{1 - y + \sqrt{y^2 + 2y - 3}}{2}, V = \int_1^6 \frac{\pi}{2} \left(1 - y + \sqrt{y^2 + 2y - 3}\right) dy$

Q1bii  $V \approx 11.2$

Q1c  $b = -1, \frac{x^4 - 1}{1 - x^2} = \frac{-(1 - x^2)(x^2 + 1)}{(1 - x^2)} = -(x^2 + 1) \therefore$  no asymptotes

Q1di Stationary points:  $-2x\left((x^2 - 1)^2 - (b + 1)\right) = 0$

Exactly one:  $(x^2 - 1)^2 - (b + 1) = x^4 - 2x^2 - b \neq 0, \Delta < 0 \therefore b < -1$

Q1dii Exactly three:  $x^2 = 1 - \sqrt{1 + b} \leq 0, \sqrt{1 + b} \geq 1 \therefore b \geq 0$

Q1diii Exactly five:  $x^2 = 1 - \sqrt{1 + b} > 0 \therefore b < 0 \therefore -1 < b < 0$

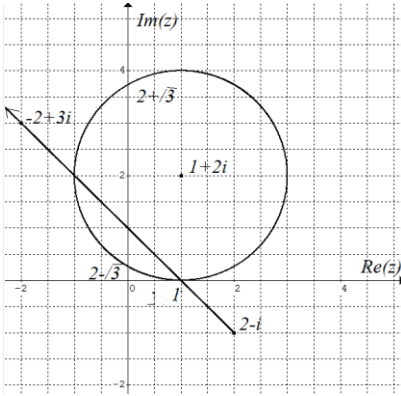
Q2a  $|(x-1)+(y-2)i| = |(x-4)+yi|$

$(x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 = (x-4)^2 + y^2 \therefore y = \frac{3}{2}x - \frac{11}{4}$

Q2b  $|4 - (1+2i)| = |3-2i| = \sqrt{13}$ , radius  $r = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}$

$z_c = \frac{4+(1+2i)}{2} = \frac{5}{2} + i \therefore$  circle is  $\left| z - \left( \frac{5}{2} + i \right) \right| = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}$

Q2c



Q2di See sketch in Q2c

Q2dii Ray:  $\text{Arg}(z - (2-i)) = \frac{3\pi}{4}$

Q2e Area of minor segment =  $\frac{1}{4}\pi \times 2^2 - \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times 2 = \pi - 2$

Q3a Let  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{dV}{dt} \right) = \frac{(240 + 5t^4)8 - 8t(20t^3)}{(240 + 5t^4)^2} = 0, t \geq 0 \therefore t = 2$

Q3b  $V = 0.001\pi r^2, \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{\frac{dV}{dt}}{\frac{dV}{dr}} = \frac{8t}{0.002\pi r}$

Given  $t = 4$  and  $r = 6.54, \frac{dr}{dt} \approx 0.51$  m per day

Q3ci  $u = \sqrt{5}t^2, \int \frac{8t}{240 + 5t^4} dt = \int \frac{\frac{4}{\sqrt{5}} du}{240 + u^2} du$

Q3cii  $V = \frac{1}{5\sqrt{3}} \int \frac{\sqrt{240}}{240 + u^2} du = \frac{1}{5\sqrt{3}} \arctan\left(\frac{t^2}{4\sqrt{3}}\right), V = 0, t = 0$

Q3d As  $t \rightarrow \infty, V \rightarrow \frac{1}{5\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{10\sqrt{3}}$

$S.A. = \frac{V}{\text{depth}} \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{0.001 \times 10\sqrt{3}} \approx 181.38 \text{ m}^2$

Q3e

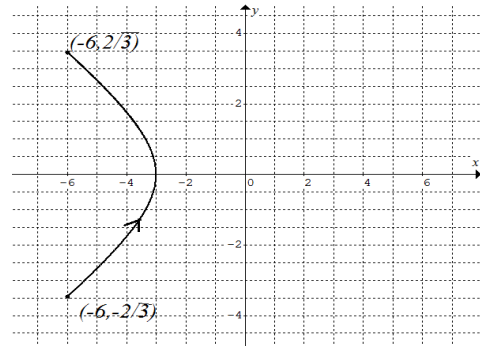
$V = \int_0^{T+5} \frac{8t}{240 + 5t^4} dt - 0.05T = \left[ \frac{1}{5\sqrt{3}} \arctan \frac{t^2}{4\sqrt{3}} \right]_0^{T+5} - 0.05T = 0$

$\therefore T \approx 10.7$  days from the start of clean up.

Q4a  $\frac{x}{3} = \sec(t), \frac{y}{2} = \tan(t); \sec^2(t) - \tan^2(t) = 1, \frac{2\pi}{3} \leq t \leq \frac{4\pi}{3}$

$\therefore \frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{4} = 1, -6 \leq x \leq -3$  and  $-2\sqrt{3} \leq y \leq 2\sqrt{3}$

Q4b



Q4ci  $\dot{r}_y = 3\sec(t)\tan(t)\tilde{i} + 2\sec^2(t)\tilde{j}$

Speed =  $\sqrt{9\sec^2(t)\tan^2(t) + 4\sec^4(t)}$

$= \sqrt{9\sec^2(t)(\sec^2(t)-1) + 4\sec^4(t)} = \sqrt{13\sec^4(t) - 9\sec^2(t)}$

Q4cii  $t = \pi$

Q4ciii 4 m per min.

Q4civ  $(-3, 0)$

Q4di  $\int_{\frac{2\pi}{3}}^{\frac{4\pi}{3}} \sqrt{13\sec^4(t) - 9\sec^2(t)} dt$

Q4dii Distance  $\approx 9.4$  m

Q4e  $\tilde{r}_D - \tilde{r}_Y = (2-3t-3\sec(t))\tilde{i} + (4t-1-2\tan(t))\tilde{j} + (6-t)\tilde{k}$

$|\tilde{r}_D - \tilde{r}_Y| = \sqrt{(2-3t-3\sec(t))^2 + (4t-1-2\tan(t))^2 + (6-t)^2}$

Shortest distance  $\approx 11.1$  m

Q5a  $\tilde{r}(\lambda) = \tilde{r}_A + \lambda\overline{AB} = \tilde{i} - 2\tilde{j} + 3\tilde{k} + \lambda(\tilde{i} - 3\tilde{j} - 4\tilde{k}), \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

Q5b  $\tilde{r}_A = \tilde{i} - 2\tilde{j} + 3\tilde{k}$  and  $\tilde{r}_1 = (2-t)\tilde{i} + (1+2t)\tilde{j} + (t-3)\tilde{k}$

$\tilde{r}_1 - \tilde{r}_A = (1-t)\tilde{i} + (2t+3)\tilde{j} + (t-6)\tilde{k}$

$|\tilde{r}_1 - \tilde{r}_A| = \sqrt{(1-t)^2 + (2t+3)^2 + (t-6)^2}$ . Let  $\frac{d}{dt} |\tilde{r}_1 - \tilde{r}_A| = 0 \therefore t = -\frac{1}{4}$

Shortest distance =  $\frac{5\sqrt{30}}{4}$  when  $t = -\frac{1}{4}$

Q5c Let the plane be  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$

$\therefore \frac{1}{a} + \frac{-2}{b} + \frac{3}{c} = 1, \frac{2}{a} + \frac{-5}{b} + \frac{-1}{c} = 1$  and  $\frac{0}{a} + \frac{2}{b} + \frac{-5}{c} = 1$

Solve to obtain  $a = \frac{19}{40}, b = \frac{19}{12}$  and  $c = 19$

Equation of the plane is  $\frac{40x}{19} + \frac{12y}{19} + \frac{z}{19} = 1$  or  $40x + 12y + z = 19$ .

Q5di  $\frac{x}{6} + \frac{y}{-4} + \frac{z}{3} = 1$

Axis intercepts are  $X(6, 0, 0), Y(0, -4, 0)$  and  $Z(0, 0, 3)$

Q5dii  $\overline{XY} = -6\tilde{i} - 4\tilde{j}, \overline{XZ} = -6\tilde{i} + 3\tilde{k}$

Area =  $\frac{1}{2} |\overline{XY} \times \overline{XZ}| = \frac{1}{2} |-12\tilde{i} + 18\tilde{j} - 24\tilde{k}| = \sqrt{261} = 3\sqrt{29}$

Q6a  $H_0: \mu$  is not less than 1000 ;  $H_1: \mu$  is less than 1000

$$\text{Q6bi } p\text{-value} = \Pr\left(z < \frac{997.5 - 1000}{\frac{4.2}{\sqrt{9}}}\right) \approx 0.037$$

Q6bii Since  $0.037 < 0.05$ , the machine should be paused and adjusted because the mean volume is significantly less than 1000 ml at the 5% level of significance.

$$\text{Q6c } \Pr\left(z < \frac{x - 1000}{\frac{4.2}{\sqrt{9}}}\right) > 5 \quad \therefore x > 997.6972$$

Probability of a type II error =  $\Pr(X > 997.6972 \mid \mu = 997) \approx 0.31$

Q6d  $a \approx 996.7$ ,  $b \approx 1003.3$

Q6e 95% confidence interval

$$\left(1005 - 1.96 \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{50}}, 1005 + 1.96 \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{50}}\right) \text{ simplify to } (1003.9, 1006.1)$$

Q6f  $40 \times 0.95 = 38$

$$\text{Q6g } 1.96 \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{n}} \leq 1, n \geq 61.4656 \quad \therefore \text{minimum } n = 62$$

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