



Trial Examination 2002

VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4

Examination 1: Facts, Skills and Applications Task

Suggested Solutions

PART I**Question 1**

This graph has the basic shape of a $y = -\sin x$ graph. $\frac{3}{4}$ of its period is $\frac{3\pi}{4}$, so its period is π .

Period = $\frac{2\pi}{n} \Rightarrow n = 2$. The amplitude is a and it has been translated down by a units. The equation is

therefore $y = -a \sin 2x - a$.

Answer E

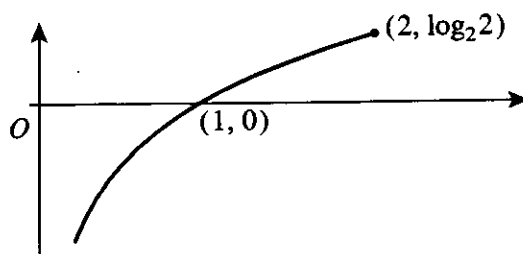
Question 2

The term containing x^2 is ${}^6C_2(3x)^2(-2)^4 = 15(3)^2(-2)^4x^2 = 2160x^2$.

Answer C

Question 3

The graph of $f(x)$ is shown below.



The range of f is $(-\infty, 1]$, as $\log_2 2 = 1$.

Answer D

Question 4

$$\begin{aligned} \log_e x - 3\log_e 2x + 2\log_e 3x &= \log_e x - \log_e (2x)^3 + \log_e (3x)^2 \\ &= \log_e \frac{x \times (3x)^2}{(2x)^3} \\ &= \log_e \frac{9}{8} \\ &= \log_e 9 - \log_e 8. \end{aligned}$$

Answer B

Question 5

$$\begin{aligned} \log_2 x(x-1) &= 1 \\ \therefore x^2 - x &= 2 \\ x^2 - x - 2 &= 0 \\ (x-2)(x+1) &= 0 \\ x &= 2 \text{ or } -1. \end{aligned}$$

Answer E

Question 6

The graph shown is a negative quartic with x -intercepts a and b . Therefore linear factors of $x - a$ and $x - b$ exist. We notice a turning point on the x -axis when $x = 0$; hence x^2 is a factor in the equation.

We look for $y = -x^2(x - a)(x - b)$, which can also be expressed as $y = x^2(a - x)(x - b)$.

Answer D

Question 7

Use of the graphic calculator is required. Entering $Y1=2\sin(3x)$ and $Y2=\log(3x)$, we observe 3 intersections. Hence there are 3 solutions.

Answer C

Question 8

The graph required has $y = f(x)$ translated b units to the right and dilated by a factor a away from the x -axis in the y direction.

Answer B

Question 9

The easiest way to generate the resultant graph is to add $-g(x)$ to $f(x)$. This results in a y -intercept of $(0, 1)$, and $y \rightarrow -\infty$ as $x \rightarrow -\infty$ and as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

Answer D

Question 10

We look for a reflection in the line $y = x$ and all inverse coordinates will have x and y values interchanged.

Answer A

Question 11

The vertical asymptote $x = a$ results from equating the denominator to zero. This is a negative rectangular hyperbola, hence the denominator is $a - x$. The horizontal asymptote is obtained when b is added to $\frac{c}{a - x}$.

The y -intercept (when $x = 0$) confirms that D is correct.

Answer D

Question 12

$f(x) = e^{x^2+1}$. By the chain rule, $f'(x) = e^{x^2+1}(2x) = 2xe^{x^2+1}$.

Answer A

Question 13

$f(x)$ is a positive cubic, hence $f'(x)$ is a positive quadratic. The stationary points of $f(x)$ are the x -intercepts of $f'(x)$. The turning points of $f'(x)$ correspond to the maximum negative gradient of $f(x)$.

Answer C

Question 14

$$f(x) = \log_e\left(\frac{1}{\sin x}\right) = \log_e((\sin x)^{-1}) = -\log_e(\sin x).$$

Using the chain rule, $f'(x) = -\frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = -\tan x$.

Answer A**Question 15**

Using the quotient rule, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^x \pi \cos \pi x - (\sin \pi x) e^x}{e^{2x}} = \frac{e^x(\pi \cos \pi x - \sin \pi x)}{e^{2x}}$.

At $x = 0$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^0(\pi \cos 0 - \sin 0)}{e^0} = \pi$.

Alternatively, the product rule could be used with $y = e^{-x}(\sin \pi x)$:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-x}(\pi \cos \pi x) + (\sin \pi x)(-e^{-x}) = e^{-x}(\pi \cos \pi x - \sin \pi x).$$

At $x = 0$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^0(\pi \cos 0 - \sin 0) = \pi$.

Answer C**Question 16**

Using the product rule, $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + (\log_e 2x)e^x = e^x\left(\frac{1}{x} + \log_e 2x\right)$.

Answer A**Question 17**

At $x = 0$, $y = e^{\frac{1}{2}(0)} - 1 = 0$.

The gradient of the tangent, m_T is given by $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2}e^{\frac{x}{2}}$. At $x = 0$, $m_T = -\frac{1}{2}$.

$m_T m_N = -1$, so at $x = 0$, $m_N = \frac{-1}{-\frac{1}{2}} = 2$.

Hence the equation of the normal at $(0, 0)$ is $y - 0 = 2(x - 0)$

$$y = 2x.$$

Answer C

Question 18

Using the left rectangle approximation for

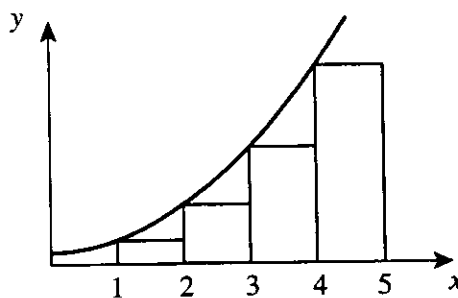
$$y = x^2 + 1$$

When $x = 1$, $y = 2$.

When $x = 2$, $y = 5$.

When $x = 3$, $y = 10$.

When $x = 4$, $y = 17$.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Approximate area} &= 2 + 5 + 10 + 17 \\ &= 34 \text{ square units.} \end{aligned}$$

Answer B**Question 19**

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{2(5x+2)^2} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int (5x+2)^{-2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{(5x+2)^{-1}}{5(-1)} \right] + C \\ &= -\frac{1}{10} \left(\frac{1}{5x+2} \right) + C. \end{aligned}$$

An antiderivative is $-\frac{1}{10} \left(\frac{1}{5x+2} \right)$.

Answer E**Question 20**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= \int_{-1}^2 -x^2 - (-x - 2) dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^2 -x^2 + x + 2 dx \\ &= \left[-\frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2x \right]_{-1}^2 \\ &= \left(-\frac{8}{3} + 2 + 4 \right) - \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} - 2 \right) \\ &= \frac{9}{2} \text{ square units.} \end{aligned}$$

Answer B

Question 21

$$\int_a^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} \sin 2x = 0$$

$$\left[-\frac{1}{2} \cos 2x \right]_a^{\frac{3\pi}{4}} = 0$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \cos \frac{3\pi}{2} - \left(-\frac{1}{2} \cos 2a \right) = 0$$

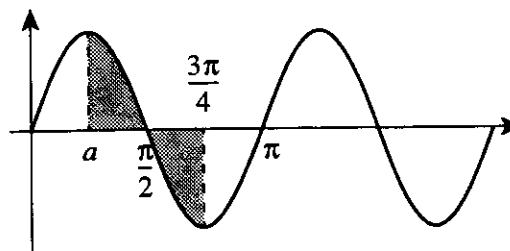
$$0 + \frac{1}{2} \cos 2a = 0$$

$$\cos 2a = 0$$

$$2a = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots$$

$$a = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \dots$$

OR

Balancing areas above and below the x -axis,

$$a = \frac{\pi}{4}.$$

Answer A

Question 22

$$E(A) = np = 2 \text{ and } \text{Var}(A) = \frac{3}{2} = np(1-p).$$

$$\therefore \frac{3}{2} = 2(1-p)$$

$$\therefore (1-p) = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\therefore p = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{As } E(A) = np = 2, n = \frac{2}{\frac{1}{4}} = 8.$$

$$\text{For a binomial random variable, } \Pr(A = 2) = {}^n C_2 p^2 (1-p)^{n-2} = {}^8 C_2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^6.$$

Answer D

Question 23

This is a hypergeometric experiment. Let X be the number who favour all-year protection.

$$\text{Then } \Pr(X = 3) = \frac{\binom{5}{3} \binom{3}{1}}{\binom{8}{4}} = \frac{10 \times 3}{70} = \frac{3}{7}.$$

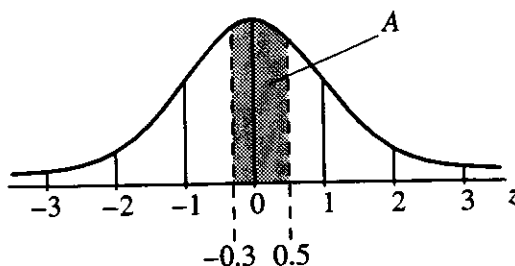
Answer C

Question 24

Z has a standard normal distribution.

We require area A .

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \Pr(Z < 0.5) - \Pr(Z < -0.3) \\ &= \Pr(Z < 0.5) - \Pr(Z > 0.3) \\ &= \Pr(Z < 0.5) - (1 - \Pr(Z < 0.3)) \\ &= \Pr(Z < 0.5) - 1 + \Pr(Z < 0.3) \\ &= \Pr(Z < 0.5) - 1 + \Pr(Z > -0.3). \end{aligned}$$



Answer B

Question 25

Let X be the number of insects zapped in the tray.

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\Pr(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{20}$	$\frac{2}{20}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	$\frac{4}{20}$	$\frac{7}{20}$	$\frac{4}{20}$	$\frac{1}{20}$

The mean number of insects zapped is given by

$$E(X) = 0 + \frac{2}{20} + \frac{2}{20} + \frac{12}{20} + \frac{28}{20} + \frac{20}{20} + \frac{6}{20} = \frac{7}{2}.$$

Answer C

Question 26

This is a hypergeometric experiment with $n = 10$, $N = 60$ and $D = 35$.

Let X be the number of yellow tees selected. Then $E(X) = n \frac{D}{N} = \frac{35}{60} \times 10 = 5.83$.

$$\text{and } \text{Var}(X) = \frac{nD(N-D)(N-n)}{N^2(N-1)} = \frac{(10 \times 35)(25)(50)}{3600(59)} = 2.06.$$

Answer D

Question 27

X is hypergeometric, Y is binomial. By experiment it can be found that $E(X) = E(Y)$ and $\text{SD}(X) < \text{SD}(Y)$ when n is small. The graph in A is the only representation of this situation.

Answer A

PART II**Question 1**

- a. The smallest x value is obtained by letting $2x - 1 = 0$, i.e. when $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

There is no upper limit on the value of x . Hence the maximal domain is $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$. [A]

(Note that $x = \frac{1}{2}$ is not included in the domain as $\log_e 0$ is indeterminate.)

- b. For the inverse function, swap x and y ,

i.e. $x = \log_e(2y - 1)$ [M]

$$e^x = 2y - 1$$

$$y = \frac{e^x + 1}{2}$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(x) = \frac{e^x + 1}{2} \quad \text{[A]}$$

- c. The domain of $f^{-1}(x)$ is the range of $f(x)$ and the range of $f^{-1}(x)$ is the domain of $f(x)$.

So, the range of $f^{-1}(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$. [A]

Question 2

$$\sqrt{3} + 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} = 0$$

$$2 \sin \frac{x}{2} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\sin \frac{x}{2} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad \text{[A]}$$

$$\therefore \frac{x}{2} = -\frac{\pi}{3}, -\pi + \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{2\pi}{3}, -\frac{4\pi}{3} \quad \text{[A][A]}$$

Question 3

a. $y = x^2 \log_e 3x$.

Using the product rule, [M]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + (\log_e 3x) 2x$$

$$= x + 2x \log_e 3x. \quad \text{[A]}$$

- b. The gradient of the tangent is $\frac{dy}{dx}$. When $x = \frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{3} + 2 \times \frac{1}{3} \times \log_e 1$

$$= \frac{1}{3}, \text{ as } \log_e 1 = 0. \quad \text{[A]}$$

c. The partial equation of the tangent is given by $y = \frac{1}{3}x + c$.

$$\text{Substitute in } \left(\frac{1}{3}, 0\right): 0 = \frac{1}{9} + c \quad [\text{M}]$$

$$\therefore c = -\frac{1}{9}.$$

$$\text{Hence the equation of the tangent is } y = \frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{9}. \quad [\text{A}]$$

Question 4

An approximation for δy is $\frac{dy}{dx} \times \delta x = e^x \times h$. [M]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{When } x = \log_e 2, \delta y &\approx e^{\log_e 2} \times h \\ &= 2h. \end{aligned} \quad [\text{A}]$$

Question 5

a. Let X be the number of Australians in favour of the Government's decision.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore E(X) &= np \\ &= 1769 \times 0.54 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 955.26$$

$$\therefore E(X') = 1769 - 955.26$$

$$= 813.74.$$

So we expect 813 (or 814) people to be non-supporters of the Government decision. [A]

(Alternatively, $E(X') = 1769 \times (1 - 0.54) = 813.74$.)

b. $X \sim \text{Bi}(n = 5, p = 0.54)$ and $\Pr(X \geq 2) = 1 - [\Pr(X = 0) + \Pr(X = 1)]$. [M]

$$\Pr(X = 0) = {}^5C_0(0.54)^0(0.46)^5$$

$$= (0.46)^5$$

$$= 0.0206.$$

$$\Pr(X = 1) = {}^5C_1(0.54)^1(0.46)^4$$

$$= 0.1209.$$

$$\text{Hence } \Pr(X \geq 2) = 1 - [0.0206 + 0.1209]$$

$$= 0.8585$$

$$= 86\%, \text{ to the nearest percentage point.} \quad [\text{A}]$$

$$(\text{or } 1 - \text{binomcdf}(5, 0.54, 1) = 1 - 0.1415 = 0.8585)$$

Question 6

a. $X \sim N(67, \sigma^2)$.

$$\Pr(X < 50) = 0.1$$

$$\therefore \Pr\left(Z < \frac{50 - 67}{\sigma}\right) = 0.1$$

[M]

$$\therefore \Pr\left(Z < -\frac{17}{\sigma}\right) = 0.1$$

$$\therefore 1 - \Pr\left(Z < \frac{17}{\sigma}\right) = 0.1$$

$$\therefore \Pr\left(Z < \frac{17}{\sigma}\right) = 0.9$$

$$\frac{17}{\sigma} = 1.28155$$

[A]

Hence $\sigma = 13.27$.

[A]

b. Let X be the number of prize disks in a box.

$$\Pr(X = 0) = \binom{6}{0}(0.13)^0(0.87)^6$$

$$= 0.43363$$

$$\Pr(X = 1) = \binom{6}{1}(0.13)^1(0.87)^5$$

$$= 0.38877$$

$$\Pr(X = 2) = \binom{6}{2}(0.13)^2(0.87)^4$$

$$= 0.14523$$

[A]

$$\therefore \Pr(X < 3 \mid X \geq 1) = \frac{\Pr(1 \leq X \leq 2)}{\Pr(X \geq 1)}$$

[M]

$$= \frac{0.38877 + 0.14523}{1 - 0.43363}$$

$$= 0.9428$$

[A]