

VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4

Written Examination 2

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SECTION 1**Question 1 C**

The turning point maximum of g has a value of 2 when $x = -\frac{1}{2}$.

Thus $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ must be within the domain.

We require the solution to $g(x) = -7$.

$$\text{Now } 2 - (2x + 1)^2 = -7$$

$$(2x + 1)^2 = 9$$

$$2x + 3 = \pm 3$$

$$x = -2, 1$$

Thus if we take a domain from $x = -2$ to $x = 1$ we include a range of $[-7, 2]$.

As the turning point is part of the range, we can have a domain of $\left[-2, -\frac{1}{2}\right]$ or $\left[-\frac{1}{2}, 1\right]$

$$\text{Thus } a = -\frac{1}{2}, b = 1$$

Question 2 E

Given that $f(x + 2) = x^2 - 5x - 6$, we deduce that $f(x) = (x - 2)^2 - 5(x - 2) - 6$.

Expanding gives $f(x) = x^2 - 9x + 8$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } g(f(x)) &= g(x^2 - 9x + 8) \\ &= 2\log_e(x^2 - 9x) \end{aligned}$$

Question 3 C

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{2} \cos(5x) - \frac{3}{2x} + 4x^{-2} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{5} \sin(5x) - \frac{3}{2} \log_e(x) - 4x^{-1} \\ &= \frac{\sin(5x)}{10} - \frac{3\log_e(x)}{2} - \frac{4}{x} \\ &= \frac{x \sin(5x) - 15x \log_e(x) - 40}{10x} \end{aligned}$$

Question 4 E

$$\begin{aligned} g(f(x)) &= \log_e(2(e^{3-x^2})) \\ &= \log_e(2) + \log_e(e^{3-x^2}) \\ &= \log_e(2) + 3 - x^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$g'(f(x)) = -2x$$

$$g'(f(2)) = -2(2) = -4$$

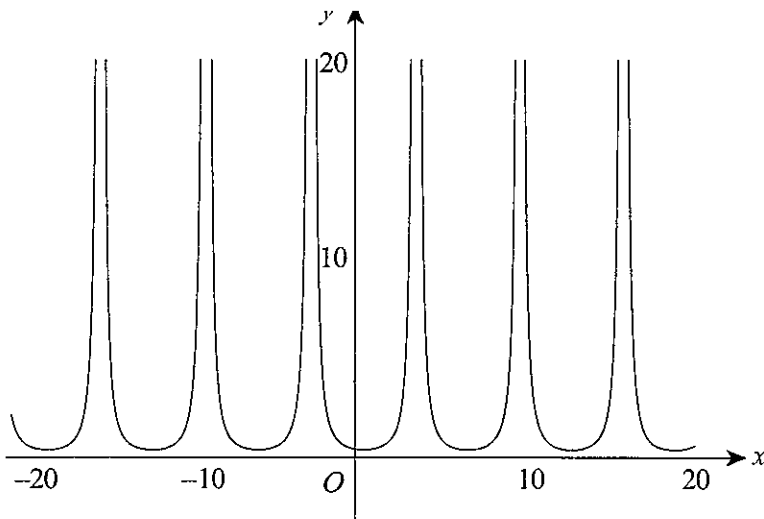
Question 5 D

$$\int \sec^2(kx) - 4\left(\frac{1}{ax+b}\right) dx = \frac{1}{k} \tan(kx) - \frac{4}{a} \log_e |ax+b| + c$$

Applying the formula here gives $\int \sec^2(2x) - \frac{4}{3x-5} dx = \frac{1}{2} \tan(2x) - \frac{4}{3} \log_e |3x-5| + c$

Question 6 B

Part of the graph of $f: R \rightarrow R$, $y = \frac{1}{\left|1 + \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right|}$ is shown below.



The minimum turning point can be found using a calculator or by recognising that $\left|1 + \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right|$ has a maximum value of 2 and hence $f(x)$ will have a minimum value of 0.5. So we are looking for the alternative whose function is such that its range equals $[0.5, \infty)$.

The correct response is **B**, as $1 + \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ is never smaller than zero, so

$$1 + \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \left|1 + \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right| \text{ for all values of } x.$$

Question 7 C

Given $f'(4) = 0 \therefore \frac{x+4}{2} = 4$

$$x = 4 \Rightarrow g'(4) = 0$$

and $f'(8) = 0 \therefore \frac{x+4}{2} = 8$

$$x = 12 \Rightarrow g'(12) = 0$$

and $f'(x) < 0 \quad x \in (4, 8)$

$$\therefore g'(x) > 0 \quad x \in (4, 12)$$

Question 8 E

$f(x)$ is clearly continuous as it can be drawn without the pen leaving the page.

$f(x)$ is **not** differentiable at $x = 0$ or $x = 2$.

Question 9 A

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\pi} \left(\sin\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) - x^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) dx &= \left[-3 \cos\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) - 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} \right]_0^{\pi} \\ &= \left(-3 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) - 2\sqrt{\pi} \right) - \left(-3 \cos(0) - 2 \right) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} - 2\sqrt{\pi}\end{aligned}$$

Question 10 A

Let $f^{-1}(2a) = y$

$$\therefore f(y) = 2a$$

Now $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^3 + a^3}$, so $f(y) = \sqrt[3]{y^3 + a^3} = 2a$

Cubing both expressions for $f(y)$ gives $y^3 + a^3 = (2a)^3$

$$y^3 = 7a^3$$

$$y = \sqrt[3]{7}a$$

Question 11 D

$$\frac{e^{3x} + 12e^x}{e^x} = 7e^x$$

Multiplying both sides by e^x gives

$$e^{3x} + 12e^x = 7e^{2x}$$

$$e^{3x} - 7e^{2x} + 12e^x = 0$$

$$e^x(e^{2x} - 7e^x + 12) = 0$$

$$e^x(e^x - 3)(e^x - 4) = 0$$

$$e^x \neq 0, e^x = 3 \text{ or } e^x = 4$$

$$x = \log_e(3) \text{ or } \log_e(4)$$

$$= \log_e(3) \text{ or } 2\log_e(2)$$

Question 12 E

All have a period of $\left(\frac{2\pi}{\pi/6}\right) = 12$.

All have an amplitude of 2.

All are translated up 3 units.

All have a y -intercept of $3 + \sqrt{3}$.

Alternatively, checking on graphic calculator confirms **E**.

Question 13 **C**

The gradient of a normal with the equation $2x - 5y = 10$ is $\frac{2}{5}$.

The gradient of the tangent must therefore equal $-\frac{5}{2}$.

$$\text{So } f'(-2) = -\frac{5}{2}$$

Question 14 **E**

Let us consider the domains first.

For f_1 we must have $(x + 2)^2 > 0$, which is satisfied by $R \setminus \{-2\}$.

For f_2 we must have $|x^2 - 4| > 0$, which is satisfied by $R \setminus \{\pm 2\}$.

For f_3 we must have $|x + 2| > 0$, which is satisfied by $R \setminus \{-2\}$.

So f_1 and f_3 both have the desired domain.

Close inspection shows that both also have the desired range of $R^+ \cup \{0\}$.

Question 15 **A**

Starting with $y = e^{2x}$ and reflecting in the y-axis gives $y = e^{-2x}$.

A translation of 1 unit left gives $y = e^{-2(x+1)}$.

A dilation by a factor of 3 away from the y-axis is achieved by replacing x with $\frac{x}{3}$.

$$\text{We get } y = e^{-2\left(\frac{1}{3}x+1\right)} = e^{-\frac{2}{3}x-2} = e^{-2} e^{-\frac{2}{3}x} = \left(\frac{1}{e^2}\right) e^{-\frac{2}{3}x}$$

Question 16 **D**

$$0 = 3\cos^2(x) - \sqrt{3}\sin(x)\cos(x)$$

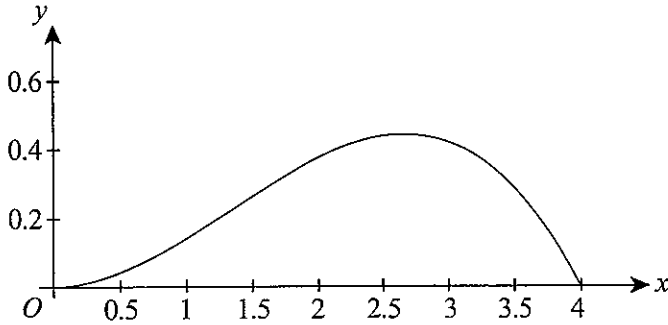
$$0 = \cos(x)(3\cos(x) - \sqrt{3}\sin(x))$$

$$\cos(x) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad \tan(x) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } \frac{3\pi}{2} \quad x = \frac{\pi}{3} \text{ or } \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

Question 17 B

The mode of X is the value of x for which the graph of $y = \frac{3}{64}x^2(4 - x)$ has a maximum value in the domain $[0, 4]$.



Using the calculator, the maximum turning point is at $(2.66667, 0.44444)$,

i.e. $x = 2\frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$ is the mode.

Alternatively, using calculus

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{64}(8x - 3x^2)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0, \text{ if } x = 0 \text{ or } \frac{8}{3}$$

Hence the mode is $x = \frac{8}{3}$ (where the maximum turning point occurs).

Question 18 A

Let X be a random variable representing the true speed of cars which the speed camera registers as travelling 65 km/h. Thus X is normally distributed with a mean of 63 and a standard deviation of 3. We require $\Pr(X < 62)$.

$$\text{Now } \Pr(X < 62) = \Pr\left(Z < \frac{62 - 63}{3}\right) = \Pr\left(Z < -\frac{1}{3}\right) = 0.3694.$$

Alternatively, use normcdf $(-9999, 62, 63, 3)$

The percentage of cars registered as travelling 65 km/h that are actually travelling less than 62 km/h is 36.9%.

Question 19 E

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(X) &= E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 \\ &= 234 - 15^2 \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\sigma = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We require } \Pr(E(X) - 2\sigma \leq X \leq E(X) + 2\sigma) \\ &= \Pr(15 - 2 \times 3 \leq X \leq 15 + 2 \times 3) \\ &= \Pr(9 \leq X \leq 21) \end{aligned}$$

Question 20 **C**

Let X represent the number of cured rats from the first sample of 30. X is a binomial random variable with probability of success p .

$$\Pr(X \geq 1) = 0.85$$

$$1 - \Pr(X = 0) = 0.85$$

$$\Pr(X = 0) = 0.15$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - p)^{30} = 0.15$$

$$1 - p = 0.15^{\frac{1}{30}}$$

$$p = 0.0613$$

Let Y represent the number of rats cured in the sample of 50. We require $\Pr(Y \leq 2)$.

$$= \Pr(Y = 0) + \Pr(Y = 1) + \Pr(Y = 2)$$

$$= 0.939^{50} + 50(0.061)(0.939)^{49} + 1225(0.061)^2(0.939)^{48}$$

Question 21 **D**

$-4 \sin\left(2\theta + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ will have its greatest value when $\sin\left(2\theta + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -1$.

$$\left(2\theta + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{2}, \text{ given } \theta < 0$$

$$\text{Thus } 2\theta = -\frac{3\pi}{4}$$

$$\theta = -\frac{3\pi}{8}$$

Question 22 **C**

As $f(g(x)) = f(x)$ for $x < 0$

$$\therefore g(x) = x, \text{ for } x < 0$$

Also $f(g(x)) = f(-x)$ for $x > 0$

$$\therefore g(x) = -x, \text{ for } x > 0$$

SECTION 2

Question 1

a. As f is a probability function $\int_0^1 (-ae^{ax} + e) dx = 1$.

Thus $[-e^{ax} + ex]_0^1 = 1$ M1

$$(-e^a + e) - (-e^0 + 0) = 1$$

$$-e^a + e + 1 = 1$$

$$\therefore e^a = e$$

$$a = 1$$
 A1

b. As X is measured in years, we require $\Pr(X \leq 0.5)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X \leq 0.5) &= \int_0^{0.5} (-e^x + e) dx \\ &= [-e^x + ex]_0^{0.5} \end{aligned}$$
 M1

$$= (-e^{0.5} + 0.5e) - (-e^0 + 0)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{e}{2} - \sqrt{e}$$
 A1

c. We require the associated probabilities which relate to the battery lasting less than 3 months, between 3 and 6 months and greater than 6 months.

Now using the given result in **part b**, $\Pr(X > 0.5) = 1 - \Pr(X \leq 0.5)$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{e}{2} - \sqrt{e} + 1\right) = \sqrt{e} - \frac{e}{2} = 0.2896$$
 A1

To find the probability the battery lasts less than 3 months we require $\Pr(X \leq 0.25)$.

$$\Pr(X \leq 0.25) = \int_0^{0.25} (-e^x + e) dx = 0.3955 \text{ using calculator.}$$
 A1

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(0.25 \leq X \leq 0.5) &= 1 - (0.3955 + 0.2896) \\ &= 0.3149 \end{aligned}$$
 A1

P	-450	$\frac{1}{2}s - 450$	$s - 450$	A1
$\Pr(P = p)$	0.3955	0.3149	0.2896	

d. The mean profit per battery is $E(P)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} E(P) &= -450 \times 0.3955 + \left(\frac{1}{2}s - 450\right) \times 0.3149 + (s - 450) \times 0.2896 \\ &= 0.44705s - 450 \end{aligned}$$

For $E(P) > 250$, $0.44705s - 450 > 250$, A1

so $s > 1565.82$

For the profit to exceed \$250 we set the selling price at \$1566. A1

- e. Define the random variable X as the number of batteries lasting less than 6 months.

X is a binomial random variable with $n = 3$ and $p = 0.3955 + 0.3149 = 0.7104$

M1

We require $\Pr(X > 1) = \Pr(X = 2) + \Pr(X = 3)$

M1

$$= \binom{3}{2} (0.7104)^2 (0.2906) + \binom{3}{3} (0.7104)^3$$

$$= 0.797$$

A1

Alternatively, using calculator

$$1 - \text{Bincdf}(3, 0.7104, 1)$$

$$= 0.797$$

Question 2

a. $H(10) = 5 \sin(0) + 20$

$$= 20$$

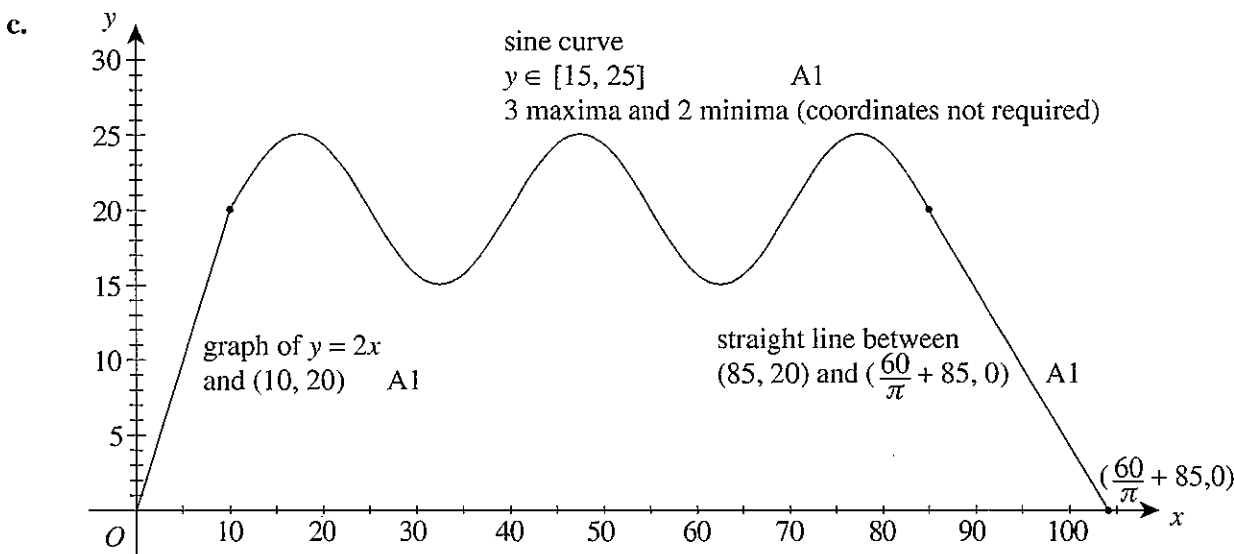
$$\therefore m = \frac{20}{10} = 2$$

A1

b. $-\frac{\pi}{3}A + \frac{60 + 85\pi}{3} = 0$

$$A = \frac{60}{\pi} + 85$$

A1



d. $H_{\max} = 25$ m

A1

$$5 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{15}(x - 10)\right) + 20 = 25$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{15}(x - 10)\right) = 1$$

$$\frac{\pi}{15}(x - 10) = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{9\pi}{2}$$

$$x - 10 = \frac{15}{2}, \frac{75}{2}, \frac{135}{2} \text{ or use graphics calculator.}$$

$$x = \frac{35}{2}, \frac{95}{2}, \frac{155}{2}$$

A1

e. $x < 10 \quad m = 2$

If $y = 5 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{15}(x - 10)\right) + 20$,

$$y' = \frac{\pi}{3} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{15}(x - 10)\right). \quad \text{M1}$$

at $x = 10$

$$y' = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

So the gradients are different, and therefore **not smooth**.

A1

$x > 85 \quad m = -\frac{\pi}{3}$

If $y = 5 \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{15}(x - 10)\right)$

$$y' = \frac{\pi}{3} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{15}(x - 10)\right)$$

at $x = 85$

$$y' = \frac{\pi}{3} \cos(5\pi) = -\frac{\pi}{3}$$

So the gradients are equal, and therefore **smooth**.

A1

f. i. For the reflection in the y -axis

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{3(-x)^2}{16} - \frac{(-x)^3}{160} \\ &= \frac{3x^2}{16} + \frac{x^3}{160} \end{aligned}$$

M1

For the translation of 100 units parallel to the x -axis

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{3(x - 100)^2}{16} + \frac{(x - 100)^3}{160} \\ &= \frac{3x^2 - 600x + 300}{16} + \frac{x^3 - 300x^2 + 30\,000x + 1\,000\,000}{160} \\ &= \frac{x^3}{160} - \frac{27x^2}{16} + 150x - 4375 \end{aligned}$$

A1

ii. $A = 2 \int_0^{20} \left(\frac{3x^2}{16} - \frac{x^3}{160}\right) dx + 2 \int_{20}^{50} 5 \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{15}(x - 20)\right) + 20 \, dx$

A1

$$= 2 \times 250 + 2 \times 600$$

$$= 1700 \text{ m}^2$$

A1

Question 3

a. As $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $e^x \rightarrow 0$, and so $\cos(e^x) \rightarrow \cos(0)$.
Thus $f(x) \rightarrow 1$ which means that $y = 1$ is a horizontal asymptote. A1

b. Solving $f(x) = 0$ for x intercepts gives $\cos(e^x) = 0$, and so $e^x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ or $\frac{3\pi}{2}$. M1

Thus $x = \log_e\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ or $\log_e\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$, and so

point A has an x -intercept $\log_e\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and point B has an x -intercept $\log_e\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$. A1

c. Point C will be the first positive solution to the equation $f'(x) = 0$.

Now $f'(x) = -e^x \sin(e^x) = 0$, so $\sin(e^x) = 0$. M1

Thus the first positive solution is when $e^x = \pi$ and $x = \log_e(\pi)$.

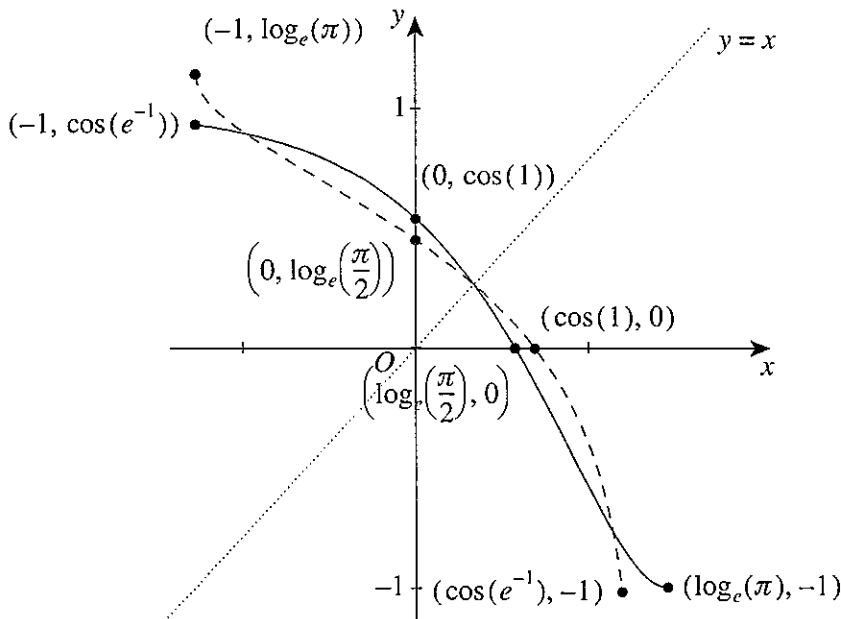
Now $f(\log_e(\pi)) = \cos(e^{\log_e(\pi)}) = \cos(\pi) = -1$,

so, point C has coordinates $(\log_e(\pi), -1)$. A1

d. g^{-1} exists if g is a one to one function. Thus the largest value possible for k is the x coordinate of C .

Thus $k = \log_e(\pi)$. A1

e. i.



$g^{-1}(x)$ reflection about $y = x$ M1

axial intercepts A1

terminal points A1

ii. $g(a) = g^{-1}(a)$ on three occasions as shown on the graph above. These coordinates are $(-0.767, 0.894)$, $(1, 1)$ and $(0.894, -0.767)$.

Thus if $a < 1$, the required value of a is -0.77 , correct to 2 decimal places. A1

Question 4

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a.} \quad & 2x^3 + 6x^2 - 2x - 6 \\ & = 2x^2(x+3) - 2(x+3) \\ & = 2(x+3)(x^2-1) \\ & = 2(x+3)(x-1)(x+1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $a = 3$

A1

Alternatively, in the expansion of $2(x+a)(x+1)(x-1)$, the constant term is $2(a)(1)(-1) = -2a$.Hence, $-2a = -6$, giving $a = 3$.**b.** After reflection in the y -axis we have

$$y = 2(-x+3)(-x+1)(-x-1) = -2(x-3)(x-1)(x+1)$$

A1

A reflection in the x -axis now gives $y = 2(x-3)(x-1)(x+1)$.

A1

A translation of 2 units in the positive x direction requires $x \rightarrow (x-2)$ so that we now have

$$\begin{aligned} h(x) &= 2[(x-2)-3][(x-2)-1][(x-2)+1] \\ &= 2(x-5)(x-3)(x-1) \end{aligned}$$

A1

c. Points of intersection occur when

$$2x^3 + 6x^2 - 2x - 6 = 2(x-5)(x-1)(x-3)$$

$$2x^3 + 6x^2 - 2x - 6 = 2x^3 - 18x^2 + 46x - 30$$

M1

$$24x^2 - 48x + 24 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

This has a double root at $x = 1$ indicating the graphs touch at $x = 1$.

$$h(1) = 2 \times -4 \times -2 \times 0 = 0.$$

A1

The graphs touch at $(1, 0)$.**d.** Comparing the factored form of both functions

$h(x) = 2(x-5)(x-1)(x-3)$ and $y = 2(x+3)(x-1)(x+1)$ it can be seen that changing x to $x+4$ in $h(x)$ will result in $y = 2(x-1)(x+3)(x+1)$. Thus a translation of 4 units to the left is required.

A1

e. A dilation of factor 0.5 away from the x -axis means that the vertical distance q will be reduced to $0.5q$. A dilation of factor 3 away from the y -axis means that the horizontal distance p will be increased to $3p$.

$$\text{Thus } d = \sqrt{(3p)^2 + (0.5q)^2}$$

M1

$$= \sqrt{9p^2 + \frac{1}{4}q^2}$$

A1

Question 5

$$\text{a.} \quad 2d - 2d \cos(2\pi d) + 10 = 10$$

M1

$$2d - 2d \cos(2\pi d) = 0$$

$$2d(1 - \cos(2\pi d)) = 0$$

$$d = 0 \text{ or } \cos(2\pi d) = 1$$

$$2\pi d = 2k\pi \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$d = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.$$

A1

 \therefore minimum occurs at midnight each day.

A1

- b.** Plotting $y = 30$ together with the graph of $y = C(d)$ on a graphics calculator gives intersections $(5.411, 30)$, $(5.607, 30)$, $(6.348, 30)$ and $(6.667, 30)$. M1
 Total time for which $C > 30$, is $(5.607 - 5.411) + (6.667 - 6.348)$
 $= 0.515$ days
 $= 0.515 \times 24$ hours = 12.4 hours A1

c. i. $f(x) = u \times v$
 $f'(x) = u'v + uv'$
 $= 1 \sin(2\pi x) + x(2\pi \cos(2\pi x))$ A1
 $= \sin(2\pi x) + 2\pi x \cos(2\pi x)$

ii. $\int (\sin(2\pi x) + 2\pi x \cos(2\pi x)) dx = x \sin(2\pi x)$
 $\therefore \int 2\pi x \cos(2\pi x) dx = x \sin(2\pi x) - \int \sin(2\pi x) dx$ M1

$2\pi \int x \cos(2\pi x) dx = x \sin(2\pi x) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \cos(2\pi x)$ M1

$\therefore \int x \cos(2\pi x) dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(x \sin(2\pi x) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \cos(2\pi x) \right)$ A1

- d.** Wednesday $d = 2$ to $d = 3$

$\therefore \int_2^3 (2d - 2 \cos(2\pi d) + 10) dd$
 $= \left[d^2 - 2 \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} (d \sin(2\pi d)) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \cos(2\pi d) \right) + 10d \right]_2^3$ M1
 $= \left[\left(3^2 - 2 \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} (3 \sin(6\pi)) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \cos(6\pi) \right) + 10(3) \right) - \left(2^2 - 2 \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} (2 \sin(4\pi)) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \cos(4\pi) \right) + 10(2) \right) \right]$

$= \left(9 - 2 \left(0 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \right) + 30 \right) - \left(4 - 2 \left(0 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \right) + 20 \right)$
 $= 15$ cars/hour M1

\therefore number of cars = $15 \times 24 = 360$ cars. A1