

**The Mathematical Association of Victoria**

**Trial Examination 2019**

**MATHEMATICAL METHODS**

**Trial Written Examination 1 - SOLUTIONS**

**Question 1**

a.  $\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\cos(x)}{x} \right) = \frac{-x \sin(x) - \cos(x)}{x^2}$  **1M, 1A**

b.  $f(x) = 5x^2 \tan(3x)$

$$f'(x) = 10x \tan(3x) + 15x^2 \sec^2(3x) \quad \textbf{1M}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(\pi) &= 10\pi \tan(3\pi) + 15\pi^2 \sec^2(3\pi) \\ &= 15\pi^2 \end{aligned} \quad \textbf{1A}$$

**Question 2**

$$2e^x + 5 = 3e^{-x}$$

$$2e^x + 5 - 3e^{-x} = 0$$

$$2e^{2x} + 5e^x - 3 = 0 \quad \textbf{1M}$$

Let  $a = e^x$

$$2a^2 + 5a - 3 = 0$$

$$(2a-1)(a+3) = 0 \quad \textbf{1M}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2}, \quad a = e^x \neq -3$$

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

$$x = \log_e \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = -\log_e(2) \text{ either form} \quad \textbf{1A}$$

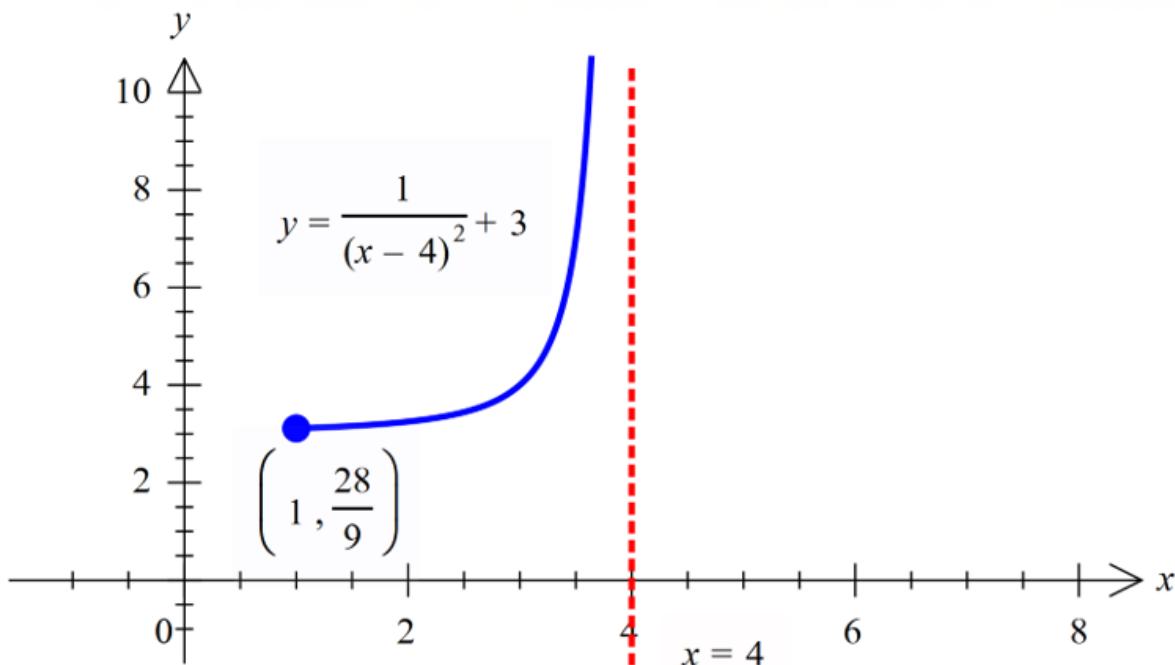
**Question 3**

a. The range of  $f$ ,  $(0, 9]$ , is a subset of the domain of  $g$ ,  $R \setminus \{0\}$ . **1A**

b.  $g(f(x)) = \frac{1}{(x-4)^2} + 3 \quad \textbf{1A}$

Domain  $[1, 4)$  **1A**

c. Shape, including correct domain **1A**  
Asymptote **1A**

**Question 4**

a.  $h : [-1, \infty) \rightarrow R, h(x) = -\sqrt{x+1}$

Let  $y = -\sqrt{x+1}$ .

Inverse swap  $x$  and  $y$

$$x = -\sqrt{y+1}$$

$$x^2 = y+1$$

$$h^{-1}(x) = x^2 - 1 \quad \text{1A}$$

$$\text{Domain } (-\infty, 0] \quad \text{1A}$$

**OR**

$$h^{-1} : (-\infty, 0] \rightarrow R, h^{-1}(x) = x^2 - 1 \quad \text{2A}$$

b. Solve  $-\sqrt{x+1} = x$  for  $x$ .

$$x+1 = x^2$$

$$x^2 - x - 1 = 0 \quad \text{1M}$$

$$x = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}, x \neq \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) \quad \text{1A}$$

$$(-1, 0), (0, -1) \quad \text{1A}$$

**OR**

Solve  $-\sqrt{x+1} = x^2 - 1$  for  $x$ .

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

$$0 = x^4 - 2x^2 - x \quad \text{1M}$$

$$0 = x(x^3 - 2x - 1)$$

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

$$x = 0, x = -1, x = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}, x \neq \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) \quad \textbf{1A}$$

$$(-1, 0), (0, -1) \quad \textbf{1A}$$

**Question 5**

a.  $\frac{d}{dx}(x \log_e(x) - x)$

$$= \log_e(x) + 1 - 1$$

$$= \log_e(x) \quad \textbf{1A}$$

b.i.  $g(x) = 2 \log_e(x-1)$

A dilation by a factor of 2 from the  $x$ -axis. **1A**

A translation of 1 unit to the right. **1A**

b.ii.  $\int_2^3 (2 \log_e(x-1)) dx \quad \textbf{1A}$

$$= 2 \int_1^2 (\log_e(x)) dx$$

$$= 2[x \log_e(x) - x]_1^2 \quad \textbf{1M}$$

$$= 2((2 \log_e(2) - 2) - (-1))$$

$$= 4 \log_e(2) - 2 \quad \textbf{1A}$$

**OR**

$$\int_2^3 (2 \log_e(x-1)) dx \quad \textbf{1A}$$

$$= 2[(x-1) \log_e(x-1) - (x-1)]_2^3 \quad \textbf{1M}$$

$$= 2((2 \log_e(2) - 2) - (-1))$$

$$= 4 \log_e(2) - 2 \quad \textbf{1A}$$

**Question 6**

a.  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{6}{16} \times \frac{5}{15} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{9} \times \frac{3}{8} \quad \textbf{1M}$

$$= \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{12} = \frac{7}{48} \quad \textbf{1A}$$

b.  $\Pr(B_A | 2W) = \frac{\Pr(B_A \cap 2W)}{\Pr(2W)} = \frac{\frac{1}{16}}{\frac{7}{48}} = \frac{3}{7} \quad \textbf{1A}$

**Question 7**

$$\int_{-1}^0 (x+1)^{\frac{1}{2}} dx = \left[ \frac{2}{3}(x+1)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_{-1}^0 \quad \mathbf{1M}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3} \quad \mathbf{1A}$$

Solve  $\int_0^a \left( \frac{2}{x+2} \right) dx = \frac{1}{3}$  for  $a$ .

$$2[\log_e(x+2)]_0^a = \frac{1}{3} \quad \mathbf{1M}$$

$$\log_e(a+2) - \log_e(2) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\log_e\left(\frac{a+2}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$e^{\frac{1}{6}} = \frac{a+2}{2}$$

$$a = 2e^{\frac{1}{6}} - 2 \quad \mathbf{1A}$$

**Question 8**

a.  $\sqrt{3} \tan\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 2 = 1$

$$\tan\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$2x - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{5\pi}{6} \dots \quad \mathbf{1A}$$

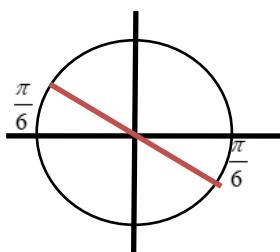
$$2x = \frac{8\pi}{6} \dots$$

$$x = \frac{8\pi}{12} \dots \text{ (add and subtract the period, } \frac{\pi}{2} \text{)} \quad \mathbf{1A}$$

$$x = -\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \mathbf{1A}$$

**OR**

Unit circle location 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> quadrant with basic angle

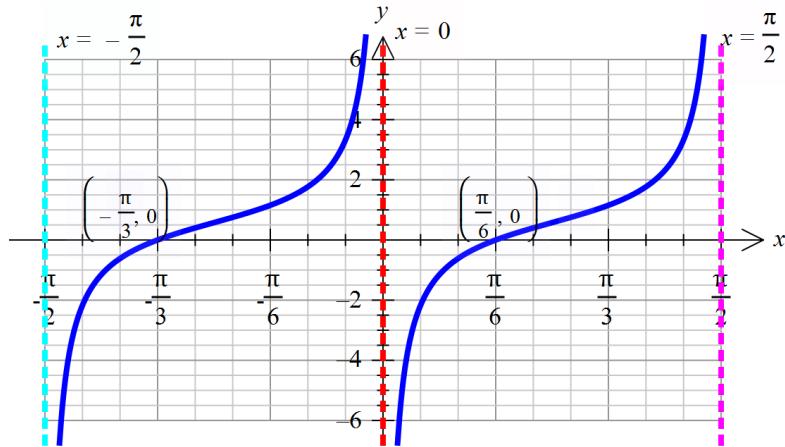


and/or adjustment of domain i.e.  $2x - \frac{\pi}{2} \in \left(-\frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$   $\mathbf{1A}$

$$2x - \frac{\pi}{2} = -\frac{7\pi}{6}, -\frac{\pi}{6} \quad \text{1A}$$

$$x = -\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \text{1A}$$

- b.** Shape **1A**  
 Asymptotes **1A**  
 Intercepts **1A**

**Question 9**

a.  $f(x) = x^3 + 2x$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2$$

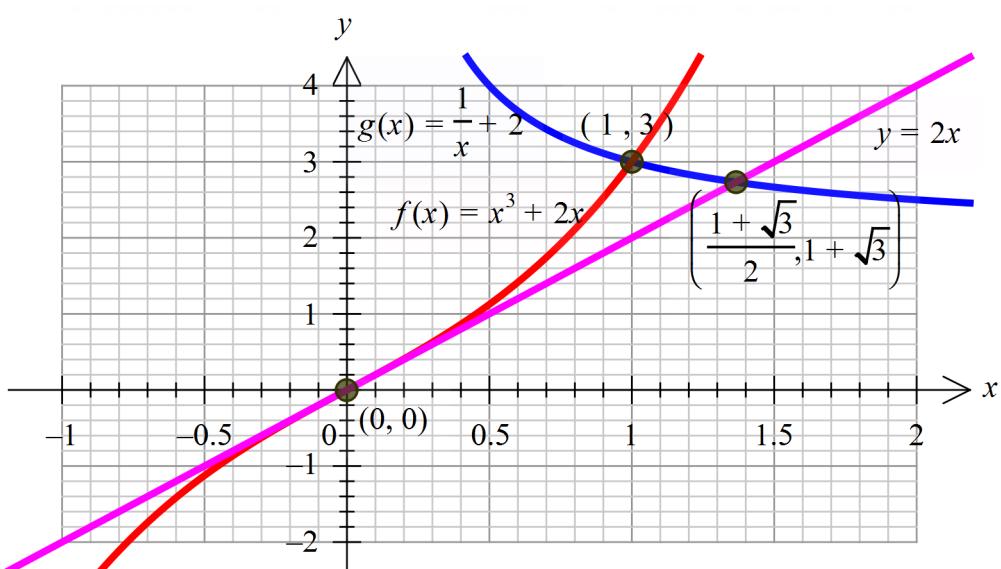
$$m = f'(0) = 2$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$y = 2x$$

**1M Show that**

b.



$$x^3 + 2x = \frac{1}{x} + 2$$

$$x^4 + 2x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$$

$x = 1$  is a solution

**1A**

As there is only one positive solution (curvature of graphs) there is no need to investigate further solutions.

$$2x = \frac{1}{x} + 2$$

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

$$x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{12}}{4} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2}, x > 0$$

**1A**

$$\int_0^1 (f(x) - 2x) dx + \int_1^{\frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2}} (g(x) - 2x) dx \quad \mathbf{1A}$$

**END OF SOLUTIONS**