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**WRITTEN EXAMINATION 1 – SOLUTIONS**

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**Question 1**

a. Use the quotient rule:

$$u = \cos(\pi x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = -\pi \sin(\pi x)$$

$$v = \log_e(-3x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{x} \quad (\text{from the chain rule})$$

**Note:**  $\frac{dv}{dx} \neq \frac{1}{-3x}$ .

$$h'(x) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$$

$$= \frac{\log_e(-3x)(-\pi \sin(\pi x)) - \cos(\pi x) \frac{1}{x}}{(\log_e(-3x))^2}$$

**M1**

$$h'(-1) = \frac{\log_e(3)(-\pi \sin(-\pi)) - \cos(-\pi)(-1)}{(\log_e(3))^2} = \frac{-1}{(\log_e(3))^2}$$

**Answer:**  $\frac{-1}{(\log_e(3))^2}$

**A1**

b.  $h(x) = \frac{\cos(\pi x)}{\log_e(-3x)}$  is undefined when  $\log_e(-3x) = 0$ :

$$\log_e(-3x) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow -3x = e^0 = 1 \quad \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

Therefore  $h(x) = \frac{\cos(\pi x)}{\log_e(-3x)}$  is defined for  $x < -\frac{1}{3}$  and  $x > -\frac{1}{3}$ .

**Answer:**  $a = -\frac{1}{3}$ .

**A1**

### Question 2

a.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-5x}} = \frac{1}{2} + (2-5x)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2} + (-5x+2)^{-1/2}$ .

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(-5x+2)^{-3/2}(-5) = \frac{5}{2}(2-5x)^{-3/2}.$$

**Answer:**  $f'(x) = \frac{5}{2}(2-5x)^{-3/2}$ .

**A1**

b.  $g(x) = \int f(x) dx = \int \frac{1}{2} + (-5x+2)^{-1/2} dx$   
 $= \frac{x}{2} + \int (-5x+2)^{-1/2} dx$ .

**M1**

To calculate  $\int (-5x+2)^{-1/2} dx$  substitute  $a = -5$  and  $n = -\frac{1}{2}$  into

$$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{1}{a(n+1)}(ax+b)^{n+1} + c \text{ (from the VCAA formula sheet):}$$

$$\int (-5x+2)^{-1/2} dx = \frac{1}{-5\left(-\frac{1}{2}+1\right)}(-5x+2)^{1/2} + c = -\frac{2}{5}(-5x+2)^{1/2} + c.$$

**M1**

$$g(x) = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{5}(-5x+2)^{1/2} + c$$

$$= \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{2-5x} + c.$$

Substitute  $g(0) = \sqrt{2}$  into  $g(x) = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{2-5x} + c$  and solve for  $c$ :

$$\sqrt{2} = -\frac{2}{5}\sqrt{2} + c \quad \Rightarrow c = \sqrt{2} + \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{2} = \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{5}$$

**Answer:**  $g(x) = \frac{x}{2} - \frac{2}{5}\sqrt{2-5x} + \frac{7\sqrt{2}}{5}$ .

**A1**

### Question 3

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

$$x = y^2 - 2y = (y-1)^2 - 1 \Rightarrow x+1 = (y-1)^2 \Rightarrow \pm\sqrt{x+1} = y-1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{x+1} + 1.$$

**M1**

Use the fact that  $f(a) = b \Rightarrow f^{-1}(b) = a$  to choose between the two potential solutions for  $y$ .

$0 \in \left(-\infty, \frac{1}{2}\right)$  and  $f(0) = 0$  therefore a point on the graph of  $y = f(x)$  is  $(0, 0)$ .

Therefore a point on the graph of  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  is  $(0, 0)$  and so  $f^{-1}(0) = 0$ .

This point can be used to decide which solution for  $y$  to reject:  $0 = \pm\sqrt{1} + 1$ .

Therefore, the negative root solution is required:  $y = -\sqrt{x+1} + 1$ .

**M** $\frac{1}{2}$

**Answer:**  $f^{-1}(x) = -\sqrt{x+1} + 1$ .

**A** $\frac{1}{2}$

b.  $\text{dom}(f^{-1}) = \text{ran}(f)$ .

By inspection of a simple sketch graph of  $f: \left(-\infty, \frac{1}{2}\right) \rightarrow R$ ,  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x$ :

$$\text{ran}(f) = \left(-\frac{1}{4}, +\infty\right).$$

**Answer:**  $\left(-\frac{1}{4}, +\infty\right)$ .

**A1**

$$\mathbf{c.} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = T \left( \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax \\ by + c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow x' = ax \text{ and } y' = by + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x'}{a} = x \text{ and } \frac{y' - c}{b} = y.$$

$$y = x^2 - 2x \quad \rightarrow \frac{y' - c}{b} = \left( \frac{x'}{a} \right)^2 - 2 \left( \frac{x'}{a} \right)$$

**A1**

$$\Rightarrow y' = b \left( \frac{x'}{a} \right)^2 - 2b \left( \frac{x'}{a} \right) + c.$$

$$y = b \left( \frac{x}{a} \right)^2 - 2b \left( \frac{x}{a} \right) + c.$$

Compare  $y = b \left( \frac{x}{a} \right)^2 - 2b \left( \frac{x}{a} \right) + c$  with  $y = -2x^2 + 8x - 1$ :

Constant term:  $c = -1$ .

$$\text{Coefficient of } x^2: \frac{b}{a^2} = -2. \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Coefficient of } x: -\frac{2b}{a} = 8 \quad \Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} = -4. \quad \dots (2)$$

Solve equations (1) and (2) simultaneously.

$$\text{Substitute equation (2) into equation (1): } \frac{1}{a}(-4) = -2 \quad \Rightarrow a = 2.$$

Substitute  $a = 2$  into equation (2):  $b = -8$ .

**Answers:**  $a = 2$ ,  $b = -8$ ,  $c = -1$ .

**A1**

#### Question 4

a.  $h(x) = g(f(x)) = \log_e(8 - f(x)) = \log_e(8 - (x^2 - 1)) = \log_e(9 - x^2).$

**Answer:**  $h(x) = \log_e(9 - x^2).$

**A1**

b. Require  $\text{ran}(f) \subseteq \text{dom}(g).$

$$\text{ran}(f) = f(x) = x^2 - 1.$$

$$\text{dom}(g) = (-\infty, 3].$$

Therefore,  $x^2 - 1 \leq 3$

**M1**

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \leq 4 \Rightarrow x^2 - 4 \leq 0.$$

The inequality can be solved by inspecting a simple graph of  $y = x^2 - 4$ :

$$-2 \leq x \leq 2.$$

**Answer:**  $-2 \leq x \leq 2.$

**A1**

#### **WARNING:**

Do **not** calculate the maximal domain from the rule  $h(x) = \log_e(9 - x^2)$

found in **part a**. **The rule for  $g(f(x))$  can only be used to find the maximal domain of  $g(f(x))$  when  $g(x)$  has its maximal domain.** In

this question the given domain of  $g(x)$  is  $(-\infty, 3]$  which is **not** its maximal

domain (the maximal domain of  $g(x)$  is  $(-\infty, 8]$ ). Therefore, using the rule will **not** give the correct answer.



### Question 5

Average rate of change:

$$-3 = \frac{f(1) - f(-1)}{1 - (-1)} = \frac{-2 + a + b - (2 + a - b)}{2} = \frac{-4 + 2b}{2} = -2 + b$$

$$\Rightarrow b = -1.$$

A1

Substitute  $b = -1$ :  $f(x) = -2x^3 + ax^2 - x$ .

Average value:

$$-6 = \frac{\int_{-1}^1 -2x^3 + ax^2 - x \, dx}{1 - (-1)} = \frac{\left[ \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{a}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right]_{-1}^1}{2}$$

M1

$$\Rightarrow -12 = \left[ \frac{1}{2}x^4 + \frac{a}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \right]_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{a}{3} - \frac{1}{2} - \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{a}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{2a}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -18.$$

A1

### Question 6

It is first required to get both inequalities in the same direction.

$$\Pr\left(Z > \frac{b}{4}\right) = \Pr\left(Z < -\frac{b}{4}\right) \text{ by symmetry around the mean.}$$

$$\text{Therefore: } \Pr(X < b) = \Pr\left(Z > \frac{b}{4}\right) \Rightarrow \Pr(X < b) = \Pr\left(Z < -\frac{b}{4}\right).$$

$$X = b \Rightarrow Z = \frac{b - 24}{5}$$

$$\text{Therefore: } \Pr(X < b) = \Pr\left(Z < -\frac{b}{4}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr\left(Z < \frac{b - 24}{5}\right) = \Pr\left(Z < -\frac{b}{4}\right)$$

M1

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b - 24}{5} = -\frac{b}{4} \Rightarrow 4b - 96 = -5b \Rightarrow 9b = 96 \Rightarrow b = \frac{32}{3}.$$

$$\text{Answer: } b = \frac{32}{3}$$

A1

### Question 7

a. Define the random variable:

Let  $X$  denote the random variable

Number of batteries in a packet that will last for more than 100 hours.

Define the distribution the random variable follows:

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}\left(n=16, p=\frac{11}{12}\right).$$

Define the problem in terms of a probability statement:

$$\Pr(X \geq 15) = ?$$

$$\Pr(X \geq 15) = {}^{16}C_{15} \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^{15} \left(\frac{1}{12}\right) + {}^{16}C_{16} \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^{16}$$

**M1**

$$= 16 \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^{15} \left(\frac{1}{12}\right) + \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^{16}$$

Re-arrange into the required "form  $\frac{a}{4} \left(\frac{b}{12}\right)^n$  where  $a, b$  and  $n$  are integers":

$$= \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^{15} \left(\frac{16}{12} + \frac{11}{12}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^{15} \frac{27}{12}$$

$$= \frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^{15}$$

**Answer:**  $\frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^{15}$

**A1**

b. Define the problem in terms of a probability statement:

$$\Pr(X \geq 15 | X \geq 1) = ?$$

$$\Pr(X \geq 15 | X \geq 1) = \frac{\Pr(X \geq 15)}{\Pr(X \geq 1)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^{15}}{\Pr(X \geq 1)}$$

H1

Consequential on answer to **part a**.

$$= \frac{\frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^{15}}{1 - \Pr(X = 0)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{9}{4} \left(\frac{11}{12}\right)^{15}}{1 - \left(\frac{1}{12}\right)^{16}}$$

Re-arrange into the required “form  $\frac{k(11)^p}{12^m - 1}$  where  $k$  and  $m$  are positive integers”:

$$= \frac{\frac{9}{4} (12)(11)^{15}}{(12)^{16} - 1}$$

$$= \frac{27(11)^{15}}{(12)^{16} - 1}.$$

**Answer:**  $\frac{27(11)^{15}}{(12)^{16} - 1}.$

A1



### Question 8

a. Let  $y = x^2 \log_e(x)$ .

Use the product rule:

$$u = x^2 \qquad v = \log_e(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{du}{dx} = 2x \qquad \Rightarrow \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx} = x^2 \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) + 2x \log_e(x) = x + 2x \log_e(x).$$

**Answer:**  $x + 2x \log_e(x)$ .

**A1**

b.  $x \log_e(x) > 0$  for  $1 \leq x \leq e$

Therefore area =  $\int_1^e x \log_e(x) dx$ .

Use integration by recognition to find  $\int x \log_e(x) dx$ .

From **part a.**:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x + 2x \log_e(x) \quad \text{where } y = x^2 \log_e(x).$$

Integrate both sides with respect to  $x$ :

$$y = \int x + 2x \log_e(x) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \log_e(x) = \int x + 2x \log_e(x) dx$$

**M1**

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \log_e(x) = \int x dx + \int 2x \log_e(x) dx \quad \Rightarrow x^2 \log_e(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 2 \int x \log_e(x) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \int x \log_e(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}x^2 \log_e(x) - \frac{1}{4}x^2$$

Therefore area =  $\int_1^e x \log_e(x) dx$

$$= \left[ \frac{1}{2}x^2 \log_e(x) - \frac{1}{4}x^2 \right]_1^e$$

**M1**

$$= \frac{1}{2}e^2 \log_e(e) - \frac{1}{4}e^2 - \left( \frac{1}{2} \log_e(1) - \frac{1}{4} \right) = \frac{1}{2}e^2 - \frac{1}{4}e^2 + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}e^2 + \frac{1}{4}.$$

**Answer:**  $\frac{1}{4}e^2 + \frac{1}{4}$ .

**A1**

### Question 9

a.  $2\cos^2(\theta) = 3\sin(\theta) \Rightarrow 2(1 - \sin^2(\theta)) = 3\sin(\theta)$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sin^2(\theta) + 3\sin(\theta) - 2 = 0$$

M1

$$\Rightarrow (2\sin(\theta) - 1)(\sin(\theta) + 2) = 0.$$

**Case 1:**  $\sin(\theta) + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \sin(\theta) = -2$ . No real solutions.

**Case 2:**  $2\sin(\theta) - 1 = 0$

M1

$$\Rightarrow \sin(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2n\pi \text{ or } \theta = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2n\pi, n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Answer:**  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6} + 2n\pi$  or  $\theta = \frac{5\pi}{6} + 2n\pi, n \in \mathbb{R}.$

A1

b. Let  $D = 2\cos^2(\theta) - 3\sin(\theta)$ .

$$\frac{dD}{d\theta} = -4\cos(\theta)\sin(\theta) - 3\cos(\theta).$$

M1

$$\frac{dD}{d\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow -4\cos(\theta)\sin(\theta) - 3\cos(\theta) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos(\theta)(-4\sin(\theta) - 3) = 0.$$

**Case 1:**  $\cos(\theta) = 0$ .

M  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\cos(\theta) = 0 \Rightarrow \sin(\theta) = \pm 1.$$

Substitute  $\cos(\theta) = 0$  and  $\sin(\theta) = \pm 1$  into  $D = 2\cos^2(\theta) - 3\sin(\theta)$ :

$$D = \pm 3.$$

**Case 2:**  $-4\sin(\theta) - 3 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(\theta) = -\frac{3}{4}.$$

M  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$\sin(\theta) = -\frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow \cos^2(\theta) = 1 - \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{7}{16}.$$

Substitute  $\sin(\theta) = -\frac{3}{4}$  and  $\cos^2(\theta) = \frac{7}{16}$  into  $D = 2\cos^2(\theta) - 3\sin(\theta)$ :

$$D = 2\left(\frac{7}{16}\right) - 3\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{14}{16} + \frac{9}{4} = \frac{50}{16} = \frac{25}{8}.$$

**Answer:**  $\frac{25}{8}$ .

**A1**

### Question 10

a. Solve  $3^{2x} = 3^{x+1} + 4$ .

**Implied restriction:** There is no implied restriction on  $x$ .

$$3^{2x} = 3^{x+1} + 4 \quad \Rightarrow 3^{2x} - 3^{x+1} - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3^x)^2 - 3(3^x) - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3^x - 4)(3^x + 1) = 0.$$

**Case 1:**  $3^x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow 3^x = -1$ . No real solutions.

**Case 2:**  $3^x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow 3^x = 4$ .

$$3^x = 4 \quad \Rightarrow x = \log_3(4).$$

This solution provides two intervals that are candidate solutions to  $3^{2x} < 3^{x+1} + 4$ :

$$x < \log_3(4) \quad \text{and} \quad x > \log_3(4).$$

A convenient value of  $x$  can be used to test  $3^{2x} < 3^{x+1} + 4$  on each interval.

$$x < \log_3(4). \quad \text{Test } x = \log_3(3) = 1: 3^2 < 3^{1+1} + 4 \quad \checkmark$$

$$x > \log_3(4). \quad \text{Test } x = \log_3(9) = 2: 3^4 < 3^{2+1} + 4 \quad \text{X}$$

**Answer:**  $x < \log_3(4)$ .

**H1**

b. **Implied restrictions on  $x$ :** The base of the logarithm cannot be negative or equal to 1. Therefore, only values of  $x$  that lie in the intervals

$$0 < 2x < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < x < \frac{1}{2}.$$

**M**  $\frac{1}{2}$

$$2x > 1 \Rightarrow x > \frac{1}{2}$$

**M**  $\frac{1}{2}$

are acceptable as solutions.

**Method 1:** Solve  $\log_{2x}(16) = -2$ .

$$\log_{2x}(16) = -2 \quad \Rightarrow 16 = (2x)^{-2} = \frac{1}{(2x)^2} = \frac{1}{4x^2} \quad \Rightarrow 64 = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1}{64} \quad \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{8}.$$

$x = -\frac{1}{8}$  is rejected because of the implied restriction on  $x$ .

Therefore  $x = \frac{1}{8}$ .

**A1**

The implied restriction on  $x$  and the solution  $x = \frac{1}{8}$  provide three intervals that are candidate solutions to  $\log_{2x}(16) < -2$ :

$$0 < x < \frac{1}{8}, \quad \frac{1}{8} < x < \frac{1}{2}, \quad x > \frac{1}{2}.$$

A convenient value of  $x$  (use a power of 2) can be used to test  $\log_{2x}(16) < -2$  on each interval.

**Case 1:**  $0 < x < \frac{1}{8}$ . Test  $x = \frac{1}{32}$ :  $\log_{\frac{1}{16}}(16) = -1$  X

**Case 2:**  $\frac{1}{8} < x < \frac{1}{2}$ . Test  $x = \frac{1}{4}$ :  $\log_{\frac{1}{2}}(16) = -4$  ✓

**Case 3:**  $x > \frac{1}{2}$ . Test  $x = 1$ :  $\log_2(16) = 4$  X

**Answer:**  $\frac{1}{8} < x < \frac{1}{2}$ .

**H1**

**Method 2:**

**Case 1:**  $0 < 2x < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < x < \frac{1}{2}$ .

By inspection there is a solution because  $\log_{2x}(16) < 0$  when  $0 < 2x < 1$ :

$$\log_{2x}(16) < -2 \quad \Rightarrow 16 > (2x)^{-2} \quad (\text{you need to realise that the direction of the inequality sign must be reversed})$$

$$\Rightarrow 16 > \frac{1}{(2x)^2} \quad \Rightarrow 16 > \frac{1}{4x^2} \quad \Rightarrow 64 > \frac{1}{x^2} \quad \Rightarrow \frac{1}{64} < x^2 \quad \Rightarrow x^2 > \frac{1}{64}$$

$$\Rightarrow x > \frac{1}{8} \cup x < -\frac{1}{8}.$$

$x < -\frac{1}{8}$  is rejected because of the implied restriction on  $x$ .

Therefore  $x > \frac{1}{8}$ .

A1

Apply the case 1 restriction  $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}$ :  $\frac{1}{8} < x < \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Case 2:**  $2x > 1 \Rightarrow x > \frac{1}{2}$ .

By inspection there is no solution because  $\log_{2x}(16) > 0$  when  $2x > 1$ .

**Answer:**  $\frac{1}{8} < x < \frac{1}{2}$ .

H1

**WARNING:**

$\log_{2x}(16) < -2 \Rightarrow 16 < (2x)^{-2}$  is **NOT** correct and **cannot** be used to solve the inequation.



For example, if  $x = \frac{1}{4}$  then  $\log_{\frac{1}{2}}(16) = -4 < -2$  but  $16 < \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2}$  is **not** correct.

The inequality sign must be reversed in order to get a correct inequality:  $16 > \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2}$ .

Why is this ....? Consider

$$16 > (2x)^{-2}. \quad \dots (1)$$

Note that both sides of (1) are positive since  $x > 0$ .

If you simply take the logarithm to the base  $2x$  of both sides of (1) you get

$$\log_{2x}(16) > -2. \quad \dots (2)$$

But in taking the logarithm of both sides of (2), we see that both sides become negative if  $0 < 2x < 1$ .

The direction of the inequality must therefore be reversed in this case so as to maintain a correct inequality:

$$16 > (2x)^{-2} \Rightarrow \log_{2x}(16) < -2.$$

Therefore using  $\log_{2x}(16) < -2 \Rightarrow 16 < (2x)^{-2}$  to solve the inequality is **not valid**.