



**Victorian Certificate of Education  
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**MATHEMATICAL METHODS**

**Trial Written Examination 1**

Reading time: 15 minutes

Total writing time: 1 hour

**QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK**

**Structure of book**

<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
9	9	40

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners, rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: any technology (calculators or software) notes of any kind, blank sheets of paper, and/or correction fluid/tape.

**Materials supplied**

- Question and answer book of 17 pages.
- Detachable sheet of miscellaneous formulas at the end of this booklet.
- Working space is provided throughout the booklet.

**Instructions**

- Detach the formula sheet from the end of this book during reading time.
- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the diagrams in this booklet are **not** drawn to scale.
- All written responses must be in English.

**Students are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any other unauthorised electronic devices into the examination room.**

**Instructions**

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

In all questions where a numerical answer is required an exact value must be given unless otherwise specified.

In questions where more than one mark is available, appropriate working **must** be shown.

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**Question 1** ( 3 + 2 = 5 marks )

- a. If  $f(x) = \frac{\tan(2x)}{12x}$  and  $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{p\pi + q}{\pi^2}$  determine the values of the real constants  $p$  and  $q$ .  
3 marks

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- b. Given that  $\int_{b-1}^{b+1} \frac{1}{x} dx = \log_e \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)$ , determine the value of  $b$  where  $b > -1$ .

2 marks

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**Question 3** (4 marks)

- a. Explain why the equation  $\cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{3}\right) = x^2$  has a root between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ .

1 mark

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- b. Using Newton's method, solve the equation  $\cos\left(\frac{2\pi x}{3}\right) = x^2$  with a starting value of  $x_0 = \frac{3}{2}$ ,  
find the value of  $x_1$  giving your answer in the form  $\frac{a}{b}$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

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**Question 4** (3 marks)

An **approximate** 95% confidence interval for the proportion of adult males over 50 years of age who have high blood pressure is given by  $(0.544, 0.736)$ .

Given that  $\Pr(-2 < Z < 2) = 0.95$ , where  $Z$  is the standard normal random variable, determine the sample size used in the calculation of this confidence interval.

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**Question 5** (8 marks)

- a. Find the general solution of  $\sin(x) + \sqrt{3} \cos(x) = 0$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

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- b. Consider the function  $f: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = \sin(x) + \sqrt{3} \cos(x)$ .  
Using calculus, determine the coordinates of the stationary points on the graph  
of  $y = f(x)$ .

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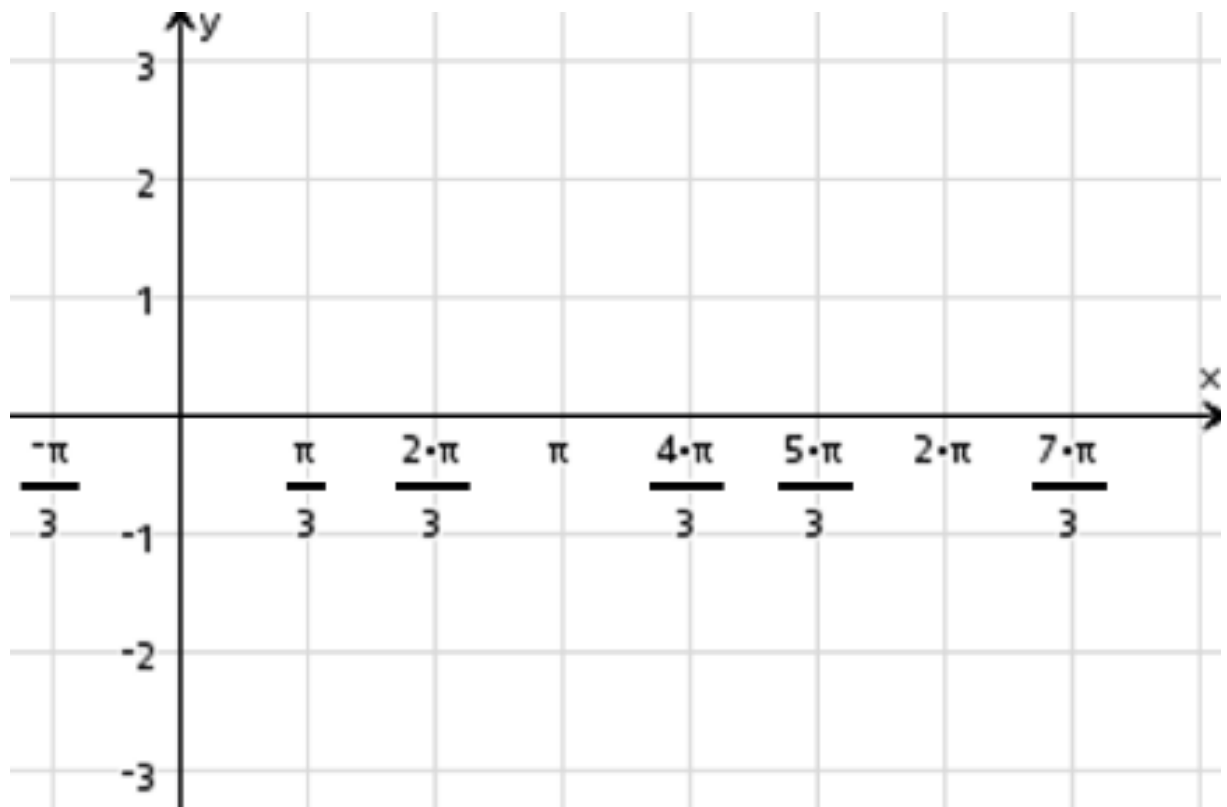
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- c. On the axes below, sketch the graphs of  $y_1 = \sin(x)$  and  $y_2 = \sqrt{3} \cos(x)$ .  
Hence or otherwise sketch the graph of  $f : [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = \sin(x) + \sqrt{3} \cos(x)$ ,  
labelling all axial intercepts, endpoints and turning points with their coordinates.

3 marks





**Question 6** (5 marks)

Given the two functions  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3}$  and  $g(x) = 1 + 2 \sin(x)$  defined on their maximal domains,

- a. Determine whether or not the functions  $f \circ g(x)$  or  $g \circ f(x)$  exists, giving reasons for your answers, if the composite function exists, state its rule and domain.

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- b. Find the values of  $x$  for which  $f(x) < f^{-1}(x)$ .

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**Question 7** (6 marks)

The concentration of a drug in a body is given by  $F(t)$  where  $t$  is the time in hours after the drug is taken. Initially the concentration of the drug is zero. The rate of change of concentration of the drug is given by  $F'(t) = 50e^{-0.5t} - 0.4F(t)$ .

a. Using the product rule, show that  $\frac{d}{dt}(F(t)e^{0.4t}) = 50e^{-0.1t}$

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b. Hence show that  $F(t) = 500(e^{-0.4t} - e^{-0.5t})$

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c. The concentration of the drug increases to a maximum. Find the value of  $t$  when this

maximum occurs. Give your answer in the form  $a \log_{\epsilon} \left( \frac{b}{c} \right)$ , where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are positive integers.

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**Question 8** (3 marks)

a. Show that  $\frac{d}{dx} \left[ x^2 \log_e(x) - \frac{x^2}{2} \right] = 2x \log_e(x)$

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b. Given the continuous probability density function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \log_e(x) & \text{for } 1 \leq x \leq e \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
Find  $E(X)$ .

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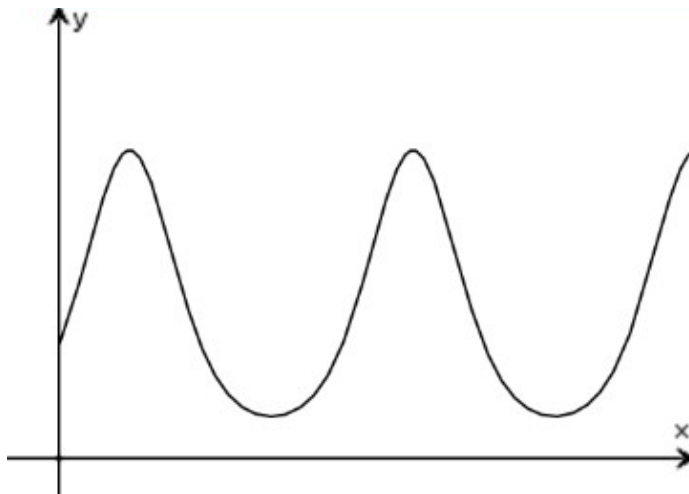
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**Question 9** (3 marks)

Part of the graph of the function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = e^{\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)}$  is shown below.



- a. Determine the coordinates of the first two maximum and the first two minimum turning points.

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- b. State the period of the function.

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**End of question and answer book for the  
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# MATHEMATICAL METHODS

## Written examination 1

### FORMULA SHEET

#### Directions to students

Detach this formula sheet during reading time.

This formula sheet is provided for your reference.

## Mathematical Methods formulas

### Mensuration

area of a trapezium	$\frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$	volume of a pyramid	$\frac{1}{3}Ah$
curved surface area of a cylinder	$2\pi rh$	volume of a sphere	$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
volume of a cylinder	$\pi r^2 h$	area of triangle	$\frac{1}{2}bc \sin(A)$
volume of a cone	$\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$		

### Calculus

$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$	$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$		
$\frac{d}{dx}((ax+b)^n) = na(ax+b)^{n-1}$	$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{1}{a(n+1)}(ax+b)^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = ae^{ax}$	$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a}e^{ax} + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_e(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \log_e(x) + c, x > 0$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(ax)) = a \cos(ax)$	$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a}\cos(ax) + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos(ax)) = -a \sin(ax)$	$\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a}\sin(ax) + c$		
$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(ax)) = \frac{a}{\cos^2(ax)} = a \sec^2(ax)$			
product rule	$\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$	quotient rule	$\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$
chain rule	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$	Newton's method	$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$
trapezium rule approximation	$Area \approx \frac{x_n - x_0}{2n} [f(x_0) + 2f(x_1) + 2f(x_2) + \dots + 2f(x_{n-2}) + 2f(x_{n-1}) + f(x_n)]$		



**Probability**

$\Pr(A) = 1 - \Pr(A')$		$\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$	
$\Pr(A B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$			
mean	$\mu = E(X)$	variance	$\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2 = E((X - \mu)^2) = E(X^2) - \mu^2$
binomial coefficient	$\binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$		

Probability distribution		Mean	Variance
discrete	$\Pr(X = x) = p(x)$	$\mu = \sum x p(x)$	$\sigma^2 = \sum (x - \mu)^2 p(x)$
binomial	$\Pr(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$	$\mu = np$	$\sigma^2 = np(1-p)$
continuous	$\Pr(a < X < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$	$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$	$\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$

**Sample proportions**

$\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}$	mean	$E(\hat{p}) = p$
standard deviation	approximate confidence interval	$\left( \hat{p} - z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right)$

**END OF FORMULA SHEET**