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CANDIDATE NUMBER

SYDNEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



2016 Assessment Examination

FORM VI

MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1

Monday 23rd May 2016

General Instructions

- Writing time — 2 hours
- Write using black pen.
- Board-approved calculators and templates may be used.

Total — 70 Marks

- All questions may be attempted.

Section I — 10 Marks

- Questions 1–10 are of equal value.
- Record your answers to the multiple choice on the sheet provided.

Section II — 60 Marks

- Questions 11–14 are of equal value.
- All necessary working should be shown.
- Start each question in a new booklet.

Collection

- Write your candidate number on each answer booklet and on your multiple choice answer sheet.
- Hand in the booklets in a single well-ordered pile.
- Hand in a booklet for each question in Section II, even if it has not been attempted.
- If you use a second booklet for a question, place it inside the first.
- Write your candidate number on this question paper and hand it in with your answers.
- Place everything inside the answer booklet for Question Eleven.

Checklist

- SGS booklets — 4 per boy
- Multiple choice answer sheet
- Reference sheet
- Candidature — 111 boys

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SECTION I - Multiple Choice

Answers for this section should be recorded on the separate answer sheet handed out with this examination paper.

QUESTION ONE

Evaluate $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(2x)$.

- (A) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
- (B) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$
- (C) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$
- (D) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-4x^2}}$

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QUESTION TWO

A particle undergoes simple harmonic motion according to the equation $x = 3 \cos(2t)$.

What is the period of the motion?

- (A) $\frac{1}{\pi}$
- (B) π
- (C) 2π
- (D) $\frac{\pi}{2}$

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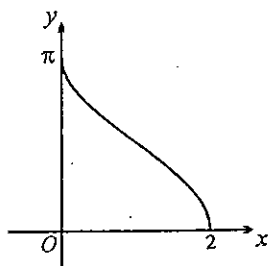
QUESTION THREE

If $(x + 2)$ is a factor of $3x^3 + kx^2 - 31x - 54$, what is the value of k ?

- (A) 4
- (B) -4
- (C) 23
- (D) -23

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QUESTION FOUR



The diagram above shows the graph of:

- (A) $y = \sin^{-1}(x - 1)$
- (B) $y = \sin^{-1}(1 - x)$
- (C) $y = \cos^{-1}(x - 1)$
- (D) $y = \cos^{-1}(1 - x)$

QUESTION FIVE

What is the natural domain of the function $\log_e(7 - x)$?

- (A) $x > 7$
- (B) $x < 7$
- (C) $x \geq 7$
- (D) $x \leq 7$

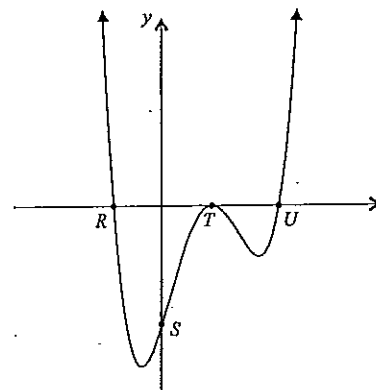
QUESTION SIX

The integral $\int xe^{x^2} dx$ is:

- (A) $e^{x^2} + C$
- (B) $2e^{x^2} + C$
- (C) $\frac{1}{2}e^{x^2} + C$
- (D) $xe^{x^2} + C$

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QUESTION SEVEN



The diagram above shows the graph of $y = P(x)$ where $P(x) = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$.

A pupil makes the following statements:

- I) The y -coordinate of the point S is e .
- II) $a > 0$.
- III) There is a double zero at the point T .

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (A) I only.
- (B) I and II only.
- (C) I and III only.
- (D) I, II and III are correct.

QUESTION EIGHT

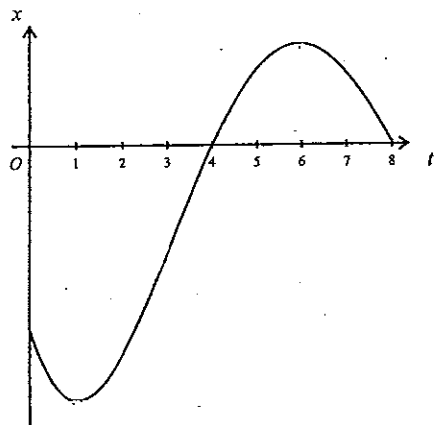
Evaluate $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi + h) - \sin \pi}{h}$.

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C) -1
- (D) ∞

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QUESTION NINE

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The graph above shows the position of a particle x along a straight line at a time t , where $0 \leq t < 8$. There are horizontal tangents when $t = 1$ and $t = 6$, and a point of inflexion when $t = 3$.

For what values of t is the particle's velocity increasing?

- (A) $0 \leq t < 3$
- (B) $1 < t < 6$
- (C) $4 < t < 8$
- (D) $4 < t < 6$ only.

QUESTION TEN

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If the length of a rectangle decreases at a rate of 29 cm/s while its width increases at a rate of 29 cm/s, which of the following describes the change in area while the length is greater than the width?

- (A) The area is increasing.
- (B) The area is decreasing.
- (C) The area increases and then decreases.
- (D) The area does not change.

End of Section I

SECTION II - Written Response

Answers for this section should be recorded in the booklets provided.

Show all necessary working.

Start a new booklet for each question.

QUESTION ELEVEN (15 marks) Use a separate writing booklet.

Marks

- (a) Differentiate $y = e^x \sin x$ with respect to x . 2
- (b) What is the remainder when $P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x - 1$ is divided by $x - 2$? 2
- (c) A particle's displacement x along a straight line at time t is given by the equation $x = e^{2t} + 4t^2 + 7$. Find the acceleration of the particle in terms of t . 2
- (d) Using the identity $\tan^2 x + 1 = \sec^2 x$, evaluate $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \tan^2 x \, dx$. 3
- (e) State the domain and range of the function $f(x) = 2 \sin^{-1} x$. 2
- (f) Consider the polynomial $P(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 3x + 2$.
 - (i) Show that $x + 1$ is a factor of $P(x)$. 1
 - (ii) Write $P(x)$ as a product of its factors and hence solve $P(x) = 0$. 3

QUESTION TWELVE (15 marks) Use a separate writing booklet.

Marks

- (a) Show that the normal to the parabola $x = 4t, y = 2t^2$ has equation

$$yt - 2t^3 = 4t - x.$$

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- (b) A particle moves along a straight line according to the equation

$$x = te^{-t}.$$

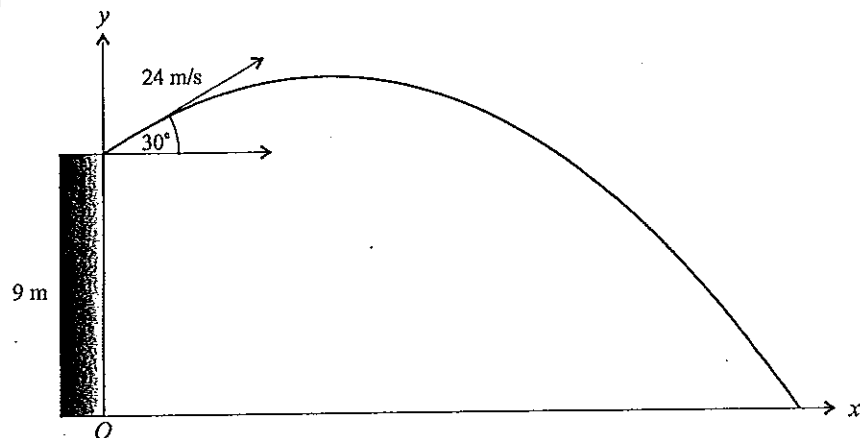
- (i) Find the velocity of the particle as a function of time.

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- (ii) At what time does the particle change direction?

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(c)



The diagram above shows an object launched from a cliff nine metres above the ground, at an angle of elevation of 30° and at a speed of 24 m/s. Assume that the acceleration of the object is due only to gravity, with $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$. Assume also that the origin lies at the base of the cliff, as shown in the diagram.

The equations of motion are

$$\ddot{x} = 0 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \ddot{y} = -10 \text{ m/s}^2.$$

- (i) Show that the horizontal and vertical components of the initial velocity are

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$$\dot{x} = 12\sqrt{3} \text{ m/s} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{y} = 12 \text{ m/s}.$$

- (ii) Hence show that the equations for horizontal and vertical displacement are

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$$x = 12t\sqrt{3} \quad \text{and} \quad y = 9 + 12t - 5t^2.$$

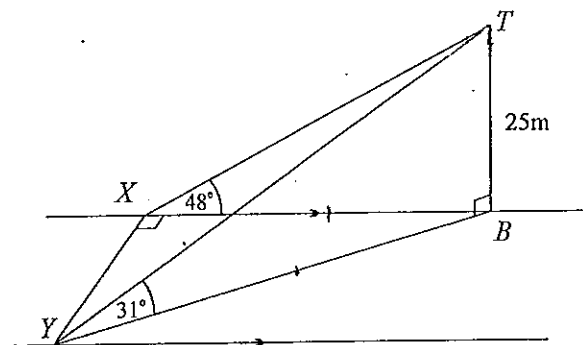
- (iii) How long is the object in flight?

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- (iv) At what distance from the base of the cliff does the object hit the ground?

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(d)



The base B of a vertical tower BT sits on the edge of a straight river. From a point X on the edge of the same bank, the angle of elevation to the top of the tower is $\angle BXT = 48^\circ$. From point Y , directly opposite X on the other bank, the angle of elevation to the top of the tower is $\angle BYT = 31^\circ$. The height of the tower BT is 25 metres.

- (e) Show that the width of the river is given by

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$$XY^2 = 625 (\tan^2 59^\circ - \tan^2 42^\circ).$$

- (f) Hence find the width of the river, correct to 2 significant figures.

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QUESTION THIRTEEN (15 marks) Use a separate writing booklet. Marks

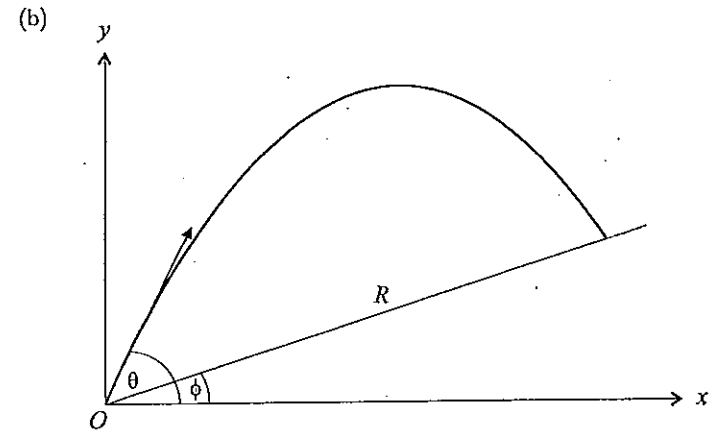
- (a) Suppose α , β and γ are the roots of the polynomial $2x^3 + 3x^2 + 8x - 4 = 0$.
 Find:
- (i) $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$ 1
 - (ii) $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma}$ 2
 - (iii) $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2$ 2
- (b) Use mathematical induction to show that $3^n - 1$ is divisible by 2 for all integers $n \geq 1$. 3
- (c) Use the substitution $t = \tan \theta$ to prove the identity $\tan 2\theta \cot \theta = 1 + \sec 2\theta$. 2
- (d) A particle moves along a straight line with velocity v given as a function of its displacement x by the equation

$$v^2 = -4x^2 + 8x + 12.$$
- (i) Prove that the motion is simple harmonic motion by showing $\ddot{x} = -4(x - 1)$. 2
 - (ii) Write down the period of the motion. 1
 - (iii) Find the amplitude of the motion. 2

QUESTION FOURTEEN (15 marks) Use a separate writing booklet. Marks

- (a) Let $f(x) = x - \sin^{-1}(\cos x)$.
- (i) Show that 2

$$f'(x) = 1 + \frac{\sin x}{|\sin x|}$$
 where $|\sin x| = \sqrt{\sin^2 x}$.
 - (ii) Explain why $f'(x) = 2$ for $0 < x < \pi$ and $f'(x) = 0$ for $\pi < x < 2\pi$. 1
 - (iii) Hence sketch $y = f(x)$ for $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$. 2



The diagram above shows a projectile fired from the foot of a ramp. The projectile is launched at a speed of v m/s and at an angle of θ to the horizontal. The ramp is inclined at an angle of ϕ to the horizontal such that $\phi < \theta < 90^\circ$.

You may assume that the equation of the projectile's path is

$$y = x \tan \theta - \frac{gx^2 \sec^2 \theta}{2v^2}.$$

- (i) The equation of the ramp is $y = (\tan \phi)x$. Show that the projectile lands at a distance R upon the ramp, where 3

$$R = \frac{2v^2}{g} (\tan \theta - \tan \phi) \cos^2 \theta \sec \phi.$$

- (ii) Show that $\frac{dR}{d\theta} = \frac{2v^2}{g} \sec^2 \phi \cos(2\theta - \phi)$, for fixed v and ϕ . 2
- (iii) Hence find the value of θ for which R is a maximum. 1

(c) Let α, β, γ be the roots of the monic polynomial $P(x)$ so that

$$P(x) = x^3 - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)x^2 + (\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma)x - \alpha\beta\gamma.$$

(i) By considering $P(\alpha)$, $P(\beta)$ and $P(\gamma)$, show that

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$$\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3 - 3\alpha\beta\gamma = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 - \alpha\beta - \alpha\gamma - \beta\gamma).$$

(ii) Hence prove that

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$$\sqrt[3]{p-q} + \sqrt[3]{q-r} + \sqrt[3]{r-p} \neq 0$$

for all distinct real numbers p , q and r .

————— End of Section II —————

END OF EXAMINATION

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Multiple choice

- 1 B
- 2 B
- 3 A
- 4 C
- 5 B
- 6 C
- 7 D
- 8 C
- 9 A
- 10 A

Question Eleven

$$(a) \quad y' = e^x \cos x + e^x \sin x \quad \checkmark \\ = e^x (\cos x + \sin x) \quad \checkmark$$

(b) By remainder theorem,

$$R(2) = P(2) \quad \checkmark$$

$$\rightarrow R(2) = (2)^3 - 3(2)^2 + 2(2) - 1 \\ = -1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(c) \quad x = e^{2t} + 4t^2 + 7$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{x} = 2e^{2t} + 8t \quad \checkmark$$

$$\rightarrow \ddot{x} = 4e^{2t} + 8 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(d) \quad \int_0^{\pi/4} \tan^2 x \, dx = \int_0^{\pi/4} \sec^2 x - 1 \, dx \quad \checkmark \\ = \tan x - x \Big|_0^{\pi/4} \quad \checkmark \\ = \left(\tan \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) - (\tan 0 - 0) \\ = 1 - \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$(e) \text{ Domain of } 2\sin^{-1}x: -1 \leq x \leq 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Range of } 2\sin^{-1}x: -\pi \leq 2\sin^{-1}x \leq \pi \quad \checkmark$$

$$(f) (i) \quad P(-1) = 2(-1)^3 - 3(-1)^2 - 3(-1) + 2 \\ = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

\rightarrow by factor theorem, $(x+1)$ divides $P(x)$.

Question Twelve

(a) $x = 4t$ $y = 2t^2$

So $y = 2\left(\frac{x}{4}\right)^2$

$= \frac{x^2}{8}$

$\rightarrow y' = \frac{x}{4}$

$= t$, the gradient at $(4t, 2t^2)$.

\therefore gradient of normal at $(4t, 2t^2)$ is $-\frac{1}{t}$ ($t \neq 0$). ✓

Equation of normal at $(4t, 2t^2)$:

$y - 2t^2 = -\frac{1}{t}(x - 4t)$

$\Leftrightarrow yt - 2t^3 = 4t - x$ as required. ✓

(b) (i) $x = te^{-t}$

$\rightarrow \dot{x} = t(-e^{-t}) + e^{-t}$

$= e^{-t}(1-t)$

✓ 1 mark for identifying velocity as derivative of displacement w.r.t time.
✓ 1 mark for the correct derivative.

(ii) Directional change occurs when sign of \dot{x} changes; i.e. at t such that $\dot{x} = 0$. ✓

Since $e^{-t} > 0$ for all t , any change in sign will be due to the factor $(1-t)$.

When $t=1$, $1-t = 0$.

For $0 < t < 1$, $1-t > 0$ & for $t > 1$, $1-t < 0$.

Hence the direction changes only once, when $t=1$. ✓

- Note, $t=1$ need only be given -
no need to justify uniqueness.

(ii)
$$\begin{array}{r} x+1 \overline{) 2x^2 - 5x + 2} \\ \underline{2x^3 - 3x^2 - 3x + 2} \\ 2x^3 + 2x^2 \\ \underline{-5x^2 - 3x + 2} \\ 2x + 2 \\ \underline{2x + 2} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

OR any other valid method of finding quotient.

So $P(x) = (x+1)(2x^2 - 5x + 2)$

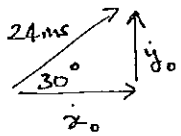
$= (x+1)(2x^2 - 4x - x + 2)$

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

$= (x+1)(x-2)(2x-1)$ ✓

$\therefore P(x) = 0 \rightarrow x = -1, \frac{1}{2}, 2$. ✓

(c) (i)



$$v_y = 24 \sin 30^\circ \text{ m/s} \\ = 12 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_x = 24 \cos 30^\circ \text{ m/s} \\ = 12\sqrt{3} \text{ m/s}$$

(ii) Horizontal displacement:

$$\ddot{x} = 0$$

→ $\dot{x} = c_1$ for c_1 constant for all $t \geq 0$.

∴ $c_1 = \dot{x}_0$ for all $t \geq 0$.

$$\text{So } \dot{x} = 12\sqrt{3} \text{ m/s}$$

→ $x = 12\sqrt{3}t + c_2$ for c_2 constant.

When $t=0$, $x=0$ so

$$0 = c_2$$

$$\therefore x = 12\sqrt{3}t \text{ m.}$$

Vertical displacement:

$$\ddot{y} = -10 \text{ m/s}^2$$

→ $\dot{y} = -10t + c_3$ m/s.

When $t=0$, $\dot{y} = c_3 = 12 \text{ m/s}$.

$$\text{Hence } \dot{y} = -10t + 12 \text{ m/s.}$$

→ $y = -5t^2 + 12t + c_4$ m.

When $t=0$ $y = 9$ m, hence

$$y = -5t^2 + 12t + 9 \text{ m.}$$

(iii) Time of flight: from $t=0$ to t such that $y=0$.

So

$$0 = -5t^2 + 12t + 9$$

$$= -5t^2 + 15t - 3t + 9$$

$$= -5t(t-3) - 3(t-3)$$

$$= -(t-3)(5t+3)$$

$$\rightarrow t=3, -\frac{3}{5}$$

Reject $-\frac{3}{5}$ as $t \geq 0$.

∴ time of flight is 3 seconds. ✓

(iv) Horizontal range:

$$x(t) = 12\sqrt{3}t$$

$$\rightarrow x(3) = (12\sqrt{3})(3)$$

$$= 36\sqrt{3} \text{ metres.}$$

(d) (i) $\angle BTY = 59^\circ$ (complement of $\angle BYT$)

$\angle BTX = 42^\circ$ (complement of $\angle BXT$)

$$\text{and } \tan 59^\circ = \frac{BY}{25}, \text{ and } \tan 42^\circ = \frac{BX}{25}. \checkmark$$

$$\text{Now, } XY^2 = BY^2 - BX^2 \text{ (Pythagoras)} \checkmark$$

$$\text{So } XY^2 = 25^2 \tan^2 59^\circ - 25^2 \tan^2 42^\circ$$

$$= 625 (\tan^2 59^\circ - \tan^2 42^\circ) \checkmark$$

as required.

$$(ii) XY = 34.9919... \text{ m}$$

→ $XY = 35 \text{ m}$ to two significant figures. ✓

Question Thirteen

(a) $2x^3 + 3x^2 + 8x - 4 = 0$

(i) $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = -\frac{3}{2}$ ✓

(ii) $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha}{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ ✓
 $= \frac{4}{2}$
 $= 2$ ✓

(iii) $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha)$ ✓
 $= \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 2(4)$
 $= \frac{9}{4} - 8$
 $= -\frac{23}{4}$ ✓

(b) $S(n): 3^n - 1 = 2m$ for m some integer.

(i) $S(1): 3^1 - 1 = 2$
 $= 2 \cdot 1$

So statement is true for $n=1$. ✓

(ii) Suppose it's the case that $S(k)$ is true; that is,

$$3^k - 1 = 2m \text{ for } m \text{ some integer.}$$

(iii) $S(k+1): 3^{k+1} - 1 = 3 \cdot 3^k - 1$
 $= 3(2m+1) - 1$ (by $S(k)$) ✓
 $= 2(3m) + 2$

$$= 2(3m+1)$$

$$= 2m' \text{ where } m' = 3m+1.$$

Since m is an integer, $3m+1$ is an integer.

Hence $3^{k+1} - 1$ is divisible by 2
 if $3^k - 1$ is divisible by 2. ✓

By the principle of mathematical induction,
 $3^n - 1$ is divisible by 2
 for all integers $n \geq 1$.

(c) Let $t = \tan \theta$.

Then $\tan 2\theta \cot \theta = \frac{2t}{1-t^2} \cdot \frac{1}{t}$ ✓
 $= \frac{2}{1-t^2}$

$$= \frac{1-t^2 + 1+t^2}{1-t^2}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1+t^2}{1-t^2}$$

$$= 1 + \sec 2\theta \quad // \quad \checkmark$$

(d)

(i) $v^2 = -4x^2 + 8x + 12$

Now, $\ddot{x} = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{2} v^2$

so $\ddot{x} = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{2} (-4x^2 + 8x + 12)$ ✓
 $= \frac{d}{dx} (-2x^2 + 4x + 6)$

$$= -4x + 4$$

$$= -4(x-1)$$

(ii) The period is $T = \frac{2\pi}{n}$

$$= \frac{2\pi}{2}$$

$$= \pi$$

(iii) Amplitude: extremities of motion occur when $v=0$.

Solving $0 = -4x^2 + 8x + 12$

we have $0 = x^2 - 2x - 3$

$$0 = (x-3)(x+1)$$

So max. displacement at $x=3$

min. displacement at $x=-1$

$$\rightarrow [\text{amplitude}] = \frac{3 - (-1)}{2}$$

$$= 2$$

Question Fourteen

(a) (i) $f(x) = x - \sin^{-1}(\cos x)$

$$\rightarrow f'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\cos^2 x}} \cdot (-\sin x)$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{\sin^2 x}}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\sin x}{|\sin x|}$$

(ii) In quadrants one & two, $\sin x > 0$. Hence

$$f'(x) = 1 + \frac{|\sin x|}{|\sin x|}$$

$$= 1 + 1$$

$$= 2$$

In quadrants three & four, $\sin x < 0$. So

$$f'(x) = 1 - \frac{|\sin x|}{|\sin x|}$$

$$= 1 - 1$$

$$= 0$$

(iii) Boundary: $f(-2\pi) = -2\pi - \sin^{-1}(\cos(-2\pi))$

$$= -2\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{5\pi}{2}$$

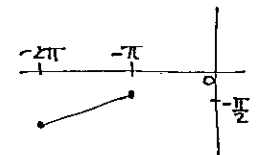
For $-2\pi < x < -\pi$ (quadrants I, II), gradient is 2.

Boundary: $f(-\pi) = -\pi - \sin^{-1}(\cos(-\pi))$

$$= -\pi - \sin^{-1}(-1)$$

$$= -\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$= -\frac{\pi}{2}$$



(iii) $\frac{dR}{d\theta} = 0$ at extrema. Hence we have extrema here for

$$\cos(2\theta - \phi) = 0 \rightarrow 2\theta - \phi = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{So } \theta = \frac{\phi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

For completion (but not necessary for mark):

Note that this result gives a maximum: for $\theta+h$ ($h > 0$ and h 'small'),

$$2(\theta+h) - \phi > 2\theta - \phi, \text{ so } \cos(2(\theta+h) - \phi) < 0$$

Also, for $\theta-h$,

$$2(\theta-h) - \phi < 2\theta - \phi, \text{ so } \cos(2(\theta-h) - \phi) > 0.$$

Next value for $2\theta - \phi$ that stands a chance of yielding θ within restricted domain such that $\frac{dR}{d\theta} = 0$ is $\frac{3\pi}{2}$. But then

$$2\theta - \phi = \frac{3\pi}{2} \Leftrightarrow \theta = \frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2}. \text{ Assume } 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ \& } \theta = \frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2}.$$

$$\text{Then } 0 \leq \frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -\frac{3\pi}{2} \leq \phi \leq -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

which is false since $0 \leq \phi \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

So $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\phi}{2}$ is the unique angle that maximises R here.

$$(c) P(x) = x^3 - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)x^2 + (\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha)x - \alpha\beta\gamma$$

(i) Given α, β, γ roots of $P(x)$, we have

$$P(\alpha) = P(\beta) = P(\gamma) = 0.$$

$$\text{So } P(\alpha) + P(\beta) + P(\gamma) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow 0 &= (\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3) - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2) + (\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha)(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) - 3\alpha\beta\gamma \\ &= (\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3) - 3\alpha\beta\gamma - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 - \alpha\beta - \beta\gamma - \gamma\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } (\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3) - 3\alpha\beta\gamma = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 - \alpha\beta - \beta\gamma - \gamma\alpha) \quad \text{--- (I)} \quad \checkmark$$

(ii) Assume there exist distinct real numbers p, q, r such that

$$\sqrt[3]{p-q} + \sqrt[3]{q-r} + \sqrt[3]{r-p} = 0 \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \sqrt[3]{p-q}, \beta = \sqrt[3]{q-r}, \gamma = \sqrt[3]{r-p}.$$

Then $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$, forcing RHS of (I) to be zero. \checkmark

Now, LHS of (I) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3 - 3\alpha\beta\gamma &= (p-q) + (q-r) + (r-p) - 3\sqrt[3]{(p-q)(q-r)(r-p)} \\ &= 0 - 3\sqrt[3]{(p-q)(q-r)(r-p)} \\ &\neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

since p, q, r distinct $\Rightarrow p-q \neq 0, q-r \neq 0, r-p \neq 0$.

So in (I): LHS = 0 while RHS $\neq 0$ - a contradiction. $\checkmark \#$

\therefore There are no distinct real numbers p, q, r such that $\sqrt[3]{p-q} + \sqrt[3]{q-r} + \sqrt[3]{r-p} = 0$

\Leftrightarrow for all distinct real numbers p, q, r ,

$$\sqrt[3]{p-q} + \sqrt[3]{q-r} + \sqrt[3]{r-p} \neq 0 \quad \parallel$$