



2015 Preliminary
Assessment Task 3

Mathematics Extension 1

General Instructions

- Reading time – 3 minutes
- Working time – 57 minutes
- Write using blue or black pen
Black pen is preferred
- Board-approved calculators may be used
- In Questions 5-6, show relevant mathematical reasoning and/or calculations

Total Marks – 34

Section I

4 marks

- Attempt questions 1-4
- Allow about 7 minutes for this section

Section II

30 marks

- Attempt questions 5-6
- Allow about 50 minutes for this section

SECTION I: Objective Response Questions (4 marks)

- If a curve has a point of inflexion then it must
 - Change from a positive to a negative gradient
 - Have a gradient of zero at the point of inflexion
 - Change concavity
 - All of the above
- If α and β are the roots of the quadratic equation $x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$, evaluate $\alpha\beta^2 + \alpha^2\beta$
 - 10
 - 10
 - 5
 - 5
- For what values of k does the quadratic equation $x^2 + (k - 3)x + k = 0$ have no real roots
 - $k \leq 1, k \geq 9$
 - $k < 1, k > 9$
 - $1 \leq k \leq 9$
 - $1 < k < 9$
- If the minimum value of $3x^2 - 6x + k$ is 8, find the value of k
 - 8
 - 11
 - $\frac{8}{3}$
 - $\frac{11}{3}$

SECTION II

Marks

Question 5 (15 marks)

a) Differentiate

(i) $f(x) = 6x^4 + 3x^2 + 5$

1

(ii) $f(x) = (x + 3)^3(x^2 + 1)$

2

b) Consider the curve given by $y = 7 + 4x^3 - 3x^4$

i) Find the coordinates of the stationary points

1

ii) Find all values of x for which $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$

2

iii) Determine the nature of the stationary points

2

iv) Sketch the curve for the domain $-1 \leq x \leq 2$

2

c) Sketch the following graph showing any stationary points, inflexions, asymptotes

5

or any other features

$$f(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{x^2 - 1}$$

End of Question 5

Question 6 (15 marks)

Marks

a) Differentiate $f(x) = 4x^2 + 3x - 8$ from first principles

2

b) Find the equation of the normal to the curve $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ at the point $x = 2$

3

c) (i) Show that the curves $y = (3x - 4)^3$ and $y = \frac{x-18}{4-3x}$ intersect at $(2, 8)$

1

(ii) Find the acute angle to the nearest degree between the curves at this point

3

d) Find the values of a, b and c for which $m^2 = a(m - 1)^2 + b(m - 2)^2 + c(m - 3)^2$

3

e) Solve $2\sin^2 x = 3(\cos x + 1)$ for all real values of x

3

End of Question 6

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Multiple Choice Answer Sheet

Completely fill the response oval representing the most correct answer.

1. A B C D
2. A B C D
3. A B C D
4. A B C D

MC Q5 Q6
4 14 8

$\frac{26}{324}$

Name _____ Class _____

Question _____

Section 2

a) i) $\frac{dy}{dx} = 24x^3 + 6x$ (1)

iii) $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x+3)^3 \sqrt{x^2+1}$

$= 3(x+3)^2 \times (x^2+1) + 2x(x+3)^3$

(1) $(x+3)^2 (3(x^2+1) + 2x)$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x+3)^2 (3x^2 + 5x)$

b) i) $y = 7 + 4x^3 - 3x^4$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 12x^2 - 12x^3$
 $12x^2(1-x)$
 $12x^2(1+x)(1-x)$

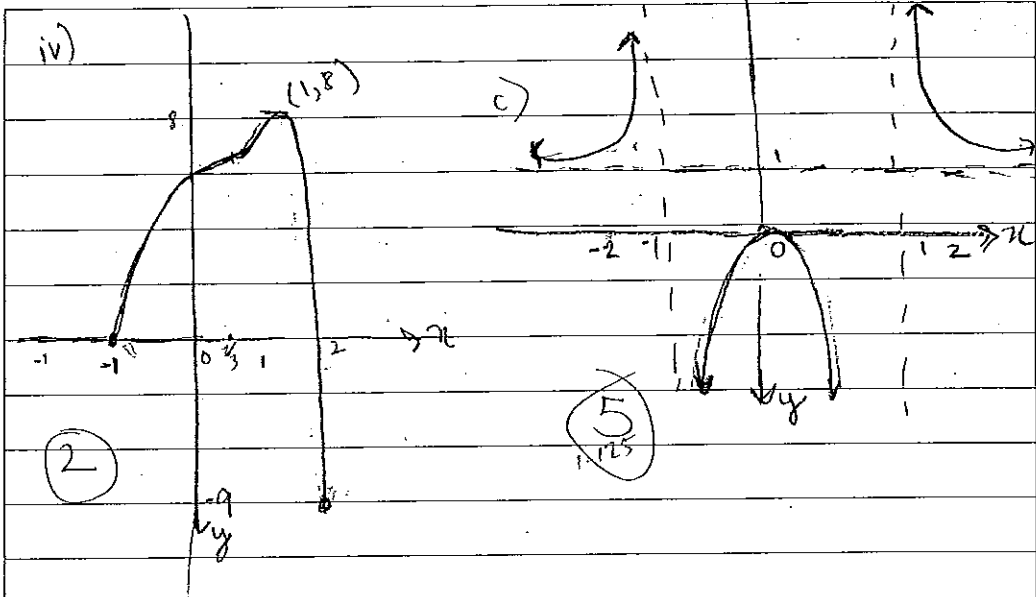
(1) $\therefore (0, 7) (1, 8) (-1, -1)$

ii) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 24x - 36x^2$

(2) $12x(2-3x)$
 $x = 0, \frac{2}{3}$ $x = 3x$
 $x = \frac{2}{3}$

ii) $f''(0) = 0 \therefore$ Horizontal point of inflection
 $f''(1) = -12 < 0 \therefore$ max. tip

(2)



c) $f(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{x^2 - 1}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 - 1)^{-1} = -1(x^2 - 1)^{-2} \cdot 2x = \frac{-2x}{(x^2 - 1)^2}$

$\frac{x^2 - 1 + 1}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{x^2}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{-2x}{(x^2 - 1)^2}$ Stat. points

\therefore horizontal asymptote at $y = 1$ (0, 0)

$x \neq \pm 1$ vertical asymptotes

$f''(1/2) < 0$

$f''(-1/2) < 0 \therefore$ max

$-4x(x^2 - 1)^{-3} \times 2x$

$-8x^2(x^2 - 1)^{-3}$

$f''(0) = 0$

and $f''(1/2) = f''(1/2)$

\therefore no inflexion (sign change)

Question 6

a) $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

$\frac{((x+h)^2 + 3(x+h) - 8) - (x^2 + 3x - 8)}{h}$

$\frac{4x^2 + 8xh + 4h^2 + 3x + 3h - 8 - x^2 - 3x + 8}{h}$

$\frac{3x^2 + 8xh + 4h^2 + 3h}{h}$

$3x + 8h + 4h$

$\frac{3x + 12h}{h}$

$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 8x + 12$ (2)

b) $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2} x^{-3/2} = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^3}}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

$f'(2) = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}$ normal $4\sqrt{2}$

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

$8x - \sqrt{2}y - 15 = 0$

$y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 4\sqrt{2}x - 8\sqrt{2}$ (2)

$\sqrt{2}y - 1 = 8x - 16$

c) (i) LHS = 8 RHS = (6-4)³
 = 2³ = 8
 ∴ true for y = (3x-4)³

LHS = 8 RHS = $\frac{2-18}{4-3(2)} = \frac{-16}{-2} = 8$

∴ LHS = RHS
 true for y = $\frac{x-18}{4-3x}$

ii) $\tan \theta = \left| \frac{m_1 - m_2}{1 + m_1 m_2} \right|$ $\theta = 2\alpha$
~~1 + m₁m₂~~ ~~2\alpha~~
 $1(4-3x) + -3(7-18)$

$f'(2)_1 = 36$
 $f'(2)_2 = 2.5$ 33.5 $4-3x-3x+18$

$\therefore \left| \frac{36 - 2.5}{1 + 90} \right| = \frac{33.5}{91}$
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-6x+18}{(4-3x)^2}$

(2) $\tan \theta = 0.368$
 $\theta = 20^\circ 13'$

d) $m^2 + 1 = b^2 + 4c$ (3) $4 = a + c$

(1) ① $1 = b^2 + 4c$
 ② $9 = 4a + b$

e) $2\sin^2 x = 3(\cos x + 1)$
 $\sin^2 x = 3(\cos x + 1)$

(d) $m^2 = a(m-1)^2 + b(m-2)^2 + c(m-3)^2$

Let $m=1 \Rightarrow 1 = b + 4c \dots (1)$

Let $m=2 \Rightarrow 4 = a + c \dots (2)$

Let $m=3 \Rightarrow 9 = 4a + b \dots (3)$

① - 4(2) $-15 = b - 4a$
 $\Rightarrow 4a - b = 15 \dots (4)$

③ + ④ $\Rightarrow 8a = 24$
 $a = 3, b = -3, c = 1$

(e) $2\sin^2 x = 3\cos x + 3$

$2(1 - \cos^2 x) = 3\cos x + 3$

$\therefore 2\cos^2 x + 3\cos x + 1 = 0$

$(2\cos x + 1)(\cos x + 1) = 0$

$\cos x = -\frac{1}{2}$ or -1

$x = 120^\circ, 240^\circ, 180^\circ$

