



THE KING'S SCHOOL

2004 Higher School Certificate Trial Examination

Mathematics

General Instructions

- Reading time – 5 minutes
- Working time – 3 hours
- Write using black or blue pen
- Board-approved calculators may be used
- A table of standard integrals is provided at the back of this paper
- All necessary working should be shown in every question

Total marks – 120

- Attempt Questions 1-10
- All questions are of equal value

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Answer each question in a SEPARATE writing booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

Marks

Question 1 (12 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

(a) Find the value of $\sin 2x$ if $x = 0.006$, correct to 2 significant figures. 2

(b) State the domain and range of the function $y = \log_e x$ 2

(c) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 - 3x}{6x}$ 2

(d) Solve the equation $(2x+3)^2 = 4$ 2

(e) Find a primitive function of $(2x+3)^4$ 2

(f) For what value of x do $y = 1 - 2x$ and $2y = 7 + 6x$ hold simultaneously? 2

End of Question 1

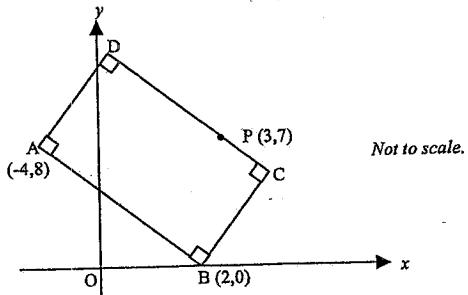
Question 2 (12 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

Marks

- (a) Find the gradient of the normal to the curve $y = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$ at the point $(0, 0)$

3

(b)



In the diagram, ABCD is a rectangle where $A = (-4, 8)$ and $B = (2, 0)$. $P(3, 7)$ is a point on the side CD.

- (i) Find the gradient of line AB.

1

- (ii) Deduce that the equation of line AB is $4x + 3y - 8 = 0$

2

- (iii) Hence, or otherwise, show that the length of side BC is 5 units.

2

- (iv) Write down the mid-point of side AB and deduce that $P(3, 7)$ is the mid-point of side CD.

2

- (v) Write down the point of intersection of the diagonals AC and BD.

1

- (vi) Find the coordinates of point D.

1

End of Question 2

Question 3 (12 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

Marks

- (a) Find the exact value of

$$(i) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \sin x \, dx$$

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$$(ii) \int_0^1 \frac{6x^2}{x^3 + 1} \, dx$$

2

- (b) For what values of k is $x^2 + 2x + k$

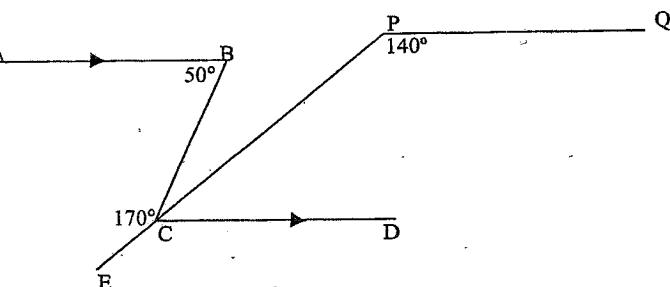
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- (i) concave upward?

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- (ii) positive for all values of x ?

(c)



In the diagram, $AB \parallel CD$ and ECP is a straight line.

$$\angle ABC = 50^\circ, \angle ECR = 170^\circ, \angle QPC = 140^\circ$$

1

- (i) Find $\angle BCP$, giving reasons.

2

- (ii) Find $\angle ECD$, giving reasons.

2

- (iii) Prove that $PQ \parallel AB$

2

End of Question 3

Question 4 (12 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

Marks

- (a) (i) Sketch the curve $y = \tan \frac{x}{2}$ for $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$

2

- (ii) State the period of $y = \tan \frac{x}{2}$

1

- (iii) Solve the equation $\tan \frac{x}{2} = 1$ for $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$

2

- (b) Consider the two arithmetic series

$$A = 11 + 13 + 15 + \dots$$

$$\text{and } B = -14 - 11 - 8 - \dots$$

- (i) Find the sum of the first 40 terms of series A

1

- (ii) The two series have the same number of terms and the same sum. How many terms are in the series?

3

- (c) Find the values of a , b , c if

$$a(x+1)^2 + b(x+1)(x-1) + c(x-1) \equiv x^2 + 7x$$

3

End of Question 4

Question 5 (12 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

Marks

- (a) Consider the function $f(x) = x^4 - 6x^2 + 8x$

2

- (i) Show that $f'(x) = 4(x+2)(x-1)^2$

2

- (ii) For what values of x is the function increasing?

2

- (iii) Show that there is a minimum turning point at $x = -2$

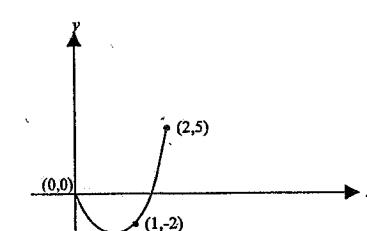
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- (iv) Show that there is a horizontal point of inflection at $x = 1$

2

- (b) (i) Briefly explain why Simpson's Rule gives the exact value of $\int_a^b f(x) dx$ if $f(x)$ is a quadratic function.

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A parabola $y = f(x)$ passes through the points $(0,0)$, $(1,-2)$ and $(2,5)$. Find the value of $\int_0^2 f(x) dx$

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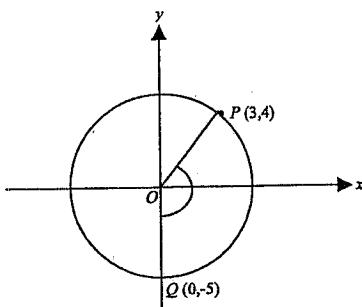
End of Question 5

Question 6 (12 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

Marks

Question 6 (continued)

(a)



In the diagram, $P(3,4)$ and $Q(0,-5)$ are points on the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$.

Let $\angle POQ = \theta$, as marked on the diagram.

(i) Find the length of chord PQ . 1

(ii) Show that $\cos \theta = -\frac{4}{5}$ 2

(iii) Find the area of minor sector POQ correct to 1 decimal place. 2

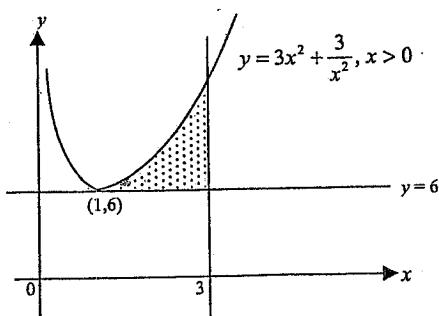
(c) The directrix of a parabola is the x axis and the focus is the point $(0,4)$. 1

(i) Write down the focal length of the parabola. 1

(ii) Find the equation of the parabola. 2

End of Question 6

(b)



In the diagram, the shaded region is bounded by the curve $y = 3x^2 + \frac{3}{x^2}$, $x > 0$,

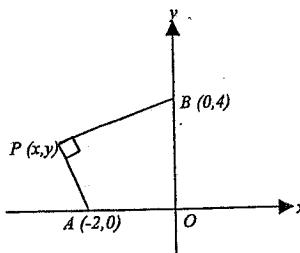
and the two lines $y = 6$ and $x = 3$. Find the area of this shaded region. 4

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Question 7 (12 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

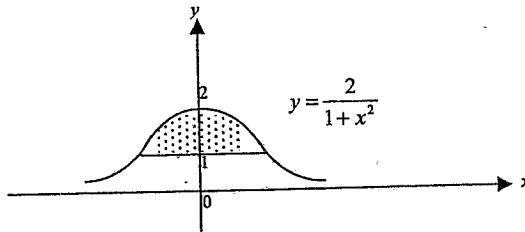
Marks

- (a) $A(-2,0)$ and $B(0,4)$ are two points in the number plane. $P(x,y)$ is any point such that AP is perpendicular to BP .



- (i) Prove that the equation of the locus of $P(x,y)$ is $x(x+2)+y(y-4)=0$ 3
- (ii) Deduce that the equation in (i) represents a circle and find its centre and radius. 3

(b)



Consider the region bounded by the curve $y = \frac{2}{1+x^2}$ and the line $y=1$ as shown in the diagram.

The region is revolved about the y axis. Find the volume of the solid of revolution generated. 4

Question 7 continues next page

Question 7 (continued)

Marks

- (c) The population, P , of a rural town is growing exponentially according to the equation $P = 5000e^{0.1t}$, t measured in years. Currently, i.e. $t = 0$; the population is increasing at a rate of 500 people/year.

What rate of increase, correct to the nearest hundred, is expected after 20 more years? 2

End of Question 7

Question 8 (12 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

Marks

- (a) Simplify the expression $x^{-1}y^2 \left(x^{\frac{1}{2}} - y^{-1} \right) \left(x^{\frac{1}{2}} + y^{-1} \right)$, giving your answer with positive indices. 2

- (b) A particle moves on a straight line so that its velocity, $v \text{ m/s}$, at any time

$$t \text{ seconds is given by } v = (t-1)^4 + \frac{t}{2}, t \geq 0$$

- (i) Find the initial velocity and show that the particle never stops. 2

- (ii) Find the initial acceleration of the particle. 2

- (iii) Find the least value of the velocity. 2

- (iv) Sketch the velocity-time graph. 2

- (v) Find the distance travelled by the particle in the first 2 seconds. 2

End of Question 8

Question 9 (12 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

Marks

- (a) In the land of Welf the interest on investments is paid continuously. If an interest rate of $100k\%$ p.a. is given then it can be shown that the amount in the fund after t years, $t \geq 0$, is $A(t)$ where

$$A(t) = Pe^{kt}, P \text{ is the initial investment.}$$

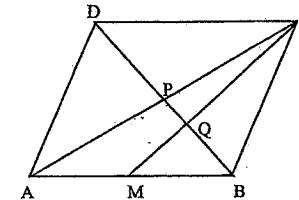
- (i) A particular fund, F , in Welf pays 10% p.a. interest. Show that $k = 0.1$. 1

- (ii) Sally invests \$5000 into fund F for 20 years. Find, correct to the nearest dollar, the amount Sally would have after the 20 years. 1

- (iii) Sally wants to be more wealthy in Welf and decides not to terminate her investment of \$5000 until it has grown to at least \$100 000. For how many years will she need to wait? 2

- (iv) Lucy also invests in fund F . She decides to deposit \$1500 into the fund at the start of each year for 20 years. Find, correct to the nearest dollar, the amount Lucy would have after the 20 years. 3

(b)



In the diagram, $ABCD$ is a parallelogram. The diagonals AC and BD meet at P . M is the mid-point of AB and MC meets BD at Q .

- (i) Show that $\triangle CDQ$ is similar to $\triangle MBQ$. 1

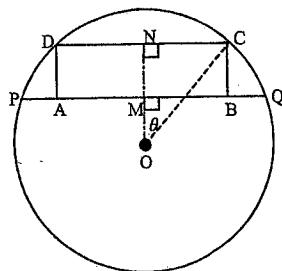
- (ii) Deduce that $DQ = 2BQ$. 2

- (iii) Prove that $BQ = 2QP$. 2

End of Question 9

Question 10 (12 marks) Use a SEPARATE writing booklet.

Marks



In the diagram, O is the centre of a circle of radius $\sqrt{6}$ cm and PQ is a chord of length 4 cm. ABCD is a rectangle constructed in the minor segment cut off by chord PQ. OM is drawn perpendicular to PQ so that M is the mid-point of both chord PQ and side AB. N is the mid-point of side CD.

Let $\angle CON = \theta$, θ in radians.

(i) Show that $OM = \sqrt{2}$ cm

1

(ii) Show that $0 < \theta < 1$

2

(iii) Show that the area, a , of rectangle ABCD is given by

$$a = 4\sqrt{3} \sin \theta (\sqrt{3} \cos \theta - 1)$$

3

(iv) Show that $\frac{da}{d\theta} = 4\sqrt{3}(2\sqrt{3} \cos^2 \theta - \cos \theta - \sqrt{3})$

3

(v) Find the maximum area of the rectangle.

3

Ques 1

(a) $\sin 0.012 = 0.012$, 2 sig. figs

(b) Domain $x > 0$, Range all real values for y

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(x^2-3)}{6x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2-3}{6} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{or } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x^2}{6} - \frac{3}{6} \right) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

(d) $2x+3=2$ or $2x+3=-2$

$$\therefore x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } -\frac{5}{2}$$

$$(e) \frac{(2x+3)^5}{5 \times 2} = \frac{(2x+3)^5}{10}$$

(f) $2(1-2x) = 7+6x$

$$2-4x = 7+6x$$

$$\therefore 10x = -5$$

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

End of Examination

Qn 2

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

$$\text{At } (0,0), \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

\therefore gradient of normal at $(0,0)$ is -1

$$(b) (i) \text{ gradient } AB = \frac{0-8}{2-4} = -\frac{8}{6} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$(ii) \text{ line } AB \Rightarrow y = -\frac{4}{3}(x-2)$$

$$\text{or } 3y = -4x + 8$$

$$\text{i.e. } 4x + 3y - 8 = 0$$

(iii) $BC = \text{perpendicular distance from P to line } AB$

$$\therefore BC = \frac{|2x + 21 - 8|}{\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2}} = \frac{25}{5} = 5$$

$$(iv) M_{AB} = \left(\frac{-2}{2}, \frac{8}{2}\right) = (-1, 4)$$

\therefore From (iii), if $PM_{AB} = 5$ then P is mid-point of CD

$$PM_{AB} = \sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} = 5 \quad \therefore \text{ result.}$$

(v) Diagonals meet at mid-point of PM_{AB} , from (iv)

$$\text{i.e. at } \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} + (-1)}{2}, \frac{\frac{11}{2} + 4}{2}\right) = \left(1, \frac{11}{2}\right) = Q, \text{sag}$$

(vi) [LOTS OF WAYS]

$$\text{e.g. } B \rightarrow Q = Q \rightarrow D$$

$$\Rightarrow D = (0, 11)$$

Qn 3

$$(a) (i) \left[-\cos x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - -1 = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$(ii) = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{3x^2}{x^3+1} dx = 2 \left[\ln(x^3+1) \right]_0^1 \\ = 2 \ln 2$$

(b) (i) $\cup \quad \therefore$ all values of k

$$(ii) \text{ Need } \Delta < 0 \Rightarrow 4 - 4k < 0 \\ \text{or } 4k > 4 \text{ or } k > 1$$

(c) (i) $\angle ECP = 180^\circ$, ECP a straight line

$$\therefore \angle BCP = 10^\circ$$

(ii) $\angle BCD = \angle ABC = 50^\circ$, alternate Ls in // lines AB, CD

$$\therefore \angle ECD = 360^\circ - (170^\circ + 50^\circ), \text{ angles at point C} \\ = 140^\circ$$

(iii) From (i), $\angle APC = \angle ECD = 140^\circ$ and these
are corresponding angles

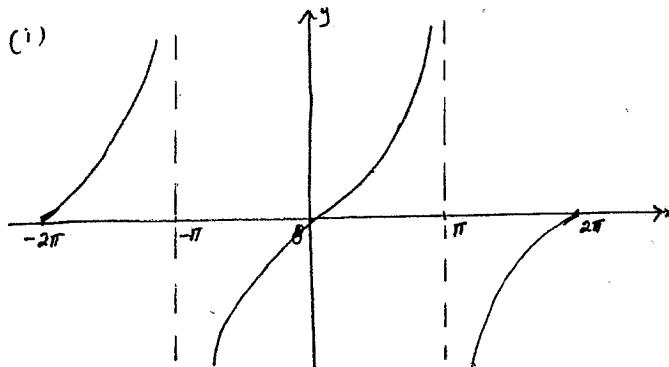
$$\therefore PA \parallel CD$$

$$\text{But } AB \parallel CD$$

$$\therefore PA \parallel AB$$

Ques 4

(a) (i)



(ii) period = 2π

(iii) $\therefore \frac{x}{2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$ or $-\frac{3\pi}{4}$ for $-\pi \leq \frac{x}{2} \leq \pi$
[Sketch helps]
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ or $-\frac{3\pi}{2}$

(b) (i) $S_{40} = \frac{40}{2} [22 + 39 \times 2] = 20 \times 100 = 2000$

(ii) $\therefore \frac{n}{2} (22 + (n-1) 2) = \frac{n}{2} (-28 + (n-1) 3)$
 $\Rightarrow 22 + 2n-2 = -28 + 3n-3$

$\therefore n = 51$ \Leftrightarrow there's 51 terms.

(c) Put $x=1$, $\therefore 4a = 1+7 \Rightarrow a=2$
 \therefore Equating coefficients of x^2 , $a+b=1$
 $\Rightarrow b=-1$

Put $x=-1$, $\therefore -2c = 1-7$

$\therefore c=3$

[LOTS OF WORK, of course]

Ques 5

(a) (i) $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 12x + 8 = 4(x^3 - 3x + 2)$

Now, $(x+2)(x-1)^2 = (x+2)(x^2 - 2x + 1)$
 $= x^3 - 2x^2 + x + 2x^2 - 4x + 2$
 $= x^3 - 3x + 2$
 $\therefore f'(x) = 4(x+2)(x-1)^2$

(ii) A test for increasing function is $f'(x) > 0$

$4(x+2)(x-1)^2 > 0 \Rightarrow x+2 > 0$ since $4(x-1)^2 \geq 0$ for all x .

\therefore func is increasing for $x > -2$

[Note If $x=1$, $f'(x)=0$ but the function is still increasing.
A curve is increasing if as x increases, $f(x)$ increases.]

(iii) $f'(-2) = 0 \therefore$ at $x=-2$ there's a stationary point

but for $x < -2$, $f'(x) < 0$
 $\& x > -2$, $f'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow \checkmark$

\therefore at $x=-2$ there's a minimum turning point

(iv) $f'(x) = 4(x^3 - 3x + 2)$

$\therefore f''(x) = 4(3x^2 - 3) = 12(x^2 - 1)$

$\therefore f''(1) = 0$ and $f''(0) < 0$, $f''(2) > 0$
change in concavity
and, as well, $f'(1) = 0$

\therefore at $x=1$ there's a horiz. pt. of inflection

(b) (i) Simpson's rule uses the arc of a parabola (quadratic function) to approximate the arc of the curve, $y = f(x)$

Ques 6

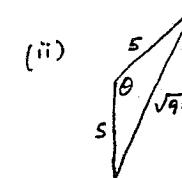
$$(a) (i) PQ = \sqrt{3^2 + 9^2} = \sqrt{90}$$

(ii) From (i),

$$\int_0^2 f(x) dx = \frac{1}{6} \cdot 2 [0 + 5 + 4x - 2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} (-3)$$

$$= -1$$



$$\therefore \cos \theta = \frac{25+25-90}{2 \times 5 \times 5} = -\frac{40}{50} = -\frac{4}{5}$$

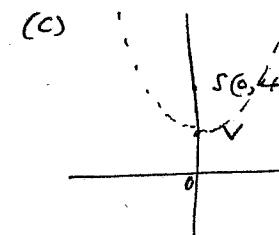
$$(iii) \text{ Area} = \frac{1}{2} \times 5^2 \times \theta \quad \text{where } \cos \theta = -\frac{4}{5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 25 \times 2 \cdot 498 \dots = 31.2 \text{ u}^2, 1 \text{ d.p.}$$

$$(b) A = \int_1^3 3x^2 + \frac{3}{x^2} - 6 dx$$

$$= \left[x^3 - \frac{3}{x} - 6x \right]_1^3$$

$$= 27 - 1 - 18 - (1 - 3 - 6) = 16 \text{ u}^2$$



(i) focal length $a = 2$

(ii) Vertex $= (0, 2)$

\therefore equation is $(x-0)^2 = 4 \times 2(y-2)$

$$\therefore x^2 = 8(y-2)$$

Ques 7

(a) (i) Since $AP \perp BP$ the product of their gradients is -1

$$\therefore \frac{y}{x+2} \times \frac{y-4}{x} = -1$$

$$\text{or } y(y-4) = -x(x+2)$$

$$\text{or } x(x+2) + y(y-4) = 0$$

(ii) $\therefore x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 4y = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (x+1)^2 - 1 + (y-2)^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$\text{or } (x+1)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 5$$

is a circle, centre $(-1, 2)$, radius $\sqrt{5}$

(b) $V = \pi \int_1^2 x^2 dy$ where $y = \frac{2}{1+x^2}$

$$\therefore 1+x^2 = \frac{2}{y} \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 = \frac{2}{y} - 1$$

$$\therefore V = \pi \int_1^2 \frac{2}{y} - 1 dy$$

$$= \pi [2 \ln y - y]_1^2$$

$$= \pi (2 \ln 2 - 2 - (0 - 1)) = \pi (2 \ln 2 - 1) \text{ cu units}$$

(c) $\frac{dP}{dt} = 5000 \times 0.1 e^{0.1t} = 500 e^{0.1t}$

\therefore when $t = 20$, $\frac{dP}{dt} = 500 e^2 \approx 3700 \text{ people/yr}$,
nearest hundred.

Ques 8

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

$$\left[\text{or } \frac{y^2 x - 1}{x} \right]$$

(b) (i) $t=0, v = (-1)^4 + 0 = 1 \text{ m/s}$

Now, $(t-1)^4 \geq 0$ for all $t \geq 0$

and $\frac{t}{2} > 0$ for all $t > 0$

$\therefore v > 0$ for all $t \geq 0$ i.e. particle never stops

(ii) $\ddot{x} = \frac{dv}{dt} = 4(t-1)^3 + \frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore \text{when } t=0, \ddot{x} = -4 + \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{7}{2} \text{ m/s}^2$$

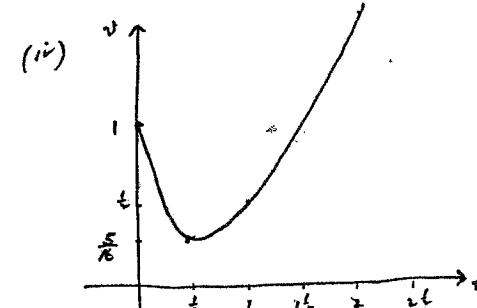
(iii) From (i) and (ii), least v occurs when $\ddot{x} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4(t-1)^3 + \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$\text{or } (t-1)^3 = -\frac{1}{8}$$

$$\therefore t-1 = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad t = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{least } v = \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{16} \text{ m/s}$$



(iv) $x = \int_0^2 (t-1)^4 + \frac{t}{2} dt = \left[\frac{(t-1)^5}{5} + \frac{t^2}{4} \right]_0^2$

$$= \frac{1}{5} + 1 - \left(-\frac{1}{5} + 0 \right) = 1\frac{2}{5} \text{ m}$$

Qn 9

(a) (i) $\therefore 100k = 10 \Rightarrow k = 0.1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \quad A(20) &\approx 5000 e^{0.1 \times 20} = 5000 e^2 \\ &= \$36945, \text{ nearest dollar} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(iii) Here, } A(t) = 5000 e^{0.1t} \geq 100000$$

$$\therefore e^{0.1t} \geq 20$$

$$\approx 0.1t \geq \ln 20$$

$$\therefore t \geq \frac{\ln 20}{0.1} = 29.957 \dots$$

\Rightarrow Sally needs to wait approx 30 years

(iv) Lucy would have

$$\begin{aligned} &1500 e^{0.1 \times 20} + 1500 e^{0.1 \times 19} + \dots + 1500 e^{0.1 \times 1} \\ &= 1500 e^1 + 1500 e^2 + 1500 e^3 + \dots + 1500 e^1, \end{aligned}$$

is a geometric series where $a = 1500 e^1$
 $r = e^{-1}$

\therefore Lucy would have $1500 e^1 \frac{(e^{-1})^{20} - 1}{e^{-1} - 1}$

$$= 1500 e^1 \frac{(e^2 - 1)}{e^{-1} - 1}$$

$$= \$100707, \text{ nearest dollar}$$

Qn 9 (b)

(i) In $\triangle CDA$, MBQ

$\angle CDQ = \angle MBQ$, alternate \angle s in \parallel lines CD, BA
 $\angle DCQ = \angle BMQ$, $"$

$\therefore \triangle CDQ \sim \triangle MBQ$, 2 angles equal

(ii) From (i), $\frac{DQ}{BQ} = \frac{CD}{BM}$, ratios of corresponding sides

$= 2$, since M is the mid-point of AB , $AB = CD$

$$\therefore DQ = 2BQ$$

(iii) Now, $BQ + QP = PD$, diagonals of \square meet at their

$$\begin{aligned} &= PQ - QP \\ &= 2BQ - QP, \text{ (ii)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore BQ = 2QP$$

Qn 10

- (i) Consider M
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- $$\therefore OM^2 + 4 = 6$$
- $$\Rightarrow OM = \sqrt{2} \text{ cm}$$

- (ii) as C approaches the vertical position above N then $\theta \rightarrow 0$, otherwise $\theta > 0$

max θ occurs as C approaches Q

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} M \\ | \\ \theta \\ | \\ O \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} C \rightarrow Q \\ \sin \theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \theta = 0.955... < 1 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore 0 < \theta < 1$$

- (iii) Consider
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- $$\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{NC}{\sqrt{6}}, NC = \sqrt{6} \sin \theta$$
- $$\therefore DC = 2\sqrt{6} \sin \theta$$

$$\text{and } \cos \theta = \frac{ON}{\sqrt{6}} \quad \therefore ON = \sqrt{6} \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore MN = \sqrt{6} \cos \theta - \sqrt{2} = CB$$

$$\therefore \text{Area, } a = 2\sqrt{6} \sin \theta (\sqrt{6} \cos \theta - \sqrt{2})$$

$$= 2\sqrt{6} \sqrt{2} \sin \theta (\sqrt{3} \cos \theta - 1)$$

$$= 4\sqrt{3} \sin \theta (\sqrt{3} \cos \theta - 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv)} \quad \frac{da}{d\theta} &= 4\sqrt{3} \left(\sin \theta (-\sqrt{3} \sin \theta) + (\sqrt{3} \cos \theta - 1) \cos \theta \right) \\ &= 4\sqrt{3} \left(-\sqrt{3} \sin^2 \theta + \sqrt{3} \cos^2 \theta - \cos \theta \right) \\ &= 4\sqrt{3} \left(-\sqrt{3} (1 - \cos^2 \theta) + \sqrt{3} \cos^2 \theta - \cos \theta \right) \\ &= 4\sqrt{3} \left(2\sqrt{3} \cos^2 \theta - \cos \theta - \sqrt{3} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(v)} \quad \frac{da}{d\theta} = 4\sqrt{3} ((\sqrt{3} \cos \theta + 1)(2\cos \theta - \sqrt{3}))$$

= 0 only if $2\cos \theta - \sqrt{3} = 0$ since $0 < \theta < 1$
and since as $\theta \rightarrow 0$ or $\theta \rightarrow 1$, then $a \rightarrow 0$,
the value of θ from $2\cos \theta - \sqrt{3} = 0$ must produce
a maximum turning point \Rightarrow maximum area

\therefore max area occurs when $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and $\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{max } a &= 4\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left(\sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - 1 \right) \text{ cm}^2 \\ &= \sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$