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YEAR 12 PRELIMINARY

ASSESSMENT TASK # 2

EXTENSION I MATHEMATICS

2007

Weighting: 40% of Preliminary Assessment Mark.

STUDENT NAME:	MARK:	/ 29
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	RANK ON THIS TASK:	/ 24 3

Time Allowed: 50 minutes

Instructions:

- Answer all questions on separate answer paper.
- Show all necessary working.
- Marks may not be awarded for careless or badly arranged work.

Topics examined:

- PE3 – Solves problems involving polynomials and parametric representations.
- PE4 – Uses the parametric representation together with differentiation to identify geometric properties of parabolas.

QUESTION ONE (2 MARKS)

Marks

$$P(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 21x - 45$$

- (a) Show that $x + 3$ is a factor of $P(x)$ 1
- (b) Hence factorize $P(x)$ in terms of its linear factors 1

QUESTION TWO (6 MARKS)

Consider the equation $x^3 + 2x - 6 = 0$

- (a) Show a root exists between $x = 1.4$ and $x = 1.5$ 2
- (b) Using the method of 'halving the interval', determine whether $x = 1.4$ or $x = 1.5$ is the best approximation to the root correct to 1 decimal place 1
- (c) Use Newton's Method once with an initial approximation of $x = 1.45$ to determine a better approximation to the root (correct to 2 decimal places) 3

QUESTION THREE (11 MARKS)

$P(2ap, ap^2)$ and $Q(2aq, aq^2)$ are variable points on the parabola $x^2 = 4ay$

- (a) Show the equation of PQ is given by: 2
- $$y = \frac{(p+q)x}{2} - apq$$
- (b) If PQ is a focal chord, find the value of pq 1
- (c) Show the equation of the normal to $x^2 = 4ay$ at P is given by: 3
- $$py - ap^3 = 2ap - x$$
- (d) State the equation of the normal at Q 1
- (e) Find the locus of the point of intersection of the normals at P and Q 4

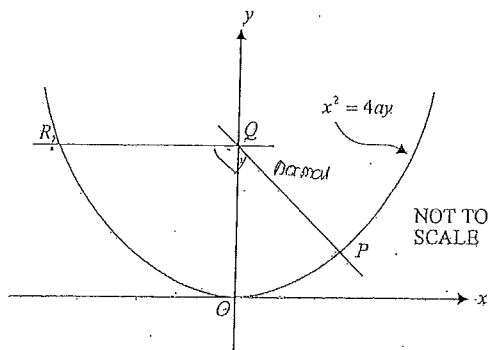
QUESTION FOUR (4 MARKS)

The polynomial $2x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 6$ has $x - 1$ as a factor and leaves a remainder of -12 when divided by $x + 2$. Find the values of a and b .

Marks

4

QUESTION FIVE (6 MARKS)



The diagram above shows the graph of the parabola $x^2 = 4ay$. The normal to the parabola at the variable point $P(2at, at^2)$, $t > 0$, cuts the y axis at Q . Point R lies on the parabola.

- (i) Show that the equation of the normal to the parabola at P is $x + ty = at^3 + 2at$. 2
- (ii) Find the coordinates of R given that QR is parallel to the x axis and $\angle PQR > 90^\circ$. 2
- (iii) Let M be the midpoint of RQ . Find the Cartesian equation of the locus of M . 2

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Question One

a) $P(-3) = 0$ \therefore by Factor Theorem, $x + 3$ is a factor of $P(x)$ ①

b)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - 2x - 15 \\
 x + 3 \overline{) x^3 + x^2 - 21x - 45} \\
 \underline{x^3 + 3x^2} \\
 -2x^2 - 21x - 45 \\
 \underline{-2x^2 - 6x} \\
 -15x - 45 \\
 \underline{-15x - 45} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

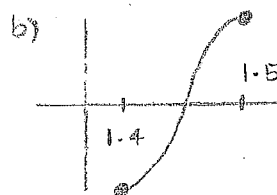
$\therefore P(x) = (x + 3)(x - 5)(x + 3)$ ①

Question Two

let $P(x) = x^3 + 2x - 6$

a) $P(1.4) = -0.456$ and $P(1.5) = 0.375$ ①

Since $P(x)$ is continuous, $P(1.4) < 0$ and $P(1.5) > 0$, a root exists between $x = 1.4$ and $x = 1.5$. ①



$P(1.45) = -0.051375$

$\therefore x = 1.5$ is the best approx. (1 dp) ①

c) $a_1 = a_0 - \frac{P(a_0)}{P'(a_0)}$ ①

$$= 1.45 - \frac{P(1.45)}{P'(1.45)}$$

$P(1.45) = -0.051375$
 $P'(x) = 3x^2 + 2$ ①

$\therefore P'(1.45) = 8.3075$

$\therefore a_1 = 1.46$ (2 dp) ①

Question Three

a) m of PQ = $\frac{p+q}{2}$ ①

Eqn of PQ = $y - ap^2 = \frac{p+q}{2}(x - 2ap)$

$\therefore 2y - 2ap^2 = px + qx - 2ap^2 - 2apq$

$\therefore 2y = (p+q)x - 2apq$ ①

$\therefore y = \frac{(p+q)x}{2} - apq$

b) IF PQ is a focal chord it passes thru (0,a)

$\therefore a = -apq$

$\therefore pq = -1$ ①

c) $x^2 = 4ay$

$\therefore y = \frac{x^2}{4a}$

$\therefore y' = \frac{2x}{4a}$

$\therefore y'(2ap) = p$ ①

\therefore m of T = p

\therefore m of N = $-\frac{1}{p}$ ①

1) $qy - aq^3 = 2aq - x$ ①

Eqn of Normal at P:

$y - ap^2 = -\frac{1}{p}(x - 2ap)$ ①

$\therefore py - ap^3 = -x + 2ap$

ie. $py - ap^3 = 2ap - x$ as req'd

Question Three continued...

(e) $py - ap^3 = 2ap - x$ (1)

$qy - aq^3 = 2aq - x$ (2)

(1) - (2): $py - qy - ap^3 + aq^3 = 2ap - 2aq$

$\therefore py - qy = ap^3 - aq^3 + 2ap - 2aq$

$\therefore (p-q)y = a(p-q)(p^2 + pq + q^2) + 2a(p-q)$

$\therefore y = a(p^2 + pq + q^2) + 2a$

subst $y \rightarrow$ (1)

$ap(p^2 + pq + q^2) + 2ap - ap^3 = 2ap - x$

$\therefore ap^3 + ap^2q + apq^2 + 2ap - ap^3 = 2ap - x$

$\therefore x = -ap^2q - apq^2$

$\therefore x = -apq(p+q)$

\therefore Point of Intersection of Normals has coords:

$\left[-apq(p+q), a(p^2 + pq + q^2 + 2) \right]$

Now $x = -apq(p+q)$ and $y = a(p^2 + pq + q^2 + 2)$

$\therefore p+q = \frac{x}{-apq}$

$\therefore \frac{y}{a} = p^2 + q^2 + pq + 2$

$\therefore \frac{y}{a} = (p+q)^2 - 2pq + pq + 2$ ①

But $pq = -1$

$\therefore p+q = \frac{x}{a} \longrightarrow$

$\therefore \frac{y}{a} = \left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^2 + 3$

$\therefore \frac{y}{a} = \frac{x^2}{a^2} + 3$

$\therefore ay = x^2 + 3a^2$

$\therefore x^2 = ay - 3a^2$ ①

Question Four

Let $P(x) = 2x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 6$

∴ $P(1) = 0$ i.e. $a + b + 8 = 0$

∴ $a + b = -8$ (1) (1)

and $P(-2) = -12$ i.e. $4a - 2b - 10 = -12$

∴ $2a - b = -1$ (2) (1)

Solving simultaneously:

(1) + (2): $3a = -9$

∴ $a = -3$ (1)

∴ $b = -5$ (1)

Question Five

(i) $y = \frac{x^2}{4a}$

∴ $y' = \frac{x}{2a}$

∴ $y'(2at) = t$

∴ m of T at P = t

∴ m of Nat P = $-\frac{1}{t}$ (1)

Eqn of Normal:

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

∴ $ty - at^3 = -x + 2at$

i.e. $x + ty = at^3 + 2at$ (1)

ii) let $x=0$ ∴ $ty = at^3 + 2at$

∴ $y = at^2 + 2a$

∴ Coords of Q are $(0, at^2 + 2a)$ (1)

when $y = at^2 + 2a$ $x^2 = 4a(at^2 + 2a)$

∴ $x = \pm 2a\sqrt{at^2 + 2a}$ (1)

From diagram, R has coords $(-2a\sqrt{at^2 + 2a}, at^2 + 2a)$ (1) 4.

(ii) continued...

we also know the x coord of R is negative as $\angle PQR > 90^\circ$ and hence R must be on negative side of x axis.

(iii) Midpoint RQ = $\left(\frac{-2a\sqrt{at^2 + 2a}}{2}, \frac{2(at^2 + 2a)}{2} \right)$

= $(-\sqrt{at^2 + 2a}, at^2 + 2a)$ (1)

Now $x = -\sqrt{at^2 + 2a}$ and $y = at^2 + 2a$

∴ $x^2 = at^2 + 2a$

∴ $t^2 = \frac{x^2 - 2a}{a}$

subst into $y = at^2 + 2a$

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

∴ $y = x^2$ (1)

$t^2 = \frac{x^2 - 2a^2}{a^2}$

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

$y = \frac{x^2 - 2a^2}{a} + 2a$

$ay = x^2 - 2a^2 + 2a^2$

$ay = x^2$

$x^2 = ay$