



SCEGGS Darlinghurst

**2008**

Preliminary Course  
Semester 2 Examination

# Mathematics Extension 1

Outcomes Assessed: PE2 – PE6

Task Weighting: 40%

## General Instructions

- Reading time – 5 minutes
- Working time – 1½ hours
- This paper has five questions
- Write using blue or black pen
- Answer all questions on the pad paper provided
- Write your Student Number at the top of each page
- Attempt all questions and show all necessary working
- Start each question on a new page
- Marks will be deducted for careless or badly arranged work
- Mathematical templates, geometrical equipment and scientific calculators may be used

Total marks – 60

- Attempt Questions 1 – 5

Marks
Question 1 (12 marks)

- (a) The point  $P$  divides the interval  $AB$  joining  $A(-2, -3)$  and  $B(1, 2)$  externally in the ratio  $3 : 2$ .

Find the co-ordinates of  $P$ .

- (b) The equation  $2x^3 - 4x - 7 = 0$  has roots  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

Find the value of:

(i)  $\alpha\beta\gamma$

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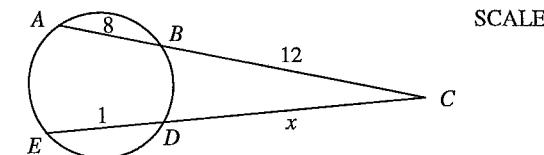
(ii)  $\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \alpha\gamma$

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(iii)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2$

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(c)



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In the diagram  $ABC$  and  $EDC$  are straight lines.

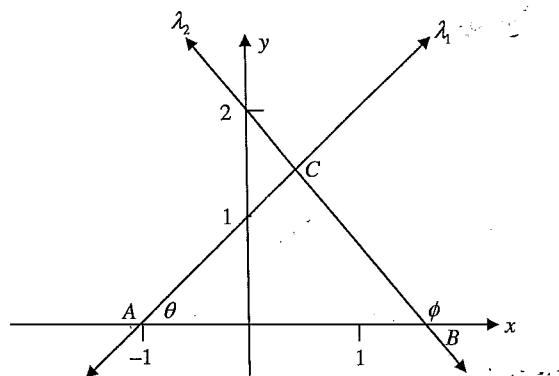
$AB = 8\text{cm}$ ,  $BC = 12\text{cm}$  and  $DE = 1\text{cm}$

Find  $x$  giving reasons.

- (d) A polynomial is given by  $P(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 6$ . Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  if  $(x + 3)$  is a factor and if 12 is the remainder when  $P(x)$  is divided by  $(x + 1)$

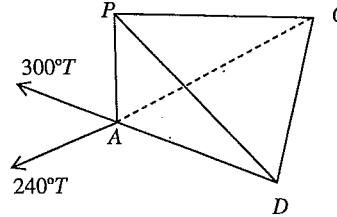
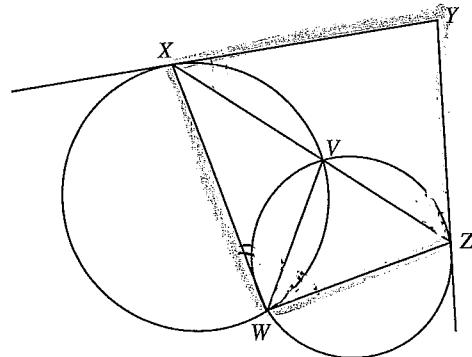
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	Marks		Marks
<b>Question 2 (12 marks)</b>		<b>Question 2 (continued)</b>	
(a) (i) Express $\sqrt{3} \cos \theta + \sin \theta$ in the form $A \sin(\theta + \alpha)$ where $A > 0$ .	2	(c) (i) How many words can be created from the letters of the word COONABARABRAN.	1
(ii) Hence solve the equation $\sqrt{3} \cos \theta + \sin \theta = -\sqrt{3}$ for $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 360^\circ$ .	2	(ii) What is the probability that a word chosen at random has all the "A"s together?	2
(b) The line $\lambda_1$ has the equation $x - y + 1 = 0$ and meets the $x$ -axis at $A$ . The line $\lambda_2$ has the equation $\sqrt{3}x + y - 2 = 0$ and meets the $x$ -axis at $B$ . $\lambda_1$ and $\lambda_2$ meet at $C$ .			



- (i) Find the exact value for  $\tan \angle ACB$  ( $\angle ACB$  is acute) in its simplest form. **2**
- (ii) Find  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  and hence show  $\angle ACB = 75^\circ$ . **2**
- (iii) Hence find the exact value of  $\tan 75^\circ$  **1**

**Question 2 continues on the next page**

	Marks		Marks
<b>Question 3 (12 marks)</b>			
(a) Let $P(x) = (x-2)(x-1)^2(x+2)^3$			
(i) Evaluate $P(0)$ .	1		
(ii) Sketch $y = P(x)$ labelling all important features	3		
(b) (i) If there are 8 men and 6 women, how many committees of 5 people can be chosen?	1		
(ii) If a committee is chosen by random find the probability that it would have a majority of men.	2		
(c) The diagram below shows Donna standing at $D$ on level ground, whilst Gemma is standing 2000m away at $G$ on the same level ground. They both take the bearing and elevation of a place $P$ at the same instant. Donna finds the bearing is $300^\circ T$ and the angle of elevation $25^\circ$ , whilst Gemma finds the bearing to be $240^\circ T$ and the angle of elevation $17^\circ$ .			
			
(i) Copy the diagram onto your sheet, showing all the information given.	1		
(ii) Show that if the height $PA$ of the plane is $h$ metres then	3		
$h = \frac{2000}{(\tan^2 65^\circ + \tan^2 73^\circ - 2 \tan 65^\circ \tan 73^\circ \cos 60^\circ)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$			
(iii) Find $h$ to 3 significant figures.	1		
<b>Question 4 (12 marks)</b>			
(a) Todd and Meaghan go to the cinema with three other couples. They sit together as a group in a single row.			
(i) In how many ways can they be arranged?	1		
(ii) In how many ways can they sit so that each couple is together?	2		
(iii) Todd and Meaghan had an argument going into the cinema and decided they do not want to sit together. How many arrangements are possible if the other couples are still sitting with their partners?	2		
(b) Two circles intersect at $V$ and $W$ as shown. A line through $V$ cuts the two circles at $X$ and $Z$ . The tangents at $X$ and $Z$ meet at $Y$ .	3		
			
Prove $XYZW$ is a cyclic quadrilateral.			

Question 4 continues on the next page

	Marks		Marks
Question 4 (continued)			
(c) (i) Sketch the graph of the polynomial $P(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 12x$ showing the intercepts on the $x$ -axis.	2		
(ii) Hence, solve the inequality $x - 1 \geq \frac{12}{x}$ .	2		
		(a) If $2^a + 3^b = 17$ and $2^{a+2} - 3^{b+1} = 5$ find the values of $a$ and $b$ .	2
		(b) Show that $\frac{\sin 5x}{\sin x} - \frac{\cos 5x}{\cos x} = 4 \cos 2x$	3
		(c) Let $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 - 1}$	
		(i) For what values of $x$ is $f(x)$ undefined	1
		(ii) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{x^2 - 1}$	1
		(iii) Find $f(0)$ and hence sketch the curve of $y = f(x)$	3
		(iv) On the same axes sketch $y = x - 1$	1
		(v) Hence find the number of solutions to $x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 1 = 0$ Explain your answer.	1

**End of paper**

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Q1. a)  $A(-2, -3)$   $B(1, 2)$

$3 : -2$

$$x = \frac{3 \times 1 + -2 \times -2}{3 + -2}$$

$$= \frac{3+4}{1} \\ = 7$$

$$\therefore P(7, 12) \quad \checkmark$$

$$y = \frac{3 \times 2 + -2 \times -3}{3 + -2}$$

$$= \frac{6+6}{1} \\ = 12$$

Several students have not learned the correct formula.

b) i)  $\alpha\beta\gamma = -\frac{d}{a}$

$$= -(-7)$$

$$= \frac{-7}{2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$= \frac{-4}{2} \\ = -2 \quad \checkmark$$

ii)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha) \quad \checkmark$

$$= 0^2 - 2 \times -2$$

$$= 4$$

c)  $AC \times BC = EC \times DC$  (product of the intercepts of two secants through a point outside the circle)

$$20 \times 12 = n(n+1)$$

$$n^2 + n - 240 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(n-15)(n+16) = 0$$

$$n = 15 \quad \text{as } n > 0$$

Comm - 3

There is no excuse for not knowing these formulae.

Be careful with coefficients.

$$P(x) = 2x^3 - 4x^2 - 7x - 5 = 0$$

d)  $P(-3) = 0 \quad P(-1) = 12$

$$\therefore (-3)^3 + ax(-3)^2 + bx - 3 + 6 = 0$$

$$-27 + 9a - 3b + 6 = 0$$

$$9a - 3b = 21$$

$$(-1)^3 + a(-1)^2 + bx - 1 + 6 = 12 \quad \checkmark$$

$$-1 + a - b + 6 = 12$$

$$a - b = 7$$

$$\therefore 9a - 3b = 21 \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$a - b = 7 \dots \textcircled{2} \times 3$$

$$3a - 3b = 21 \dots \textcircled{3}$$

$$\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{3} \quad 6a = 0$$

$$a = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{2} \\ \textcircled{3} \end{array} \right\} \quad b = -7 \quad \checkmark$$

Recs - 3

Q2. a)  $\sqrt{3}\cos\theta + \sin\theta = A\sin(\theta + \alpha)$

$$= A\sin\theta\cos\alpha + A\cos\theta\sin\alpha$$

$$\therefore A\cos\alpha = 1$$

$$A\cos\alpha = \sqrt{3}$$

$$A^2 \sin^2 \alpha + A^2 \cos^2 \alpha = (\sqrt{3})^2 + 1^2$$

$$A^2 = 3 + 1$$

$$= 4$$

$$A = 2 \quad \checkmark \quad A > 0$$

$$\frac{A\sin\alpha}{A\cos\alpha} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1}$$

$$\tan\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1}$$

$$\alpha = 60^\circ$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{3}\cos\theta + \sin\theta = 2\sin(\theta + 60^\circ)$$

ii)  $2\sin(\theta + 60^\circ) = -\sqrt{3}$

$$\sin(\theta + 60^\circ) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$\theta + 60^\circ$  lies in the 3rd & 4th quadrant

$$\theta + 60^\circ = 240^\circ \quad \theta + 60^\circ = 300^\circ$$

$$\theta = 180^\circ \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = 240^\circ$$

Comm - 2

Some students confused the concepts of factor and remainder.

Done very well.  
Just be careful with the auxiliary angle.  
I saw  $30^\circ$  a few times.

Need to practice solving trig. equations.  
The quadrant work was poor.

$$\text{b) i) } M_{x_1} = 1 \quad M_{x_2} = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\tan \angle ACB = \left| \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{1 + \sqrt{3}} \right| \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \left| \frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{1 - \sqrt{3}} \right|$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{3} - 1} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{ii) } \tan \theta = 1 \quad \tan \phi = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\theta = 45^\circ \quad \phi = 135^\circ \quad \checkmark$$

$$\phi = \angle ACB + \theta \quad (\text{exterior angle equals sum of two opposite interior angles})$$

$$\angle ACB = 75^\circ \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{iii) } \tan 75^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{3} - 1} \quad \checkmark$$

Reas - 5

$$\text{c) i) } \frac{13!}{2!4!2!2!2!} = 16216200 \quad \checkmark \quad \text{Comm-1}$$

$\begin{matrix} 6 \\ \uparrow \\ A \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ N \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ B \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ R \end{matrix}$

$$\text{ii) No of words with 'N's together} = \frac{10!}{2!2!2!2!} = 226800 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore P(\text{'A's together}) = \frac{226800}{16216200}$$

$$= \frac{2}{143}$$

Reas - 2

$$\text{Q3 a) i) } P(0) = (0-2)(0-1)^2(0+2)^3$$

$$= -16 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{ii) } y = nt : n = 0$$

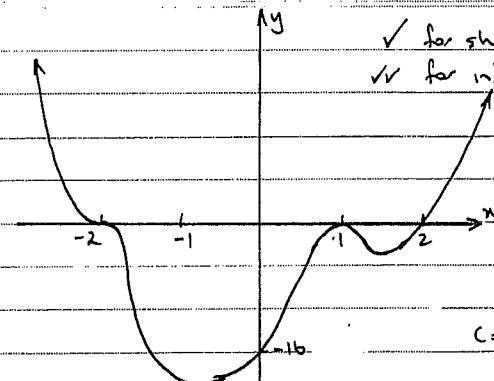
$$y = -16$$

$$x = nt : y = 0$$

$$x = 2 \quad x = 1 \quad x = -2$$

$$\text{multiplicity } 1 \quad 2 \quad 3$$

First line was done very well but a majority of students didn't realize the impact of the  $| \ |$  sign.



Comm - 3

✓ for shape  
✓ for intercepts

Students who used calculus were generally less successful

$$\text{b) i) } \text{No of committees} = {}^{14}C_5$$

$$= 2002 \quad \checkmark$$

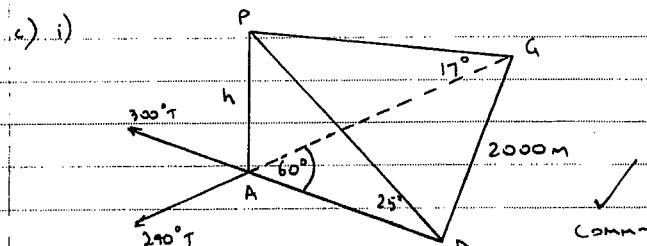
$$\text{ii) } \text{No of committees with majority of men} = {}^8C_3 \times {}^6C_2 + {}^8C_4 \times {}^6C_1 + {}^8C_5 \times {}^6C_0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 840 + 420 + 56$$

$$= 1316$$

$$\therefore P(\text{majority of men}) = \frac{1316}{2002}$$

$$= \frac{94}{143} \quad \checkmark \quad \text{Reas - 3}$$



Student needed to be convincing. Some students clearly "fudge" from the answer.

$$\text{i) } \tan 65^\circ = \frac{AD}{h} \quad \tan 73^\circ = \frac{AG}{h}$$

$$AD = h \tan 65^\circ \quad AG = h \tan 73^\circ \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{cosine rule: } AG^2 = AD^2 + AG^2 - 2AD \times AG \times \cos 60^\circ \quad \checkmark$$

$$2000^2 = h^2 \tan^2 65^\circ + h^2 \tan^2 73^\circ - 2h^2 \tan 65^\circ \tan 73^\circ \cos 60^\circ$$

$$- 2h^2 \tan 65^\circ \tan 73^\circ \sin 60^\circ$$

$$= h^2 (\tan^2 65^\circ + \tan^2 73^\circ - 2 \tan 65^\circ \tan 73^\circ \cos 60^\circ)$$

$$h^2 = \frac{2000^2}{\tan^2 65^\circ + \tan^2 73^\circ - 2 \tan 65^\circ \tan 73^\circ \cos 60^\circ} \quad \checkmark$$

- Angles must be clearly identified - 3 letters

- Only a few student were able to show how  $60^\circ$  was calculated

- More supporting work are required.

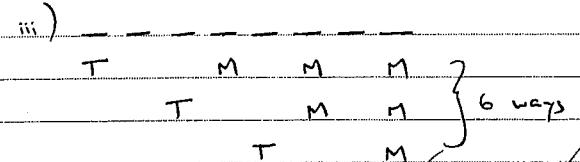
$$h = \frac{2000}{\tan^2 65^\circ + \tan^2 73^\circ - 2 \tan 65^\circ \tan 73^\circ \cos 60^\circ}$$

Recs-3

$$\text{iii) } h = 695 \text{ (to 3 sig. figs)} \quad \checkmark$$

Q4(a)

- No of arrangements = 8,  
= 40320  $\checkmark$
- No of arrangements =  $4! \times 2! \times 2! \times 2! \times 2!$   
= 384



$$\therefore \text{No of arrangements} = 6 \times 2 \times 3! \times 2! \times 2! \times 2! \\ = 576 \quad \text{Recs-5}$$

b) Let  $\angle YXZ = \alpha$  and  $\angle YZX = \beta$

$$\therefore \angle XZY = 180 - (\alpha + \beta) \text{ (angle sum of a triangle is } 180^\circ)$$

$\angle ZWV = \beta$  (angle at tangent equals angle in the alternate segment)  $\checkmark$

$$\angle XWV = \alpha \quad (" \quad " \quad " \quad ) \\ \angle XWZ = \angle XWV + \angle ZWV \\ = \alpha + \beta$$

$$\therefore \angle XWZ + \angle XZY = 180$$

$\therefore YYZW$  is a cyclic quadrilateral as opposite angles are supplementary  $\checkmark$

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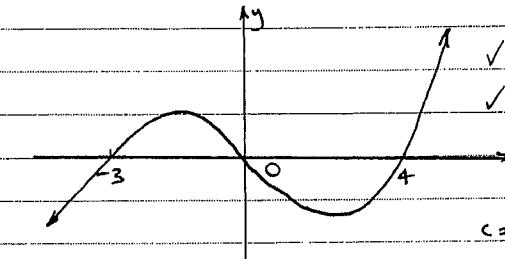
c) i)  $P(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 12x$   
=  $x(x^2 - x - 12)$   
=  $x(x-4)(x+3)$

$$\therefore y - nt \cdot n = 0 \quad P(0) = 0$$

$$x - nt \cdot y = 0 \quad P(n) = 0$$

$$x(x-4)(x+3) = 0$$

$$x=0 \quad x=-3 \quad x=4$$



✓ for shape  
✓ for intercepts  
few people graphed it the wrong way.

Many students missed the link between i) & ii)  
because they ended up with  $x^2 - n - 12 \geq 0$   
You have to multiply through by  $x^2$  not  $n$   
to keep  $\geq$

ii)  $n^2(x-1) \geq \frac{12}{n} \times n^2$

$$x^3 - x^2 \geq 12n$$

$$x^3 - x^2 - 12n \geq 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$\therefore$  from the graph  $-3 \leq n < 0$  and  $n \geq 4$

Recs-2

Q5(a) let  $m = 2^a$  and  $n = 3^b$

$$\therefore 2^a + 3^b = 17 \quad 2^{a+2} - 3^{b+1} = 5$$

$$m+n = 17 \quad 2^2 \times 2^a - 3 \times 3^b = 5$$

$$4m - 3n = 5$$

$$\therefore 4n - 3m = 5 \dots \textcircled{d}$$

$$m+n = 17 \dots \textcircled{e} \times 3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$3m + 3n = 51 \dots \textcircled{f}$$

$$\textcircled{e} + \textcircled{f}$$

$$7m = 56$$

$$m = 8$$

$$\text{from } \textcircled{e} \quad n = 9$$

$$\therefore 2^a = 8 \quad 3^b = 9$$

$$a = 3 \quad b = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

Recs-2

Alternative solutions are possible but only a couple of students were able to correctly find 'c' as 'b'

A couple of "lucky" students "chanced" upon the correct answer by trial and error.

$$b) \text{ LHS} = \frac{\sin^5 n}{\sin n} - \frac{\cos 5n}{\cos n}$$

$$= \frac{\sin 5n \cos n - \cos 5n \sin n}{\sin n \cos n} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{\sin(5n-n)}{\sin n \cos n} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{\sin 4n}{2 \sin 2n}$$

$$= \frac{2 \sin 2n \cos 2n}{2 \sin 4n} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 4 \cos 2n \quad \text{Rearr-3}$$

$$c) i) x = \pm 1 \quad \checkmark$$

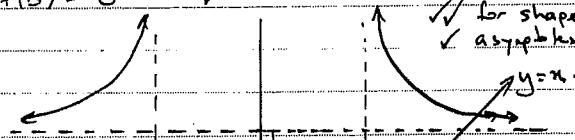
$$ii) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{x^2-1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2/x^2}{x^2/x^2 - 1/x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$= 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$iii) f(0) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$



Comm-3

Very few students could get to this line.

- Always look at the pattern.

v) Solve simultaneously

$$y = \frac{n^2}{x^2-1} \dots ① \quad y = n-1 \dots ②$$

$$① = ②$$

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

$$x^2 = (n-1)(n^2-1)$$

$$x^2 = n^3 - n^2 - n + 1$$

$$0 = n^3 - 2n^2 - n + 1$$

∴ pts of intersection of  $y = \frac{n^2}{n^2-1}$  and  $y = n-1$   
are the solutions to  $n^3 - 2n^2 - n + 1 = 0$

∴ 3 solutions.  $\checkmark$

Rearr-1

A clear statement of the reason was required to obtain this mark.