



Sydney Girls High School

YEAR 11

MATHEMATICS

Half Yearly Examination 2010

Time Allowed: 60 minutes

Total Marks: 60

Topics: Basic Arithmetic and Algebra, Plane Geometry

Instructions:

- ♦ Attempt ALL questions
- ♦ There are 4 questions, each worth 15 marks.
- ♦ Show all necessary working. Full marks may not be awarded for careless or incomplete working.
- ♦ Begin each question on a new page.
- ♦ Diagrams are NOT to scale.

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QUESTION 1

Marks

- a) Find, correct to 3 significant figures, the value of:

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$$\frac{(8.7-3.9)^2}{\sqrt{4.375}}$$

- b) Evaluate: $4|-2|^3 + 6\left|\frac{-1}{2}\right|$

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- c) Find the exact value of: $49^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times 27^{\frac{2}{3}}$

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- d) Expand and simplify: $(2x^3 - 3)^2$

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- e) Simplify: $-9x^3y^5 + 36x^3y^2$

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- f) Simplify fully: $\sqrt{98} - 3\sqrt{48} - \sqrt{12}$

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- g) Express xy^n in scientific notation where $x = 5.5 \times 10^3$, $y = 4.0 \times 10^{-2}$ and $n = 3$.

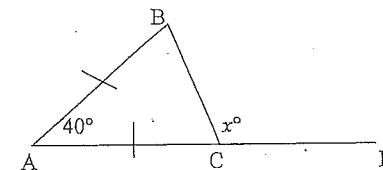
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- h) Express $2.5\dot{4}$ as a fraction in its simplest form. Show all working.

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- i) In the diagram, $AB = AC$ and $\angle BAC = 40^\circ$, find x° , giving reasons.

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QUESTION 2 (Begin a new page)

Marks

a) Solve: $\frac{2x+3}{3} - \frac{3x-1}{4} = -3$

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b) Factorise completely:

i. $xy + 27 - 3x - 9y$

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ii. $8x^3 - 125y^3$

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iii. $4x^2 - 8x + 3$

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c) Solve the following, for all real values of x :

i. $2 - 3(x - 2) \leq 11$

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ii. $|2x - 5| = 5x + 1$

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d) Three of the angles of a pentagon are 98° , 112° and 114° .
If the other two angles are equal, what is their size?
Show all working.

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QUESTION 3 (Begin a new page)

Marks

a) Simplify: $\frac{3}{x^2 - 4} - \frac{2}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$

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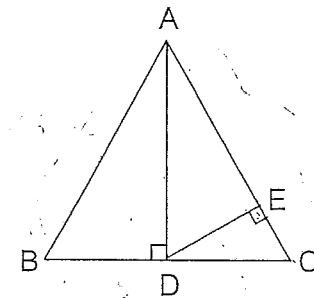
b) Solve: $\left| \frac{3x-1}{2} \right| > 1$ and graph the solution on a number line.

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c) Solve the following equation by *completing the square*: $2x^2 + 7x = 4$.

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d) In the diagram $AB = AC$, $AD \perp BC$ in $\triangle ABC$ and $DE \perp AC$ in $\triangle DAC$.



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i. Show that $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle DCE$ are similar. Give reasons.

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ii. If $AB = 5$ and $BD = CD = 3$, find the length of AE .

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QUESTION 4 (Begin a new page)

Marks

a) Simplify $\sqrt[3]{\frac{-8m^6}{27m^{12}}}$ 2

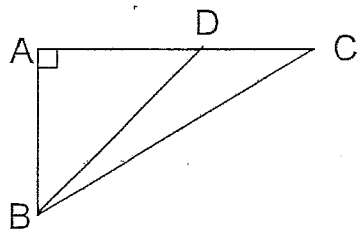
b) Given $a = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{\sqrt{5}-1}$, evaluate $\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)$, without the use of a calculator. 3

c) i. Express $x^{-1} + y^{-1}$ as a single fraction 2

ii. Hence show that: $\frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^{-1} + y^{-1}} = xy(x - y)$ 2

d) Solve simultaneously: $\begin{cases} y = x^2 + 4 \\ 4x + y = 1 \end{cases}$ 3

e) 3



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Triangle ABC is right angled at A.
D is a point on AC such that $AD = 2DC$.

Prove that $5DC^2 = BC^2 - BD^2$

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Question 1

a) 11.0

b) $4 \times 8 + 3 = 35$

c) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{49}} \times (\sqrt[3]{27})^2$
 $= \frac{1}{7} \times 9$
 $= \frac{9}{7}$

d) $4x^6 - 12x^3 + 9$

e) $-\frac{y^3}{4}$

f) $7\sqrt{2} - 12\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{3}$
 $= 7\sqrt{2} - 14\sqrt{3}$

g) 3.52×10^{-1}

h) $x = 2.54444\dots$
 $10x = 25.44444\dots$
 $100x = 254.4444\dots$
 $90x = 229$
 $x = \frac{229}{90}$

i) $\angle ABC = \angle ACB = y$ (base \angle s of an isosceles Δ)
 $2y + 40 = 180$ (\angle sum of Δ)
 $2y = 140$
 $y = 70$

$x = 70 + 40$ (Ext. $\angle =$ opposite interior \angle sum)
 $x = 110$

Question 2

a) $\frac{2x+3}{3} - \frac{3x-1}{4} = -3$
 $4(2x+3) - 3(3x-1) = -3 \times 12$
 $8x + 12 - 9x + 3 = -36$
 $-x + 15 = -36$
 $x = 51$

b) i. $xy + 27 - 3x - 9y$
 $= x(y-3) - 9(y-3)$
 $= (y-3)(x-9)$

ii. $8x^3 - 125y^3$
 $= (2x-5y)(4x^2 + 10xy + 25y^2)$

iii. $4x^2 - 8x + 3$
 $= 4x^2 - 6x - 2x + 3$
 $= 2x(2x-3) - (2x-3)$
 $= (2x-3)(2x-1)$

c) i. $2 - 3(x-2) \leq 11$
 $2 - 3x + 6 \leq 11$
 $-3x \leq 3$
 $x \geq -1$

ii. $|2x-5| = 5x+1$

$2x-5 = 5x+1$ or $-2x+5 = 5x+1$
 $\therefore x = -2$ or $\therefore x = \frac{4}{7}$

Check: $|-4-5| \neq 5(-2)+1$

Check: $\left|2 \times \frac{4}{7} - 5\right| = 5 \times \frac{4}{7} + 1$

\therefore Only solution is $x = \frac{4}{7}$

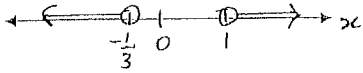
d) Angle sum of pentagon = $3 \times 180^\circ = 540^\circ$

$\therefore 98 + 112 + 114 + 2x = 540$
 $2x = 216$
 $x = 108^\circ$

Question 3

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } & \frac{3}{x^2-4} - \frac{2}{x^2-3x+2} \\ &= \frac{3}{(x-2)(x+2)} - \frac{2}{(x-2)(x-1)} \\ &= \frac{3(x-1) - 2(x+2)}{(x-1)(x-2)(x+2)} \\ &= \frac{x-7}{(x-1)(x-2)(x+2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) } & \left| \frac{3x-1}{2} \right| > 1 \\ & -\left(\frac{3x-1}{2} \right) > 1 \\ \frac{3x-1}{2} > 1 & \quad \frac{3x-1}{2} < -1 \\ 3x-1 > 2 & \quad \text{or} \quad 3x-1 < -2 \\ 3x > 3 & \quad \text{or} \quad 3x < -1 \\ x > 1 & \quad \text{or} \quad x < -\frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{c) } & 2x^2 + 7x = 4 \\ & x^2 + \frac{7}{2}x = 2 \\ x^2 + \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)x + \left(\frac{7}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 &= 2 + \left(\frac{7}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \\ \left(x + \frac{7}{4}\right)^2 &= \frac{81}{16} \\ x + \frac{7}{4} &= \pm \frac{9}{4} \\ x &= -\frac{7}{4} \pm \frac{9}{4} \\ x &= \frac{1}{2}, -4 \end{aligned}$$

d) i.

In $\triangle ABD$ and $\triangle DCE$
 $\angle ABD = \angle DCE$
 (base \angle s of an isosceles $\triangle ABC$)
 $\angle ADB = \angle DEC = 90^\circ$ (given)
 $\therefore \triangle ABD \cong \triangle DCE$ (equiangular)

ii.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{CE}{BD} &= \frac{DC}{AB} \\ \therefore CE &= \frac{3 \times 3}{5} = \frac{9}{5} \\ AE &= AC - CE \\ &= 5 - \frac{9}{5} \\ &= \frac{16}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Question 4

a)

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[3]{\frac{-8m^6}{27m^{12}}} &= \left(\frac{-8m^6}{27m^{12}}\right)^{1/3} \\ &= \frac{-2m^2}{3m^4} \\ &= \frac{-2}{3m^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b) If } a &= \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{\sqrt{5}-1} \\ \text{Then } a + \frac{1}{a} & \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{\sqrt{5}-1} + \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{\sqrt{5}+1} \\ &= \frac{(\sqrt{5}+1)^2 + (\sqrt{5}-1)^2}{5-1} \\ &= \frac{5+2\sqrt{5}+1+5-2\sqrt{5}+1}{5-1} \\ &= \frac{12}{4} \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

c) i.

$$\begin{aligned} x^{-1} + y^{-1} &= \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \\ &= \frac{x+y}{xy} \end{aligned}$$

ii.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^{-1} + y^{-1}} &= \frac{(x+y)(x-y)}{1} \times \frac{xy}{x+y} \\ &= xy(x-y) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{d) } \begin{cases} y = x^2 + 4 \\ 4x + y = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= x^2 + 4 \dots\dots\dots 1 \\ 4x + y &= 1 \\ y &= 1 - 4x \dots\dots\dots 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$1 = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - 4x &= x^2 + 4 \\ 0 &= x^2 + 4x + 3 \\ 0 &= (x+3)(x+1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \begin{matrix} x = -3 \\ y = 13 \end{matrix} \right\} \quad \left. \begin{matrix} x = -1 \\ y = 5 \end{matrix} \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{e) In } \triangle ABC: AB^2 &= BC^2 - AC^2 \dots\dots\dots 1 \\ \text{In } \triangle ABD: AB^2 &= BD^2 - AD^2 \dots\dots\dots 2 \end{aligned}$$

From 1 and 2

$$BC^2 - AC^2 = BD^2 - AD^2 \dots\dots\dots 3$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} AD &= 2DC \quad \text{and} \quad AC = 3DC \\ \therefore AD^2 &= 4DC^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \therefore AC^2 = 9DC^2 \end{aligned}$$

Substitute in 3

$$\begin{aligned} BC^2 - 9DC^2 &= BD^2 - 4DC^2 \\ BC^2 - BD^2 &= 5DC^2 \end{aligned}$$