

Section A: Pure Mathematics

1 (i) Express $(3 + 2\sqrt{5})^3$ in the form $a + b\sqrt{5}$ where a and b are integers.

(ii) Find the positive integers c and d such that $\sqrt[3]{99 - 70\sqrt{2}} = c - d\sqrt{2}$.

(iii) Find the two real solutions of $x^6 - 198x^3 + 1 = 0$.

2 The square bracket notation $[x]$ means the greatest integer less than or equal to x . For example, $[\pi] = 3$, $[\sqrt{24}] = 4$ and $[5] = 5$.

(i) Sketch the graph of $y = \sqrt{[x]}$ and show that

$$\int_0^a \sqrt{[x]} \, dx = \sum_{r=0}^{a-1} \sqrt{r}$$

when a is a positive integer.

(ii) Show that $\int_0^a 2^{[x]} \, dx = 2^a - 1$ when a is a positive integer.

(iii) Determine an expression for $\int_0^a 2^{[x]} \, dx$ when a is positive but not an integer.

3 (i) Show that $x - 3$ is a factor of

$$x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x^2y + xy^2 - 8xy - 3y^2 + 6x + 6y. \quad (*)$$

Express $(*)$ in the form $(x - 3)(x + ay + b)(x + cy + d)$ where a, b, c and d are integers to be determined.

(ii) Factorise $6y^3 - y^2 - 21y + 2x^2 + 12x - 4xy + x^2y - 5xy^2 + 10$ into three linear factors.

4 Differentiate $\sec t$ with respect to t .

(i) Use the substitution $x = \sec t$ to show that $\int_{\sqrt{2}}^2 \frac{1}{x^3 \sqrt{x^2 - 1}} dx = \frac{\sqrt{3} - 2}{8} + \frac{\pi}{24}$.

(ii) Determine $\int \frac{1}{(x+2)\sqrt{(x+1)(x+3)}} dx$.

(iii) Determine $\int \frac{1}{(x+2)\sqrt{x^2 + 4x - 5}} dx$.

5 The positive integers can be split into five distinct arithmetic progressions, as shown:

$$A : 1, 6, 11, 16, \dots$$

$$B : 2, 7, 12, 17, \dots$$

$$C : 3, 8, 13, 18, \dots$$

$$D : 4, 9, 14, 19, \dots$$

$$E : 5, 10, 15, 20, \dots$$

Write down an expression for the value of the general term in each of the five progressions. Hence prove that the sum of any term in B and any term in C is a term in E .

Prove also that the square of every term in B is a term in D . State and prove a similar claim about the square of every term in C .

(i) Prove that there are no positive integers x and y such that

$$x^2 + 5y = 243\,723.$$

(ii) Prove also that there are no positive integers x and y such that

$$x^4 + 2y^4 = 26\,081\,974.$$

6 The three points A , B and C have coordinates (p_1, q_1) , (p_2, q_2) and (p_3, q_3) , respectively. Find the point of intersection of the line joining A to the midpoint of BC , and the line joining B to the midpoint of AC . Verify that this point lies on the line joining C to the midpoint of AB .

The point H has coordinates $(p_1 + p_2 + p_3, q_1 + q_2 + q_3)$. Show that if the line AH intersects the line BC at right angles, then $p_2^2 + q_2^2 = p_3^2 + q_3^2$, and write down a similar result if the line BH intersects the line AC at right angles.

Deduce that if AH is perpendicular to BC and also BH is perpendicular to AC , then CH is perpendicular to AB .

- 7 (i) The function $f(x)$ is defined for $|x| < \frac{1}{5}$ by

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n,$$

where $a_0 = 2$, $a_1 = 7$ and $a_n = 7a_{n-1} - 10a_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 2$.

Simplify $f(x) - 7xf(x) + 10x^2f(x)$, and hence show that $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-2x} + \frac{1}{1-5x}$.

Hence show that $a_n = 2^n + 5^n$.

- (ii) The function $g(x)$ is defined for $|x| < \frac{1}{3}$ by

$$g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n x^n,$$

where $b_0 = 5$, $b_1 = 10$, $b_2 = 40$, $b_3 = 100$ and $b_n = pb_{n-1} + qb_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 2$. Obtain an expression for $g(x)$ as the sum of two algebraic fractions and determine b_n in terms of n .

- 8 A sequence t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots is said to be *strictly increasing* if $t_{n+1} > t_n$ for all $n \geq 0$.

- (i) The terms of the sequence x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots satisfy

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^2 + 6}{5}$$

for $n \geq 0$. Prove that if $x_0 > 3$ then the sequence is strictly increasing.

- (ii) The terms of the sequence y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots satisfy

$$y_{n+1} = 5 - \frac{6}{y_n}$$

for $n \geq 0$. Prove that if $2 < y_0 < 3$ then the sequence is strictly increasing but that $y_n < 3$ for all n .

Section B: Mechanics

- 9 A particle is projected over level ground with a speed u at an angle θ above the horizontal. Derive an expression for the greatest height of the particle in terms of u , θ and g .

A particle is projected from the floor of a horizontal tunnel of height $\frac{9}{10}d$. Point P is $\frac{1}{2}d$ metres vertically and d metres horizontally along the tunnel from the point of projection. The particle passes through point P and lands inside the tunnel without hitting the roof. Show that

$$\arctan \frac{3}{5} < \theta < \arctan 3 .$$

- 10 A particle is travelling in a straight line. It accelerates from its initial velocity u to velocity v , where $v > |u| > 0$, travelling a distance d_1 with uniform acceleration of magnitude $3a$. It then comes to rest after travelling a further distance d_2 with uniform deceleration of magnitude a . Show that

(i) if $u > 0$ then $3d_1 < d_2$;

(ii) if $u < 0$ then $d_2 < 3d_1 < 2d_2$.

Show also that the average speed of the particle (that is, the total distance travelled divided by the total time) is greater in the case $u > 0$ than in the case $u < 0$.

Note: In this question d_1 and d_2 are distances travelled by the particle which are not the same, in the second case, as displacements from the starting point.

- 11 Two uniform ladders AB and BC of equal length are hinged smoothly at B . The weight of AB is W and the weight of BC is $4W$. The ladders stand on rough horizontal ground with $\angle ABC = 60^\circ$. The coefficient of friction between each ladder and the ground is μ .

A decorator of weight $7W$ begins to climb the ladder AB slowly. When she has climbed up $\frac{1}{3}$ of the ladder, one of the ladders slips. Which ladder slips, and what is the value of μ ?

Section C: Probability and Statistics

- 12** In a certain factory, microchips are made by two machines. Machine A makes a proportion λ of the chips, where $0 < \lambda < 1$, and machine B makes the rest. A proportion p of the chips made by machine A are perfect, and a proportion q of those made by machine B are perfect, where $0 < p < 1$ and $0 < q < 1$. The chips are sorted into two groups: group 1 contains those that are perfect and group 2 contains those that are imperfect.

In a large random sample taken from group 1, it is found that $\frac{2}{5}$ were made by machine A. Show that λ can be estimated as

$$\frac{2q}{3p + 2q}.$$

Subsequently, it is discovered that the sorting process is faulty: there is a probability of $\frac{1}{4}$ that a perfect chip is assigned to group 2 and a probability of $\frac{1}{4}$ that an imperfect chip is assigned to group 1. Taking into account this additional information, obtain a new estimate of λ .

- 13** (i) Three real numbers are drawn independently from the continuous rectangular distribution on $[0, 1]$. The random variable X is the maximum of the three numbers. Show that the probability that $X \leq 0.8$ is 0.512, and calculate the expectation of X .
- (ii) N real numbers are drawn independently from a continuous rectangular distribution on $[0, a]$. The random variable X is the maximum of the N numbers. A hypothesis test with a significance level of 5% is carried out using the value, x , of X . The null hypothesis is that $a = 1$ and the alternative hypothesis is that $a < 1$. The form of the test is such that H_0 is rejected if $x < c$, for some chosen number c .

Using the approximation $2^{10} \approx 10^3$, determine the smallest integer value of N such that if $x \leq 0.8$ the null hypothesis will be rejected.

With this value of N , write down the probability that the null hypothesis is rejected if $a = 0.8$, and find the probability that the null hypothesis is rejected if $a = 0.9$.

- 14** Three pirates are sharing out the contents of a treasure chest containing n gold coins and 2 lead coins. The first pirate takes out coins one at a time until he takes out one of the lead coins. The second pirate then takes out coins one at a time until she draws the second lead coin. The third pirate takes out all the gold coins remaining in the chest.

Find:

- (i) the probability that the first pirate will have some gold coins;
- (ii) the probability that the second pirate will have some gold coins;
- (iii) the probability that all three pirates will have some gold coins.