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SUBJECT:	PURE MATHEMATICS
PAPER NUMBER:	I
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Directions to Candidates

Answer **ALL** questions.

Each question carries 10 marks.

Graphical calculators are **not** allowed however scientific calculators can be used but all necessary working must be shown.

1. (a) Let $y = x^3 \sin(\ln x)$. Show that

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 5x \frac{dy}{dx} + 10y = 0.$$

[5 marks]

(b) A curve has equation $y^3 - 3xy^2 + 2x^2y = 3$. Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point (2, 1).

[5 marks]

2. Solve the differential equation

$$\operatorname{cosec}^3 x \frac{dy}{dx} = \cos^2 y,$$

given that $y = \frac{\pi}{4}$ when $x = 0$.

[10 marks]

3. (a) Evaluate the integral

$$\int_0^1 e^{5x} \left(\frac{e^{2x}}{7} + \frac{3}{e^{3x}} \right) dx.$$

[4 marks]

(b) (i) Show that for $-\frac{1}{2}\pi < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi$,

$$\frac{d}{dx} \ln(\sec x + \tan x) = \sec x.$$

(ii) Hence, or otherwise, find

$$\int \cos x \ln(\cos x) dx, \quad \text{with } -\frac{1}{2}\pi < x < \frac{1}{2}\pi.$$

[3, 3 marks]

4. The function f is given by $f(x) = -\frac{1}{8}(x^4 - 6x^3 + 4x^2 + 24x - 32)$.

(a) Show that the curve $y = f(x)$ intersects the x -axis at $x = -2$ and at $x = 4$.

[2 marks]

(b) Find the coordinates of the stationary points of the curve $y = f(x)$.

[4 marks]

(c) Hence sketch the curves of the following equations on the same set of axes:

(i) $y = f(x)$;

(ii) $y = f(x + 1)$.

[4 marks]

5. (a) Express $\cos \theta - \sqrt{3} \sin \theta$ in the form $R \cos(\theta + \alpha)$, where R is a positive number and α is an angle measured in radians between 0 and $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Hence, sketch the graph of $y = \cos \theta - \sqrt{3} \sin \theta$, given that $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$, showing clearly the intercepts of the graph with the lines $y = 0$, $y = \pm 1$ and $y = \pm 2$.

[7 marks]

(b) Find the sum of the infinite geometric series

$$1 + \frac{\sec \theta}{1 - \sqrt{3} \tan \theta} + \frac{\sec^2 \theta}{(1 - \sqrt{3} \tan \theta)^2} + \frac{\sec^3 \theta}{(1 - \sqrt{3} \tan \theta)^3} + \dots,$$

giving your answer in terms of θ . For what values of θ in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ is your answer valid?

[3 marks]

6. The function $g(x) = 2x - 1$ is defined for all real x and the function $h(x) = \frac{1}{x+3}$ is defined for all real $x \neq -3$.

(a) Find $g^{-1}(x)$ and show that $g^{-1}(g(x)) = x$.

[2 marks]

(b) Find an expression for $g(h(x))$ and find the domain of the composite function $g \circ h$.

[3 marks]

(c) Sketch a complete and accurate graph of $g \circ h$. Clearly label the x - and y -intercepts, and any asymptotes in your sketch.

[4 marks]

(d) State the range of $g \circ h$.

[1 marks]

7. Let \mathbf{C} be the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 6 & 6 \\ 0 & 9 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$.

(a) Show that $\mathbf{C}^3 = 13\mathbf{C}^2 - 144\mathbf{I}$, where \mathbf{I} is the identity matrix.

[5 marks]

(b) Given that \mathbf{C}^{-1} exists, **without finding \mathbf{C}^{-1}** , show that this equation can be written as $\mathbf{C}^{-1} = \frac{1}{144}\mathbf{C}(13\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{C})$.

[2 marks]

(c) Hence deduce \mathbf{C}^{-1} .

[3 marks]

8. (a) If $\log_r p = q$ and $\log_q r = p$, prove that $\log_q p = pq$.

[3 marks]

(b) Consider the complex number

$$z = \frac{\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{4} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2 \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right)^3}{\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{24} - i \sin \frac{\pi}{24}\right)^4}.$$

(i) Find the modulus and the argument of z .

(ii) Simplify $(1 + 2z)(2 + z^2)$ expressing your answer in the form $a + bi$, leaving a and b in surd form. Show that $(1 + 2z)(2 + z^2) + 3\bar{z} = 0$.

[2, 5 marks]

9. The lines ℓ_1 , ℓ_2 and ℓ_3 have vector equations

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{r} &= \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \lambda(3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{k}), \\ \mathbf{r} &= 3\mathbf{i} - 11\mathbf{j} - 4\mathbf{k} + \mu(\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}), \\ \text{and } \mathbf{r} &= 6\mathbf{i} - 19\mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k} + \nu(\mathbf{i} - 10\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}),\end{aligned}$$

respectively.

(a) Show that ℓ_3 is perpendicular to both ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 .

[4 marks]

(b) Show that ℓ_3 intersects both ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 , and find the points of intersection.

[4 marks]

(c) Find the distance between the two points of intersection found in (b).

[2 marks]

10. Let $p(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 6$, where a and b are constant real numbers.

(a) Show that if the equation $p(x) = 0$ has three real distinct roots, then $a^2 > 3b$.

[4 marks]

(b) It is given that $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $p(x)$, and that when divided by $x - 1$, the polynomial $p(x)$ leaves a remainder 4. Find the values of a and b , and factorise $p(x)$ completely.

[6 marks]

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SUBJECT:	PURE MATHEMATICS
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Directions to Candidates

Answer **SEVEN** questions. Each question carries 15 marks.

Graphical calculators are **not** allowed however scientific calculators can be used but all necessary working must be shown.

1. Let $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$, where $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

- (a) (i) Show that $|\mathbf{A}| = \cos^3 \theta + \sin^3 \theta$ and find the value of θ for which \mathbf{A} is singular.
(ii) Solve for \mathbf{x} the equation $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{0}$ for this value of θ .

[4, 4 marks]

(b) Solve for \mathbf{x} the equation $\mathbf{Ax} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$, when $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

[7 marks]

2. (a) Sketch the graphs of $y = -x(x+3)^2$ and of $y^2 = -x(x+3)^2$ on the same set of axes.

[5 marks]

- (b) The function f is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{(2x+3)(x-1)}{(2x-1)(x+1)}.$$

- (i) Find the range of values of f .
(ii) Find the equation of the horizontal asymptote of the curve $y = f(x)$.
(iii) Deduce the only stationary value of $y = f(x)$, giving reasons for your answer.

[5, 2, 3 marks]

3. The planes Π_1 and Π_2 have equations $2x + y - 3z = 1$ and $4x - y + z = 3$, respectively.
- (a) Find the angle between the planes Π_1 and Π_2 , and the vector equation of the line ℓ_1 where the planes intersect.
[7 marks]
- (b) Find the equation of the plane Π_3 that contains the line ℓ_1 and the point A with position vector $2\mathbf{i} - 11\mathbf{j} - 6\mathbf{k}$.
[4 marks]
- (c) Find the vector equation of the line ℓ_2 that lies in the plane Π_3 , is perpendicular to ℓ_1 and passes through A .
[4 marks]
4. [Note: Angles should be taken in radians throughout this question.]
- (a) Show that the equation $x \sin x = 3 \cot x$ has a solution between 1 and 2. Use the Newton-Raphson method to find an approximate value of this solution, taking 1 as a first approximation. Do **two** iterations and give your working to **four** decimal places.
[7 marks]
- (b) (i) Express the length of the portion of the curve $y = \cos x$ between $x = 0$ and $x = \pi$ as an integral.
(ii) Use Simpson's Rule to estimate this integral. Use an interval width of $h = \frac{\pi}{6}$ and give your answer to **four** decimal places.
[3, 5 marks]
5. (a) Write down Euler's identity. Use the trigonometric factor formulae to show that

$$e^{i\theta} + e^{i\phi} = 2 \cos \frac{\theta - \phi}{2} e^{\frac{\theta + \phi}{2} i},$$

where $i = \sqrt{-1}$.

Hence, show that the solutions of the equation

$$\left(\frac{z+1}{z-1} \right)^5 = 1$$

have the form $z = -i \cot \frac{k\pi}{5}$, where $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.
[9 marks]

- (b) $P(x, y)$ is the point on an Argand diagram representing $z = x + iy$, where x and y are real numbers. Given that $|z + 2| = 3|z - 2 - 4i|$, find the maximum value of $|z|$.
[6 marks]

6. The curve \mathcal{C}_1 has polar equation $r = \frac{1}{5}(4 + \sin 5\theta)$, where $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.
- (a) Sketch the curve \mathcal{C}_1 . [3 marks]
- The circle \mathcal{C}_2 has Cartesian equation $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.
- (b) Find the polar equation of \mathcal{C}_2 and sketch it on the same diagram used in (a). [2 marks]
- (c) Find the polar coordinates of the points of intersection of the two curves \mathcal{C}_1 and \mathcal{C}_2 . [4 marks]
- (d) Find the area enclosed between the two curves. [6 marks]
7. In a survey about the use of mobile phones by passengers during any particular bus journey, it was found that of those passengers using their mobile phone, 60% use it to access the Internet, 45% to make/receive a call, and 35% to send an SMS. There are 5% who use their mobile phone for all the three purposes during one journey.
- (a) What percentage of the passengers who use their mobile phone do so for only one of the above mentioned purposes? [5 marks]
- The survey also concluded that 22% of the passengers on a bus do **not** use their mobile phones.
- (b) If a bus is chosen at random, what is the probability that a randomly chosen passenger uses his/her mobile phone for only one of the above mentioned purposes? [2 marks]
- Three buses are chosen at random and a passenger is randomly chosen from each bus.
- (c) What is the probability that the three chosen passengers do not use their mobile phones? [3 marks]
- (d) What is the probability that exactly two of the chosen passengers use their mobile phone for only one of the three different purposes mentioned above? [5 marks]
8. (a) (i) By direct application of the Maclaren expansion formula, find the Maclaren expansion, as far as the term in x^4 , of $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$.
- (ii) Hence, or otherwise, find the first **four** non-zero terms of the Maclaren expansion of
- $$g(x) = \frac{\ln(1+2x)}{\sqrt{1+x}}.$$
- [3, 5 marks]
- (b) A sequence a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots is such that $a_1 = 0$, $a_2 = -6$ and $a_n = 5a_{n-1} - 6a_{n-2}$ for all $n \geq 3$. Use the method of mathematical induction to prove that
- $$a_n = 3 \times 2^n - 2 \times 3^n$$
- for every positive integer n . [7 marks]

9. (a) Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$3x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = 1 + \ln x, \quad \text{for } x > 0,$$

giving y explicitly in terms of x . Find also the particular solution for which $y = -2$ when $x = 1$.

[8 marks]

(b) Solve the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2 \frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = 10 \sin x,$$

given that $y = 0$ and $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3$ when $x = 0$.

[7 marks]

10. (a) (i) Let $I_n = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n x \, dx$. Show that, for $n \geq 2$,

$$I_n = \frac{n-1}{n} I_{n-2}.$$

(ii) The region bounded by the curve $y = \sin^{7/2} x$ and the x -axis between $x = 0$ and $x = \pi/2$ is rotated through 2π radians about the x -axis. Find the volume of the solid that is generated by this rotation.

[4, 4 marks]

(b) A function y is defined by $x^{1/2} - \frac{1}{3}x^{3/2}$.

(i) Evaluate $\frac{dy}{dx}$, and show that $1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 = \frac{(x+1)^2}{4x}$.

(ii) The part of the curve of this function y between $x = 0$ and $x = 3$ is rotated by 2π radians about the x -axis. Find the area of the surface of revolution so formed.

[3, 4 marks]