

AM SYLLABUS (2025)

PURE MATHEMATICS

AM 27

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Syllabus**

(Available in September)
Paper I(3hrs)+Paper II(3hrs)

1. AIMS

- To prepare students for further studies in Mathematics and related subjects.
- To extend the students' range of mathematical techniques so as to apply them in more difficult and unstructured problems.
- To develop in students the ability to read and understand a wider range of mathematical articles and arguments.
- To enable students to formulate a mathematical representation of a real life situation.
- To use appropriate technology such as computers and calculators as a mathematical tool.
- To encourage confidence, enjoyment and satisfaction through the development and use of Mathematics.

The syllabus assumes a good knowledge of the subject at SEC level and coverage of the extension topics in Paper 2A. It aims at consolidating this knowledge and to extend it to include more advanced concepts.

2. ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

Candidates are required to:

- demonstrate their knowledge of mathematical facts, concepts, theories and techniques in different contexts.
- construct mathematical arguments and proofs by means of precise statements, logical deduction and inference.
- recognise standard models and be able to apply them.

3. SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT

The examination will consist of 2 papers of 3 hours each. Any examination question can test material from more than one topic. Questions may be set on topics which are not explicitly mentioned in the syllabus but such questions will contain suitable guidance so that candidates will be able to tackle them with the mathematical knowledge they would have acquired during their studies of the material in the syllabus. Knowledge of topics in Paper 1 is assumed and may be tested in Paper 2. Graphical calculators will not be allowed however scientific calculators could be used but all necessary working must be shown. A booklet with mathematical formulae will be provided.

Paper 1 will contain 10 questions, possibly of varying difficulty. Marks allotted to each question will be shown. The total number of marks available in the paper is 100 and candidates will have to answer all the questions.

Paper 2 will contain 10 questions and candidates will be asked to choose 7 questions. Each question will carry 15 marks.

4. GRADE DESCRIPTION

Grade A:

- Candidates who are able to recall and select almost all concepts, techniques and theories required in different contexts.
- Candidates who use diagrams and sketches with a high level of accuracy and who are able to proceed logically in their proofs.
- Candidates who derive results to a high degree of accuracy.

Grade C:

- Candidates who are able to recall and select most concepts, techniques and theories required in different contexts.
- Candidates who use diagrams and sketches with a reasonable level of accuracy and who are able to proceed logically in their proofs.
- Candidates who derive results to an appropriate degree of accuracy.

Grade E:

- Candidates who are able to recall and select some concepts, techniques and theories required in different contexts.
- Candidates who use diagrams and sketches with some accuracy and who are able to proceed logically in their proofs.
- Candidates who derive results to a fair degree of accuracy.

5. SUBJECT CONTENT

The topics are not arranged in teaching order. The syllabus is not meant as a teaching scheme and teachers are free to adopt any teaching sequence that they deem to be suitable for their students.

Pure Mathematics Paper 1

	Topics	Notes
1.	<p>Surds, Indices, Logarithms, Partial Fractions and Quadratics</p> <p>Use and manipulation of surds.</p> <p>Positive and negative rational indices</p>	<p>Classification of numbers: \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{Z}.</p> <p>To include simplification and rationalisation of the denominator of a fraction e.g. $\sqrt{15} - 4\sqrt{27}$; $\frac{3\sqrt{2}-2\sqrt{3}}{4\sqrt{2}+3\sqrt{3}}$</p> <p>Properties of Indices i.e. Zero, negative and fractional. Applying the laws of indices Powers of products and quotients</p>

	<p>Logarithms</p> <p>Partial Fractions</p> <p>Remainder and factor theorem</p> <p>Pascal's triangle</p> <p>Quadratic equations</p> <p>Simple inequalities in one variable</p>	<p>Simplifying expressions e.g. $\frac{3(1+x)^2+4(1+x)^{-1}}{2(1+x)}$.</p> <p>Definition of logarithms, the laws of logarithms. Common and natural logarithms. Change of base formula. Solution of equations involving indices and logarithms</p> <p>Include cases where the denominator is of the form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - $(ax + b)(cx + d)(ex + f)$ - $(ax + b)(cx + d)^2$ - $(ax + b)(cx^2 + dx + e)$ <p>Include improper fractions. In these cases the degree of the denominator must not be greater than <i>three</i>.</p> <p>Finding the remainder and also factorizing cubic or quartic expressions. Sum and difference of two cubes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solution of quadratic equations by factorizing or by completing the square. Locating the maximum or minimum value of a quadratic function. Sketching quadratic functions. • Nature of roots of a quadratic equation. • Knowledge of the relation between the roots α and β and the coefficients of a quadratic equation. Forming new equations with roots related to the original. Calculations of expressions up to the third degree e.g. $\alpha^3 + \beta^3$. <p>Graphical or algebraic solution of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linear inequalities • Quadratic inequalities • Cubic inequalities, which can be factorized in at least one linear factor • Inequalities involving modulus of functions of the above type • Rational inequalities reducible to the third degree
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2.	<p>Sequences and Series</p> <p>Arithmetic and Geometric series</p> <p>The binomial expansion for rational indices</p>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of a sequence and a series • The general term of an A.P. and a G.P. • The sum of an A.P. and a G.P. • Arithmetic and Geometric mean • Use of Σ notation • Condition for convergence of an infinite geometric series and its sum to infinity <p>Expansion of $(a + bx)^n$ for any rational n in either ascending or descending powers of x and condition for convergence of a binomial series</p>
3.	<p>Enumeration and probability</p> <p>Addition and multiplication principles for counting</p> <p>Simple counting problems involving permutations and combinations.</p> <p>Applications to simple problems in probability</p>	<p>Problems about selections, e.g. finding the number of ways in which a committee of 2 men and 3 women can be selected from a group of 10 men and 7 women.</p> <p>Problems about arrangements of objects in a line including those in which some objects are repeated and those in which arrangement is restricted, e.g. by requiring that two or more objects must, or must not, stand next to each other.</p> <p>The knowledge of probability expected will be limited to the calculation of probabilities arising from simple problems of enumeration of equally likely possibilities, including simple problems involving the probability of complement of an event and of the union and intersection of two events.</p>
4.	<p>Graphic techniques and Coordinate Geometry</p> <p>Simple curve sketching</p>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curve sketching will be limited to polynomials up to three stationary points • Effect of the simple transformations on the graph of $y = f(x)$ as represented by $y = f(x + a)$, $y = f(x) + a$, $y = f(ax)$ and $y = af(x)$, and combination of these transformations up to a maximum of three transformations

	<p>Straight line</p> <p>Loci</p> <p>Circle</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relation of the equation of a graph to its symmetries <p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distance between two points Mid-point of the line joining two points Various forms of equation of a line Condition for parallel and perpendicular lines Intersection and angle between two lines Perpendicular distance from a point to a line <p>Finding the equation of the locus of a point from a given description of the locus</p> <p>Parametric coordinates of a point on a curve</p> <p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two forms of the general equation of a circle Parametric coordinates of any point on a circle Equations of tangents to a circle External and internal contact of two circles Orthogonal circles
5.	<p>Functions</p> <p>Functions, inverse functions and composite functions</p> <p>Modulus of a function</p>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concepts of function, domain and range One – one and onto functions Use of notations e.g. $f(x) \equiv x^2 + 3$, $f: x \rightarrow x^2 + 3, f^{-1}(x), fg(x)$ or $f \circ g$ Domain restricted to obtain an inverse function Finding inverse functions for one – one functions Composition of two functions Condition for the existence of an inverse function and composite function The relationship between a function and its inverse as the reflection in the line $y = x$ <p>Exclude finding the domain and range of the inverse of composite functions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of the definition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> $x = x, \quad \text{if } x \geq 0$ and $x = -x, \quad \text{if } x < 0$ Sketching a modulus graph

	<p>Rational functions</p> <p>Types of functions</p> <p>The exponential and logarithmic functions</p>	<p>Exclude the modulus of a function involving a modulus function e.g. $x - 3$</p> <p>The definition of a rational function and how to perform long division on rational functions</p> <p>Definition of odd, even and periodic functions</p> <p>An exponential function of the form $f(x) = a^x$, where $a > 0$ and x is real. The graphs of $f(x) = e^x$ and $g(x) = \ln x$ The idea that f and g are the inverse of each other.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Trigonometry</p> <p>The six trigonometric functions</p> <p>Arc length, area of sector and area of a segment</p> <p>Trigonometric Identities</p> <p>Solutions of simple trigonometric equations</p> <p>Transformation of the expression $a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta$ into the forms such as $R \cos(\theta \pm \alpha)$</p>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angles can be expressed in either degree or radian measure • The inverse of these functions and identify the domain for their existence. Their graphs • The CAST Rule <p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundamental identities • Pythagorean identities • Compound angle Identities • Double and half angle identities • Factor formulae <p>Exclude on how to prove the compound angle identities. Also manipulative skills are expected but questions requiring lengthy manipulations will not be set.</p> <p>The general solution Knowledge of the values of cosine, sine and tangent of $\frac{\pi}{k}$, where $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6$ in surd or rational form</p> <p>Solution of equations of the form $a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta = c$</p>

	Small Angles	The use of the approximations $\sin x \approx x \approx \tan x$, and $\cos x \approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$
7.	<p>Complex Numbers</p> <p>Definition and basic properties of Complex numbers</p> <p>The Argand diagram</p>	<p>Add, subtract, multiply, divide and find the square root of complex numbers</p> <p>Conjugate complex numbers and solving quadratic equations</p> <p>Simple examples of conjugate roots of polynomials, up to order 3, with real coefficients</p> <p>Equating real and imaginary parts</p> <p>Complex number is in the form of either $a + ib$ or $r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$, where the argument θ satisfies $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$ and the modulus $r > 0$</p> <p>Properties of products and quotients of moduli and arguments</p>
8.	<p>Differentiation</p> <p>Definition of the derivative as a limit</p> <p>Differentiation of simple functions defined implicitly or parametrically</p> <p>Differentiation Rules</p> <p>Applications of Differentiation</p>	<p>A rigorous treatment is not expected</p> <p>Differentiation of algebraic, trigonometric, exponential and logarithmic functions</p> <p>Implicit and parametric differentiation</p> <p>Logarithmic differentiation</p> <p>Exclude differentiation of inverse trigonometric functions</p> <p>Differentiation of sums, products, quotients and composition of functions</p> <p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding the equations of tangents and normal • Finding stationary points and curve sketching • Application of maximum or minimum to simple practical problems • Rates of change
9.	<p>Integration</p> <p>Integration as the limit of a sum and as the inverse of differentiation</p>	<p>A rigorous treatment is not expected</p>

	<p>Integration of simple functions</p> <p>Integration Rules</p> <p>Applications of Integration</p>	<p>Integration of algebraic, trigonometric, exponential and logarithmic functions</p> <p>The evaluation of integrals by means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard forms • Substitution or by sight • Parts (<i>A single integral cannot contain more than 2 integration by parts</i>) • Partial Fractions • Using trigonometric Identities <p>Definite integrals Calculating the area and the mean values of functions</p>
10.	Differential Equations	First order differential equations of the separable type
11.	<p>Vectors</p> <p>Vectors in two and three dimensions</p> <p>Three-dimensional geometry</p> <p>Scalar product</p>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and subtraction of vectors, multiplication of a vector by a scalar and their geometric interpretation • Use of the unit vectors i, j and k • Use of notations such as $a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$, $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$, a, \overrightarrow{AB} • Position vectors • Unit vector and magnitude of a vector • Distance between two points <p>Vector, Cartesian and parametric equations of lines Intersection of two lines Intuitive understanding of skew lines in three dimensions</p> <p>Angle between two vectors Angle between two lines Condition for perpendicular lines</p>
12.	<p>Matrices</p> <p>The algebra of matrices</p>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of a matrix • Special types of matrices i.e. zero, identity, square and diagonal matrices • Addition, subtraction and multiplication • Condition for equal matrices • Inverse of 2×2 matrices

	<p>Matrix Properties</p> <p>Linear transformations in the plane</p>	<p>Exclude finding the inverse of 3×3 matrices, but students should be able to verify that two given 3×3 matrices are inverses of each other.</p> <p>Non commutativity of multiplication Distributivity of multiplication over addition Associativity</p> <p>Finding the matrix associated with a linear transformation and vice-versa. Rotation through an angle θ about the origin, reflection in the line $y = x \tan \theta$, magnification or stretching. Derivations are expected. Compound transformations in two dimensions.</p> <p>Exclude shear transformation</p>
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Pure Mathematics Paper 2

	Topics	Notes
1.	<p>Summation of Series</p> <p>Maclaurin's Series</p> <p>Summation of simple finite series</p> <p>Summation of simple infinite series</p>	<p>Finding Maclaurin's series of simple functions. Also include the general term in simple cases.</p> <p>Include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using method of differences • Using partial fractions • Using standard results i.e. $\sum_{r=1}^n r, \sum_{r=1}^n r^2 \text{ and } \sum_{r=1}^n r^3$ <p>If $S_n =$ sum up to n terms, find</p> $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n$ <p>Methods one can use are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Method of differences • Partial fractions

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison with standard power series i.e. binomial, logarithmic, exponential and trigonometric series. One is expected to know their region of convergence.
2.	Method of Mathematical Induction	<p>Mathematical induction is a method of mathematical proof typically used to establish a given statement for all natural numbers. It is expected that the knowledge of mathematical induction can be applied to <i>simple</i> problems using tools within the syllabus such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De Moivre's theorem (for positive integer only) • Summation of series • Inequalities • Equations involving matrices • Expressions involving a multiplicity or divisibility property • Differentiation
3.	<p>Complex Numbers</p> <p>De Moivre's Theorem for any rational index</p> <p>Exponential form of a complex number</p> <p>Loci of complex numbers</p> <p>Inequalities involving the modulus sign</p>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deriving trigonometric identities • Finding the n^{th} roots of a complex number - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The sum of these roots = 0 ○ All the n n^{th} roots of any complex number z lie on a circle of radius $z ^{\frac{1}{n}}$ ○ Successive arguments differ by $\frac{2\pi}{n}$ from each other <p>Euler's formula i.e. $e^{i\theta} \equiv \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ The exponential form for $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$</p> <p>Limited to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loci of the form $z - a = c$; $z - a = k z - b$, where a and b are complex numbers, c and k are positive real numbers • Loci involving the Real or Imaginary part of an expression <p>Sketching on the Argand diagram the regions defined by $z - a \leq c$, $z - a \leq k z - b$</p>
4.	<p>Vectors</p> <p>Vector product</p>	

	<p>Applications of vectors</p> <p>Geometry of lines and planes</p>	<p>Definition of a vector product and how it is expressed in determinant form</p> <p>Its properties i.e. Non-commutativity, its Distributivity over addition and non-associativity</p> <p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equation of a plane in vector and Cartesian form • Area of a triangle and a parallelogram • Use of triple scalar product to find the volume of a parallelepiped and volume of a tetrahedron <p>Exclude the knowledge of the triple vector product</p> <p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direction ratios and Direction vectors • Angle between two planes, a line and a plane • Intersection of two planes, a line and a plane • Perpendicular distance from a point to a plane
5.	<p>Further curve sketching</p> <p>Curve Sketching</p> <p>Linear asymptotes</p>	<p>Sketching rational functions of the form $\frac{ax^2+bx+c}{px^2+qx+r}$</p> <p>Finding the range of values of $y = f(x)$ so as to deduce the coordinates of the turning point(s)</p> <p>Relating the graphs of $y = f(x)$, $y = \frac{1}{f(x)}$ and $y^2 = f(x)$ to the graph of $y = f(x)$</p> <p>Include horizontal, vertical and oblique asymptotes</p>
6.	<p>Further integration</p> <p>Applications of integration</p> <p>Inverse trigonometric functions</p> <p>Reduction formulae</p>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume of revolution for Cartesian or parametric coordinates • Arc length and area of surface of revolution for Cartesian or parametric coordinates <p>Exclude derivation of any formulae</p> <p>Differentiation and integration of inverse trigonometric functions</p> <p>Use of trigonometric substitutions in integration</p>

		<p>Finding the reduction formulae for definite and indefinite integral. Exclude finding reduction formulae that involves more than one variable</p>
7.	Polar Coordinates	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plotting of points in polar coordinates • Converting between polar and rectangular coordinates • Polar curve sketching, including the symmetry for r being a function of $\cos \theta$ only or of $\sin \theta$ only. Curve sketching is limited to the form $r = f(\theta)$ • Intersection of polar curves • Area enclosed by a polar curve • Location of points at which tangents are either parallel to, or perpendicular to, the initial line.
8.	<p>Further Matrices</p> <p>Inverse of 3×3 matrices</p> <p>System of three linear equations</p> <p>Linear transformations in three dimensions</p>	<p>Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of singular and non-singular matrices • Definition of the determinant of a matrix • Inverse of a 3×3 matrix using the adjoint method and ERO method <p>Solving a system of linear equations using the inverse or the ERO method</p> <p>Condition for a system of equations to be consistent i.e. have a unique solution or infinite solution or inconsistent i.e. no solution at all. Also the geometric interpretation of each case</p> <p>Finding the matrix associated with a linear transformation for a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotation through an angle θ about a coordinate axis, • Reflection in the planes $x = 0$, $y = 0$ or $z = 0$, • Enlargement (or reduction) in which the origin is the centre of the enlargement (or reduction) <p>Finding the image of a point, line or plane under any of the above linear transformations</p> <p>Compound transformations in three dimensions</p> <p>Definition of an invariant point, line or plane</p>

<p>9.</p>	<p>Further Differential Equations</p> <p>First order</p> <p>Second order</p>	<p>Solving differential equations of the form $\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q$, where P and Q are functions of x.</p> <p>Solving differential equations of the form</p> $a \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + b \frac{dy}{dx} + cy = f(x),$ <p>where a, b and c are constants and $f(x)$ is $p + qx + rx^2$, λe^{kx} or $p \cos nx + q \sin nx$.</p> <p>The particular integral can be found by trial.</p> <p>Note that the trial solution will be given in problems involving the failure case.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Numerical Methods</p> <p>Location of roots</p> <p>Approximate Integration</p> <p>Other series expansions</p>	<p>Location of roots by considering changes in sign The Newton-Raphson method. This is limited to <i>two</i> iterations</p> <p>The trapezium and Simpson's Rule Integrating functions by using the first few terms of the corresponding Maclaurin's series</p> <p>The use of the logarithmic, exponential, binomial or trigonometric series in finding an approximate value e.g. $e^{0.3}$, $\ln 1.2$ etc.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Further Probability</p> <p>Elementary probability. Calculation of probabilities of equally likely events</p> <p>Addition and multiplication of probabilities. Mutually exclusive events. Independent events. Conditional probability. Sum and product laws. Addition Rule</p>	<p>Permutations and combinations</p> <p>Use of Venn diagrams and tree diagrams to calculate probabilities. Sampling with and without replacement.</p> <p>Understanding and use of $P(A') = 1 - P(A)$; $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$ and conditional probability defined as $P(A B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$.</p> <p>Two events A, B are independent if $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$</p>

		Independence of a maximum of three events defined as follows: $P(A \cup B \cup C) = P(A)P(B)P(C)$ and any two events of A, B, C are independent.
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