



2006 VCAA Mathematical Methods (CAS)

Sample exam 2 solutions

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SECTION 1: Multiple-choice questions

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A	C	A	A	D	A	B	A	D	A	A

12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
D	E	A	C	C	A	B	B	A	C	E

Q1  $\int_0^\pi \sin x dx = \frac{[-\cos x]_0^\pi}{\pi} = \frac{2}{\pi}$

A

Q2 Determinant  $\neq 0$ ,  $(m-2)(m+2) - 3 \times 2 \neq 0$ ,  $m \neq \sqrt{10}$

C

Q3  $|p+3| > 3$ , either  $p+3 > 3$  or  $-(p+3) > 3$ .  
 $\therefore p > 0$  or  $p+3 < -3$ ,  $\therefore p > 0$  or  $p < -6$ .

A

Q4  $T \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

Vertical dilation by a factor of 2, right by 3 units, up by 2 units  
 $\therefore y = x^2 \rightarrow y = 2(x-3)^2 + 2$

A

Q5 Use graphics calculator/CAS,  $h = 0.5 \left( 1 - e^{-0.05t} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \right)$ ,

evaluate  $\frac{dh}{dt}$  at  $t = 2.5$ .  $\frac{dh}{dt} \approx -1.45$ .

By calculus,  $\frac{dh}{dt} = 0.5 \left( \frac{3\pi}{2} e^{-0.05t} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + 0.05 e^{-0.05t} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \right)$ .

At  $t = 2.5$ ,  $\frac{dh}{dt} \approx -1.45$ .

D

Q6  $N(t) = 1000e^{0.1t}$ ,  $N(0) = 1000$ ,  $N(10) = 1000e$ .

Average rate =  $\frac{1000e - 1000}{10} = 172$ .

A

Q7  $y = a(x+3)(x-1)(x-4)$ , when  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 24$ ,  
 $\therefore 24 = a(3)(-1)(-4)$ ,  $\therefore a = 2$ .

B

Q8  $[f(x)]^2 = f(y)$ ,  $[e^{2x}]^2 = e^{2y}$ ,  $4x = 2y$ ,  $y = 2x$

A

Q9 The graph is the inverse of  $y = x^3$ ,  $\therefore y = \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$  is the rule of the graph.

D

Q10  $f(x) = \log_e(|x|) + 1$  is defined for  $x \neq 0$ .  $D$  is  $R \setminus \{0\}$ . A

Q11  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 6$ , to find the stationary points let  $f'(x) = 6x^2 - 6x = 0$ ,  $\therefore 6x(x-1) = 0$ ,  $\therefore x = 0$  or  $x = 1$ .  
 For  $f$  to have an inverse function,  $f$  must be a one-to-one function,  $\therefore a \geq 1$ . A

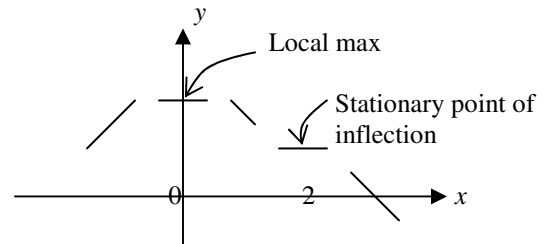
Q12 From graph,  $f(x) > 0$ . Also  $\int_0^0 f(x) dx = 0$ .  
 $\therefore F(t) > 0$  for  $t \in (0, b]$  D

Q13  $\lim_{\delta x \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \delta x = \int_0^4 x dx = \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^4 = 8$  E

Q14 For  $\pi < x < 2\pi$ ,  $\sin(x)$  has a negative value,  
 $\therefore y = |\sin(x)| = -\sin(x)$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\cos(x)$ .

Hence at  $x = k$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\cos(k)$ . A

Q15



C

Q16

C

Q17 At  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 2x^{\frac{3}{2}} = 2 \left( 4^{\frac{3}{2}} \right) = 16$ ,

gradient of tangent =  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} = 6$ , gradient of normal =  $-\frac{1}{6}$ .

Equation of normal:  $y - 16 = -\frac{1}{6}(x - 4)$ ,

$\therefore y = -\frac{1}{6}x + \frac{50}{3}$ . A

Q18  $f(x)$  is an increasing function,  $\therefore f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x$ . Also as  $x$  increases,  $f'(x)$  increases. B

Q19  $\Pr(X > 15) = \Pr\left(Z > \frac{15 - 12.2}{1.4}\right) = \Pr(Z > 2)$ . B

Q20 Given  $p = 0.15$ , and  $\Pr(X \geq 1) > 0.95$ .  
 $\therefore 1 - \Pr(X = 0) > 0.95$ ,  $\therefore \Pr(X = 0) < 0.05$ ,  
 $\therefore (1 - 0.15)^n < 0.05$ ,  $0.85^n < 0.05$ ,  
 $n \log_{10} 0.85 < \log_{10} 0.05$ ,  $-0.0706n < -1.3010$ ,  
 $\therefore n > 18.4$ .

A

Q21  $\Pr(00 \cup 11 \cup 22 \cup 33) = \Pr(00) + \Pr(11) + \Pr(22) + \Pr(33)$   
 $= 0.4^2 + 0.3^2 + 0.2^2 + 0.1^2 = 0.30$

C

Q22

$\Pr(X > a) = 0.25$ ,  $\int_a^\pi \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin(x)\right) dx = 0.25$ ,  $\left[-\frac{1}{2} \cos(x)\right]_a^\pi = 0.25$ ,  
 $-\frac{1}{2} \cos(\pi) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(a) = 0.25$ ,  $1 + \cos(a) = 0.5$ ,  $\cos(a) = -0.5$ ,  
 $\therefore a \approx 2.09$

E

## SECTION 2

Q1ai  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + 2$ ,  $x \in [0, 2]$

$$f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$$

Turning point (1,1),  $f'(1) = 3a + 2b + c = 0$  .....(1)

and  $f(1) = a + b + c + 2 = 1$  .....(2)

Solve (1) and (2) simultaneously for  $a$  and  $b$  in terms of  $c$ ,  
 $a = c + 2$  and  $b = -2c - 3$ .

Q1aii  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + 2$ ,  $f(2) = 0$ ,  
 $\therefore 8(c + 2) + 4(-2c - 3) + 2c + 2 = 0$ ,  $\therefore c = -3$ .

Q1bi  $f(x) = (x-1)^2(x-2) + 1$ ,  
 $f'(x) = (x-1)^2(1) + 2(x-1)(x-2) = (x-1)((x-1) + 2(x-2))$   
 $= (x-1)(3x-5)$ .

Q1bii At the turning points,  $f'(x) = 0$ ,  $(x-1)(3x-5) = 0$ ,  
 $x = 1$  and  $y = 1$  or  $x = \frac{5}{3}$  and  $y = \frac{23}{27}$ .

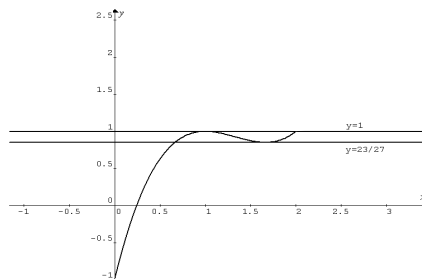
$\therefore m = 1$  and  $n = \frac{5}{3}$ .

Q1biii At end points:  $f(0) = -1$ ,  $f(2) = 1$

Local maximum:  $f(1) = 1$ ; local minimum:  $\left(\frac{5}{3}, \frac{23}{27}\right)$

$\therefore$  absolute maximum value of  $f(x)$  is 1, and the absolute minimum value of  $f(x)$  is  $-1$ .

Q1biv



For  $(x-1)^2(x-2) + 1 = p$  to have exactly one solution,  
 $-1 \leq p < \frac{23}{27}$ .

Q1ci Dilation from the  $y$ -axis by a scale factor of  $k$ , then downward translation by 1 unit.

$$Q1cii \ y = f\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) - 1 = \left(\frac{x}{k} - 1\right)^2 \left(\frac{x}{k} - 2\right) + 1 - 1 = \left(\frac{x}{k} - 1\right)^2 \left(\frac{x}{k} - 2\right),$$

$x$ -intercepts:  $\left(\frac{x}{k} - 1\right)^2 \left(\frac{x}{k} - 2\right) = 0$ ,  $\therefore \frac{x}{k} - 1 = 0$  or  $\frac{x}{k} - 2 = 0$ .

Hence  $x = k$  or  $x = 2k$ .

The  $x$ -intercepts are  $(k, 0)$  and  $(2k, 0)$ .

Q1ciii  $f(x+h) = 1$ ,  $(x+h-1)^2(x+h-2) + 1 = 1$ ,

$$\therefore (x+h-1)^2(x+h-2) = 0.$$

To have exactly one positive value solution,  $h-1 \geq 0$  and  $h-2 < 0$ .  $\therefore h \geq 1$  and  $h < 2$ , i.e.  $1 \leq h < 2$ .

Note: zero is neither positive nor negative.

Q2a  $y = (2x^2 - 3x)e^{ax}$  passes through  $(2, 3)$ .  
 $3 = (2(2^2) - 3(2))e^{2a}$ ,  $3 = 2e^{2a}$ ,  $\therefore 2a = \log_e 1.5$ ,  $a = 0.5 \log_e 1.5$ .

Q2bi  $a = 1$ ,  $\therefore y = (2x^2 - 3x)e^x = x(2x-3)e^x$ .

$x$ -intercepts:  $x = 0$  or  $\frac{3}{2}$ . The  $x$ -coordinate of A is  $\frac{3}{2}$ .

Q2bii Area  $= -\int_0^{\frac{3}{2}} (2x^2 - 3x)e^{ax} dx = 10$

$a = 2.474$  by CAS.

Q2c At turning points,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ ,

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = e^x(2x^2 + x - 3) = e^x(2x+3)(x-1) = 0.$$

Since  $e^x \neq 0$ ,  $\therefore x = -\frac{3}{2}$  or 1. Hence  $x$ -coordinate of B is 1 and  $y$ -coordinate is  $-e$ .  $\therefore B$  is  $(1, -e)$ .

Q2di  $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x(2x^2 + x - 3)$

At the origin,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -3$ .

Equation of the tangent at the origin is  $y = -3x$ .

Q2dii  $y = (2x^2 - 3x)e^x$  and  $y = -3x$  intersects at  $D$ .

By graphics calculator/CAS,  $D$  is  $(0.87, -2.62)$ .

Q3a From the given transition matrix,  $\Pr(N|S) = \frac{4}{5}$ .

Q3b Let the state matrix be  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$  on Monday night.

On Thursday night the state matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}^3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{68}{125} \\ \frac{57}{125} \end{bmatrix}$ .

$\therefore \Pr(N \text{ on Thursday night}) = \frac{68}{125}$ .

Q3c  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{5} & \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}^n \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0.571428\dots & 0.571428\dots \\ 0.428571\dots & 0.428571\dots \end{bmatrix}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , by

CAS/graphics calculator.

$\therefore$  in the long term 57% approx. of nights the fox will hunt on the north side of the creek.

Q3d  $\Pr(t > 3) = \int_3^4 \left( \frac{3}{32} t(4-t) \right) dt = \left[ \frac{3}{32} \left( 2t^2 - \frac{t^3}{3} \right) \right]_3^4$   
 $= \frac{3}{32} \left( 2(4^2) - \frac{4^3}{3} \right) - \frac{3}{32} \left( 2(3^2) - \frac{3^3}{3} \right) = \frac{5}{32}$ .

Q3e Binomial,  $p = \frac{5}{32}$ ,  $n = 3$ .

$\Pr(X \geq 2) = 1 - \Pr(X \leq 1) = 1 - 0.934 = 0.066$ .

Q3f  $\Pr\left(t < \frac{n}{60}\right) = \int_0^{\frac{n}{60}} \left( \frac{3}{32} t(4-t) \right) dt = \left[ \frac{3}{32} \left( 2t^2 - \frac{t^3}{3} \right) \right]_0^{\frac{n}{60}}$   
 $= \frac{3}{32} \left( 2\left(\frac{n}{60}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{3}\left(\frac{n}{60}\right)^3 \right) = \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{n^2}{600} - \frac{n^3}{216000} \right)$ .

$\therefore \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{n^2}{600} - \frac{n^3}{216000} \right) = 0.104$ . Use CAS/graphics calculator to solve this equation.  $n = 48$ .

Q4a Since  $-1 \leq \sin\left(\frac{(5t-1)\pi}{2}\right) \leq 1$

$\therefore$  max height =  $62 + 60 = 122$  m

Q4b min height =  $62 - 60 = 2$  m

Q4c Period  $T = \frac{2\pi}{n} = \frac{2\pi}{\frac{5\pi}{2}} = 0.8$  hour, i.e. 48 minutes.

$\therefore$  At 1.48 pm.

Q4di  $92 = 62 + 60 \sin\left(\frac{(5t-1)\pi}{2}\right)$ ,  $\therefore \sin\left(\frac{(5t-1)\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  
 $\frac{(5t-1)\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$ .

Hence  $t = \frac{4}{15}$  (first time),  $\frac{8}{15}$  (second time).

$t = \frac{4}{15}$  hour = 16 minutes,  $\therefore$  at 1.16 pm.

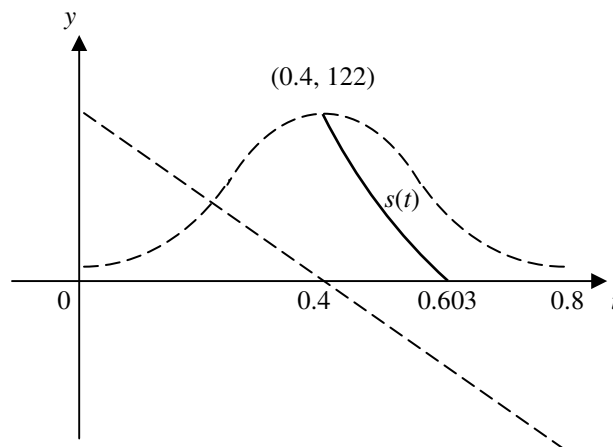
Q4dii At least 92 metres above ground level when  $\frac{4}{15} \leq t \leq \frac{8}{15}$ ,

$\therefore \Delta t = \frac{8}{15} - \frac{4}{15} = \frac{4}{15}$  hour, i.e. 16 minutes.

Q4ei  $\frac{dh}{dt} = 60 \times \frac{5\pi}{2} \cos\left(\frac{(5t-1)\pi}{2}\right) = 150\pi \cos\left(\frac{(5t-1)\pi}{2}\right)$   $\text{mh}^{-1}$ .

Q4eii When  $t = 1$ ,  $\frac{dh}{dt} = 150\pi \cos(2\pi) = 150\pi = 471.2$   $\text{mh}^{-1}$ .

Q4f i and ii



Domain for  $s(t)$  is  $[0.4, 0.603]$ .

↑  
CAS/graphics calculator

Q4fiii Spider reaches ground when  $s(t) = 0$ ,

i.e. at  $t = 0.603$  hour.

At the highest point,  $t = 0.4$  hour.

$\therefore \Delta t = 0.603 - 0.4 = 0.203$  hour, i.e. 12 minutes.

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