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MATHEMATICS

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Paper 3 Pure Mathematics 3

May/June 2021

1 hour 50 minutes

You must answer on the question paper.

You will need: List of formulae (MF19)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use a black or dark blue pen. You may use an HB pencil for any diagrams or graphs.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes at the top of the page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Do **not** write on any bar codes.
- If additional space is needed, you should use the lined page at the end of this booklet; the question number or numbers must be clearly shown.
- You should use a calculator where appropriate.
- You must show all necessary working clearly; no marks will be given for unsupported answers from a calculator.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, or 1 decimal place for angles in degrees, unless a different level of accuracy is specified in the question.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 75.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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1 Solve the inequality $2|3x - 1| < |x + 1|$.

[4]

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- 2 Find the real root of the equation $\frac{2e^x + e^{-x}}{2 + e^x} = 3$, giving your answer correct to 3 decimal places. Your working should show clearly that the equation has only one real root. [5]

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- 3 (a) Given that $\cos(x - 30^\circ) = 2 \sin(x + 30^\circ)$, show that $\tan x = \frac{2 - \sqrt{3}}{1 - 2\sqrt{3}}$. [4]

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- (b) Hence solve the equation

$$\cos(x - 30^\circ) = 2 \sin(x + 30^\circ),$$

for $0^\circ < x < 360^\circ$. [2]

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- 4 (a) Prove that $\frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{1 + \cos 2\theta} \equiv \tan^2 \theta$. [2]

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- (b) Hence find the exact value of $\int_{\frac{1}{6}\pi}^{\frac{1}{3}\pi} \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{1 + \cos 2\theta} d\theta$. [4]

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- 5 (a) Solve the equation $z^2 - 2piz - q = 0$, where p and q are real constants. [2]

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In an Argand diagram with origin O , the roots of this equation are represented by the distinct points A and B .

- (b) Given that A and B lie on the imaginary axis, find a relation between p and q . [2]

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- (c) Given instead that triangle OAB is equilateral, express q in terms of p . [3]

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6 The parametric equations of a curve are

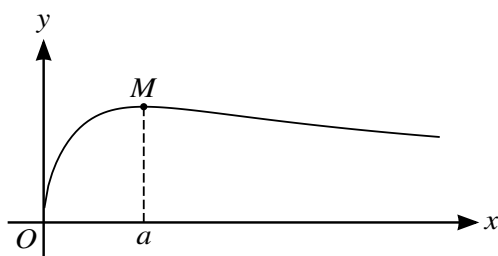
$$x = \ln(2 + 3t), \quad y = \frac{t}{2 + 3t}.$$

(a) Show that the gradient of the curve is always positive.

[5]

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(a) Show that a satisfies the equation

$$a = \tan\left(\frac{2a}{1+a^2}\right). \quad [4]$$

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- (b) Verify by calculation that a lies between 1.3 and 1.5.

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- (c) Use an iterative formula based on the equation in part (a) to determine a correct to 2 decimal places. Give the result of each iteration to 4 decimal places.

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- 8** With respect to the origin O , the points A and B have position vectors given by $\overrightarrow{OA} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\overrightarrow{OB} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$. The line l has equation $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

- (a) Find the acute angle between the directions of AB and l . [4]

[illegible]

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- 9** The equation of a curve is $y = x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \ln x$ for $x > 0$. The curve has one stationary point.

(a) Find the exact coordinates of the stationary point.

[5]

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(b) Show that $\int_1^8 y \, dx = 18 \ln 2 - 9$.

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- 10** The variables x and t satisfy the differential equation $\frac{dx}{dt} = x^2(1 + 2x)$, and $x = 1$ when $t = 0$.

Using partial fractions, solve the differential equation, obtaining an expression for t in terms of x .

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