Edexcel Maths C4

Topic Questions from Papers

Binomial Expansion

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1. Use the binomial theorem to expand

$$\sqrt{(4-9x)}, \qquad |x| < \frac{4}{9},$$

in ascending powers of x, up to and including the term in x^3, simplifying each term.

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$$f(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 16}{(1-3x)(2+x)^2} = \frac{A}{(1-3x)} + \frac{B}{(2+x)} + \frac{C}{(2+x)^2}, \qquad |x| < \tfrac{1}{3}.$$

(a) Find the values of A and C and show that $B = 0$.

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(b) Hence, or otherwise, find the series expansion of f(x), in ascending powers of x, up to and including the term in x^3. Simplify each term.

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2.

$$f(x) = \frac{3x-1}{(1-2x)^2}, \qquad |x| < \tfrac{1}{2}.$$

Given that, for $x \neq \frac{1}{2}$, $\dfrac{3x-1}{(1-2x)^2} = \dfrac{A}{(1-2x)} + \dfrac{B}{(1-2x)^2}$, where A and B are constants,

(a) find the values of A and B.

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(b) Hence, or otherwise, find the series expansion of $f(x)$, in ascending powers of x, up to and including the term in x^3, simplifying each term.

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1. $$\mathrm{f}(x) = (2 - 5x)^{-2}, \qquad |x| < \tfrac{2}{5}.$$

Find the binomial expansion of $\mathrm{f}(x)$, in ascending powers of x, as far as the term in x^3, giving each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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1. $$f(x) = (3 + 2x)^{-3}, \qquad |x| < \tfrac{3}{2}.$$

Find the binomial expansion of f(x), in ascending powers of x, as far as the term in x^3.

Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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2. (a) Use the binomial theorem to expand

$$(8-3x)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \qquad |x| < \tfrac{8}{3},$$

in ascending powers of x, up to and including the term in x^3, giving each term as a simplified fraction.

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(b) Use your expansion, with a suitable value of x, to obtain an approximation to $\sqrt[3]{(7.7)}$. Give your answer to 7 decimal places.

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5. (a) Expand $\frac{1}{\sqrt{(4-3x)}}$, where $|x| < \frac{4}{3}$, in ascending powers of x up to and including the term in x^2. Simplify each term.

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(b) Hence, or otherwise, find the first 3 terms in the expansion of $\frac{x+8}{\sqrt{(4-3x)}}$ as a series in ascending powers of x.

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3.

$$f(x) = \frac{27x^2 + 32x + 16}{(3x+2)^2(1-x)}, \quad |x| < \frac{2}{3}$$

Given that f(x) can be expressed in the form

$$f(x) = \frac{A}{(3x+2)} + \frac{B}{(3x+2)^2} + \frac{C}{(1-x)},$$

(a) find the values of B and C and show that $A = 0$.

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(b) Hence, or otherwise, find the series expansion of f(x), in ascending powers of x, up to and including the term in x^2. Simplify each term.

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(c) Find the percentage error made in using the series expansion in part (b) to estimate the value of f(0.2). Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

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Question 3 continued

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1. $$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(4+x)}}, \qquad |x| < 4$$

Find the binomial expansion of f(x) in ascending powers of x, up to and including the term in x^3. Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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1. (a) Find the binomial expansion of

$$\sqrt{(1-8x)}, \qquad |x| < \frac{1}{8},$$

in ascending powers of x up to and including the term in x^3, simplifying each term.

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(b) Show that, when $x = \frac{1}{100}$, the exact value of $\sqrt{(1-8x)}$ is $\frac{\sqrt{23}}{5}$.

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(c) Substitute $x = \frac{1}{100}$ into the binomial expansion in part (a) and hence obtain an approximation to $\sqrt{23}$. Give your answer to 5 decimal places.

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5.

$$\frac{2x^2 + 5x - 10}{(x-1)(x+2)} \equiv A + \frac{B}{x-1} + \frac{C}{x+2}$$

(a) Find the values of the constants A, B and C.

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(b) Hence, or otherwise, expand $\dfrac{2x^2 + 5x - 10}{(x-1)(x+2)}$ in ascending powers of x, as far as the term in x^2. Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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5. (a) Use the binomial theorem to expand

$$(2-3x)^{-2}, \quad |x|<\frac{2}{3},$$

in ascending powers of x, up to and including the term in x^3. Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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$$f(x)=\frac{a+bx}{(2-3x)^2}, \quad |x|<\frac{2}{3}, \quad \text{where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are constants.}$$

In the binomial expansion of $f(x)$, in ascending powers of x, the coefficient of x is 0 and the coefficient of x^2 is $\frac{9}{16}$. Find

(b) the value of a and the value of b,

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(c) the coefficient of x^3, giving your answer as a simplified fraction.

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Question 5 continued

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2. $$\mathrm{f}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(9+4x^2)}}, \qquad |x| < \frac{3}{2}$$

Find the first three non-zero terms of the binomial expansion of $\mathrm{f}(x)$ in ascending powers of x. Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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3. (a) Expand

$$\frac{1}{(2-5x)^2}, \quad |x| < \frac{2}{5}$$

in ascending powers of x, up to and including the term in x^2, giving each term as a simplified fraction.

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Given that the binomial expansion of $\frac{2+kx}{(2-5x)^2}$, $|x| < \frac{2}{5}$, is

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{7}{4}x + Ax^2 + \ldots$$

(b) find the value of the constant k,

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(c) find the value of the constant A.

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3. $$f(x) = \frac{6}{\sqrt{(9-4x)}}, \quad |x| < \frac{9}{4}$$

(a) Find the binomial expansion of $f(x)$ in ascending powers of x, up to and including the term in x^3. Give each coefficient in its simplest form.

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Use your answer to part (a) to find the binomial expansion in ascending powers of x, up to and including the term in x^3, of

(b) $g(x) = \dfrac{6}{\sqrt{(9+4x)}}, \quad |x| < \dfrac{9}{4}$

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(c) $h(x) = \dfrac{6}{\sqrt{(9-8x)}}, \quad |x| < \dfrac{9}{8}$

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Question 3 continued

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1. Given

$$f(x) = (2 + 3x)^{-3}, \qquad |x| < \frac{2}{3}$$

find the binomial expansion of f(x), in ascending powers of x, up to and including the term in x^3.

Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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4. (a) Find the binomial expansion of

$$\sqrt[3]{(8-9x)}, \qquad |x| < \frac{8}{9}$$

in ascending powers of x, up to and including the term in x^3. Give each coefficient as a simplified fraction.

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(b) Use your expansion to estimate an approximate value for $\sqrt[3]{7100}$, giving your answer to 4 decimal places. State the value of x, which you use in your expansion, and show all your working.

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2. (a) Use the binomial expansion to show that

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)} \approx 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2, \quad |x| < 1$$

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(b) Substitute $x = \frac{1}{26}$ into

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)} = 1 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

to obtain an approximation to $\sqrt{3}$

Give your answer in the form $\frac{a}{b}$ where a and b are integers.

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Core Mathematics C4

Candidates sitting C4 may also require those formulae listed under Core Mathematics C1, C2 and C3.

Integration **(+ *constant*)**

$\mathbf{f}(x)$	$\int \mathbf{f}(x)\ \mathrm{d}x$
$\sec^2 kx$	$\frac{1}{k}\tan kx$
$\tan x$	$\ln\lvert\sec x\rvert$
$\cot x$	$\ln\lvert\sin x\rvert$
$\operatorname{cosec} x$	$-\ln\lvert\operatorname{cosec} x + \cot x\rvert, \quad \ln\lvert\tan(\tfrac{1}{2}x)\rvert$
$\sec x$	$\ln\lvert\sec x + \tan x\rvert, \quad \ln\lvert\tan(\tfrac{1}{2}x + \tfrac{1}{4}\pi)\rvert$

$$\int u\frac{\mathrm{d}v}{\mathrm{d}x}\,\mathrm{d}x = uv - \int v\frac{\mathrm{d}u}{\mathrm{d}x}\,\mathrm{d}x$$

Core Mathematics C3

Candidates sitting C3 may also require those formulae listed under Core Mathematics C1 and C2.

Logarithms and exponentials

$$\mathrm{e}^{x \ln a} = a^x$$

Trigonometric identities

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B} \qquad (A \pm B \neq (k + \tfrac{1}{2})\pi)$$

$$\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos \frac{A+B}{2} \cos \frac{A-B}{2}$$

$$\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \frac{A+B}{2} \sin \frac{A-B}{2}$$

Differentiation

$\mathbf{f}(x)$	$\mathbf{f}'(x)$
$\tan kx$	$k \sec^2 kx$
$\sec x$	$\sec x \tan x$
$\cot x$	$-\mathrm{cosec}^2\, x$
$\mathrm{cosec}\, x$	$-\mathrm{cosec}\, x \cot x$
$\dfrac{\mathrm{f}(x)}{\mathrm{g}(x)}$	$\dfrac{\mathrm{f}'(x)\mathrm{g}(x) - \mathrm{f}(x)\mathrm{g}'(x)}{(\mathrm{g}(x))^2}$

Core Mathematics C2

Candidates sitting C2 may also require those formulae listed under Core Mathematics C1.

Cosine rule

$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$

Binomial series

$$(a+b)^n = a^n + \binom{n}{1} a^{n-1}b + \binom{n}{2} a^{n-2}b^2 + \ldots + \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r}b^r + \ldots + b^n \qquad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

$$\text{where } \binom{n}{r} = {}^n\mathrm{C}_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{1\times 2}x^2 + \ldots + \frac{n(n-1)\ldots(n-r+1)}{1\times 2\times \ldots \times r}x^r + \ldots \qquad (|x| < 1, n \in \mathbb{R})$$

Logarithms and exponentials

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$$

Geometric series

$u_n = ar^{n-1}$

$$S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} \text{ for } |r| < 1$$

Numerical integration

The trapezium rule: $\int_a^b y \, dx \approx \frac{1}{2}h\{(y_0 + y_n) + 2(y_1 + y_2 + \ldots + y_{n-1})\}$, where $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$

Core Mathematics C1

Mensuration

Surface area of sphere = $4\pi r^2$

Area of curved surface of cone = $\pi r \times$ slant height

Arithmetic series

$u_n = a + (n - 1)d$

$S_n = \frac{1}{2}n(a + l) = \frac{1}{2}n[2a + (n - 1)d]$