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Algebra and Functions (Test 2)

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- 2021 Additional Assessment Materials have been drawn from previous examination materials, namely past papers.
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Purpose

- The purpose of this resource to provide qualification-specific sets/groups of questions covering the knowledge, skills and understanding relevant to this Pearson qualification.
- This document should be used in conjunction with the mapping guidance which will map content and/or skills covered within each set of questions.
- These materials are only intended to support the summer 2021 series.

1.

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + ax + a.$$

Given that $(x + 2)$ is a factor of $f(x)$, find the value of the constant a .

(Total for Question 1 is 3 marks)

$$x + 2 = 0$$

$$x = -2$$

$$f(-2) = 2(-2)^3 - 5(-2)^2 + a(-2) + a$$

$$0 = -16 - 20 - 2a + a$$

$$0 = -36 - a.$$

$$a = -36$$

2.

$$g(x) = \frac{2x+5}{x-3}, \quad x \geq 5.$$

(a) Find $gg(5)$.

$$g(5) = \frac{15}{2}$$

(2)

$$gg(5) = \frac{2\left(\frac{15}{2}\right) + 5}{\frac{15}{2} - 3} = \frac{20}{\frac{9}{2}} = \frac{40}{9}$$

(b) State the range of g .

$$2 < g(x) \leq \frac{15}{2}$$

(1)

(c) Find $g^{-1}(x)$, stating its domain.

$$y = \frac{2x+5}{x-3}$$

(3)

SWAP

$$x = \frac{2y+5}{y-3}$$

$$x(y-3) = 2y+5$$

$$xy - 3x = 2y + 5$$

$$xy - 2y = 5 + 3x$$

$$y(x-2) = 5 + 3x$$

$$y = \frac{5+3x}{x-2}$$

$$\therefore g^{-1}(x) = \frac{5+3x}{x-2}$$

Domain:

$$2 < x \leq \frac{15}{2}$$

(Total for Question 2 is 6 marks)

3.

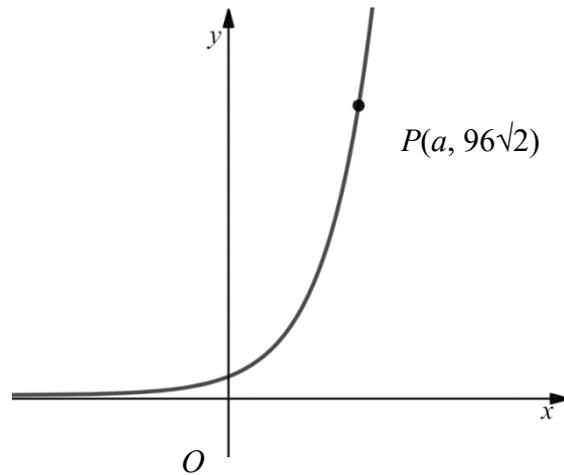


Figure 6

**In this question you must show all stages of your working.
Solutions relying on calculator technology are not acceptable.**

Figure 6 shows a sketch of part of the curve with equation

$$y = 3 \times 2^{2x}.$$

The point $P(a, 96\sqrt{2})$ lies on the curve.

Find the exact value of a .

$$\begin{aligned} 96\sqrt{2} &= 3 \times 2^{2x} \\ 32\sqrt{2} &= 2^{2x} \\ \ln 32\sqrt{2} &= 2x \ln 2. \\ \frac{11}{2} &= 2x \\ \frac{11}{4} &= 2.75 = x \\ x = a &\quad \therefore a = 2.75 \end{aligned}$$

(3)

(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)

4. The curve with equation $y = 3 \times 2^x$ meets the curve with equation $y = 15 - 2^{x+1}$ at the point P

Find, using algebra, the exact x coordinate of P .

$$\begin{aligned}3 \times 2^x &= 15 - 2^{x+1} \\2^x &= 5 - \frac{1}{3} 2^{x+1} \\2^x &= 5 - \frac{1}{3} 2^x 2^1 \\2^x + \frac{1}{3} 2^x 2^1 &= 5 \\2^x \left(1 + \frac{2}{3}\right) &= 5 \\2^x \left(\frac{5}{3}\right) &= 5 \\2^x &= 3 \\x \ln 2 &= \ln 3 \\x &= 1.584962501\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y &= 3 \times 2^{1.58\dots} \\y &= 3 \times 3 \\y &= 9\end{aligned}$$

$$P = (1.58, 9)$$

(4)

(Total for Question 4 is 4 marks)

5. A curve C has equation $y = f(x)$

Given that

- $f'(x) = 6x^2 + ax - 23$ where a is a constant
- the y intercept of C is -12
- $(x + 4)$ is a factor

of $f(x)$

(1) FIND $f(x)$

$$f(x) = \int 6x^2 + ax - 23$$

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + \frac{a}{2}x^2 - 23x + C$$

(2) FIND A :

$$f(x) = 2x^3 + \frac{a}{2}x^2 - 23x - 12 \quad f(-4) = 0 = -128 + \frac{a}{2}16 - 92 - 12$$

$$0 = -128 + 8a - 104$$

$$0 = -232 + 8a \rightarrow 232 = 8a$$

$$a = 29$$

(3)

find, in simplest form, $f(x)$

SIMPLIFY

	$2x^2 + 5x$	-3
x	$2x^3 - 5x^2$	$-3x$
-4	$+8x^2$	$-20x + 12$

$$\rightarrow f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 23x - 12 \quad a = 6 \quad (6)$$

$$f(x) = (x+4)(2x^2 - 5x - 3)$$

$$f(x) = (x+4)(x-3)(2x+1)$$

(Total for Question 5 is 6 marks)

6. $f(x) = -3x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x + 10, x \in \mathbb{R}.$

(a) (i) Calculate $f(2)$.

$$f(2) = -3(2^3) + 8(2^2) - 9(2) + 10 = -3(8) + 8(4) - 18 + 10 = -24 + 32 - 18 + 10 = 0$$

(ii) Write $f(x)$ as a product of two algebraic factors.

Using the answer to part (a) (ii),

	$-3x^2$	$2x$	-5	
x	$-3x^3$	$2x^2$	$-5x$	$\therefore f(x) = (x-2)(-3x^2+2x-5)$ (3)
-2	$+6x^2$	$-4x$	$+10$	

(b) prove that there are exactly two real solutions to the equation

Let $x = y^2$

$$\Rightarrow -3x^3 + 8x^2 - 9x + 10 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(-3x^2+2x-5) = 0 \Rightarrow -3y^6 + 8y^4 - 9y^2 + 10 = 0,$$

$$\begin{cases} x-2=0 \\ x=2 \end{cases} \rightarrow -3x^2+2x-5=0, \quad b^2-4ac = 4-60 = -56$$

$\sqrt{56}$ is not real

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = y^2 = 2 \\ y = \pm\sqrt{2} \end{array} \right\} \quad (2)$$

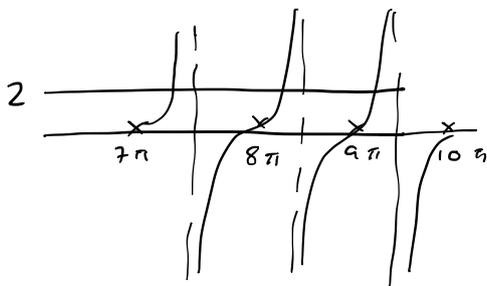
(c) deduce the number of real solutions, for $7\pi \leq \theta < 10\pi$, to the equation

$$3 \tan^3 \theta - 8 \tan^2 \theta + 9 \tan \theta - 10 = 0. \quad (1)$$

$$\tan \theta = 2$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} 2 = 1.1 \text{ radians}$$

\therefore there will be 3 roots



(Total for Question 6 is 6 marks)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2(x+1)(x+1) \\
 & = 2(x^2 + 2x + 1) \\
 & = 2x^2 + 4x - 2 + 9 \\
 & = 2x^2 + 4x + 7
 \end{aligned}$$

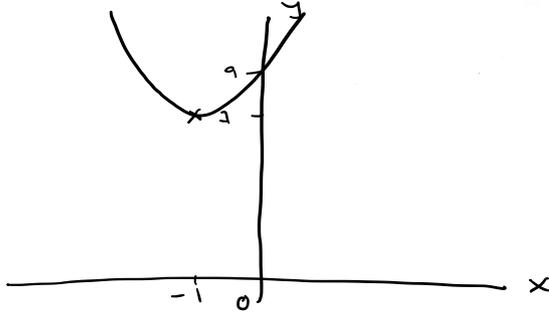
7.

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + 4x + 9 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

(a) Write $f(x)$ in the form $a(x+b)^2 + c$, where a , b and c are integers to be found.

$$2(x+1)^2 + 7 \quad \begin{matrix} a = 2 \\ b = 1 \\ c = 7 \end{matrix} \quad (3)$$

(b) Sketch the curve with equation $y = f(x)$ showing any points of intersection with the coordinate axes and the coordinates of any turning point.



Turning point $(-1, 7)$ (3)

$$\begin{aligned}
 2(x+1)^2 &= 0 \\
 \therefore x &= -1 \\
 \therefore y &= 7
 \end{aligned}$$

Points of intersection
 y -intercept = 9 $(0, 9)$
 x -intercept = none. (3)

(c) (i) Describe fully the transformation that maps the curve with equation $y = f(x)$ onto the curve with equation $y = g(x)$ where

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(x) &= 2(x-2)^2 + 4x - 3 \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \\
 g(x) &= f(x-2) + k \\
 &= 2(x-2)^2 + 4(x-2) + 9 + k \\
 &= 2(x-2)^2 + 4x - 8 + 9 + k
 \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -8 + 9 + k = -3 \\ 1 + k = -3 \\ k = -4 \end{array} \right.$$

$\therefore g(x) = f(x-2) - 4$, translation 2 to the right and 4 down

(ii) Find the range of the function \therefore translation $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$

$$h(x) = \frac{21}{2x^2 + 4x + 9} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

(4)

$$\frac{h(x)}{f(x)} = \frac{21}{2(x+1)^2 + 7}$$

using $f(x)$ turning point:

$$h(-1) = \frac{21}{7} = 3$$

HORIZONTAL ASYMPTOTE

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{21}{2x^2 + 4x + 9} \right) = 21 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2x^2 + 4x + 9} \right)$$

$= 21 \frac{1}{\infty} = 21(0) \therefore y = 0$ is the horizontal asymptote.

\therefore range is $0 < h \leq 3$

8.

$$\frac{1+11x-6x^2}{(x-3)(1-2x)} \equiv A + \frac{B}{(x-3)} + \frac{C}{(1-2x)}$$

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

$$1+11x-6x^2 = A(x-3)(1-2x) + B(1-2x) + C(x-3) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{FOR } x = \frac{1}{2}: 1 + \frac{11}{2} - \frac{3}{2} = C\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) \rightarrow 5 = -C \frac{5}{2}$$

$$-2 = C$$

$$\text{FOR } x = 3: 1 + 33 - 54 = -20 = B(1-6)$$

$$-20 = B(-5)$$

$$\frac{20}{5} = 4 = B$$

FOR A :

$$-6x^2 = A(x-2x^2-3+6x)$$

$$= A(-2x^2+7x-3)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1+11x-6x^2}{(x-3)(1-2x)}, x > 3.$$

$$\therefore -6x^2 = -A2x^2 \rightarrow 6 = 2A$$

$$A = 3$$

$$A = 3$$

$$B = 4$$

$$C = -2$$

(b) Prove that $f(x)$ is a decreasing function.

$$f(x) = 3 + \frac{4}{x-3} + \frac{-2}{1-2x}$$

$$= 3 + 4(x-3)^{-1} - 2(1-2x)^{-1}$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = -4(x-3)^{-2} - 4(1-2x)^{-2}$$

$$f'(3) = \frac{-4}{25} \rightarrow f'(3) < 0, \therefore \text{it is a decreasing function for } x > 3$$

(Total for Question 8 is 7 marks)

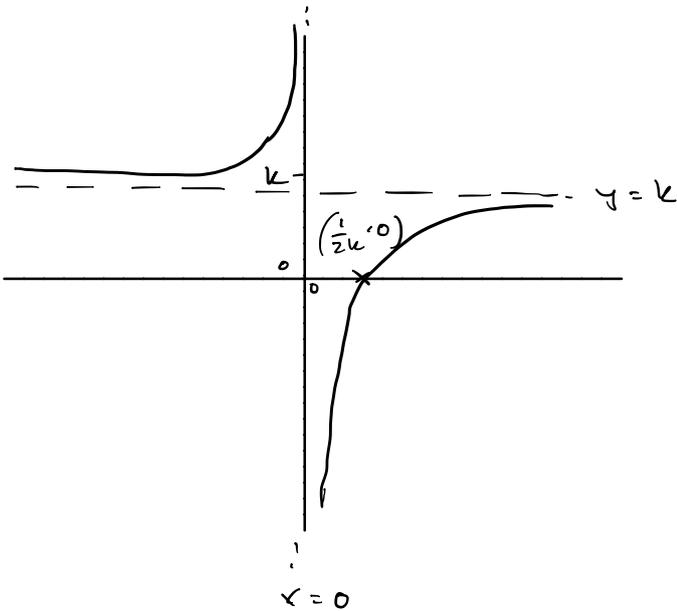
9. (a) Sketch the curve with equation

$$y = k - \frac{1}{2x},$$

where k is a positive constant.

State, in terms of k , the coordinates of any points of intersection with the coordinate axes and the equation of the horizontal asymptote.

(3)



POINTS OF INTERSECTION

x-intercept

$$0 = k - \frac{1}{2x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2x} = k \quad \left(\frac{1}{2k}, 0\right)$$

$$1 = 2kx$$

$$\frac{1}{2k} = x$$

y-intercept

$y = k - \frac{1}{0} \rightarrow$ no intercept
asymptote at $x = 0$

HORIZONTAL ASYMPTOTE

$$k - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2x} = k - \frac{1}{\infty} = k - 0 = k$$

$y = k$ is the horizontal asymptote

The straight line l has equation $y = 2x + 3$.

Given that l cuts the curve in two distinct places,

(b) find the range of values of k , writing your answer in set notation.

(6)

$$1: y = 2x + 3$$

$$2x + 3 = k - \frac{1}{2x}$$

$$2x(2x) + 3(2x) = k(2x) - 1$$

$$4x^2 + 6x = 2kx - 1$$

$$4x^2 + (6 - 2k)x + 1 = 0$$

$$a = 4$$

$$b = 6 - 2k$$

$$c = 1$$

(Total for Question 9 is 9 marks)

Two distinct solutions

$$b^2 - 4ac > 0$$

$$(6 - 2k)^2 - 4(4)(1) > 0$$

$$(6 - 2k)(6 - 2k) - 16 > 0$$

$$36 - 24k + 4k^2 - 16 > 0$$

$$4k^2 - 24k + 20 > 0$$

$$k^2 - 6k + 5 > 0$$

$$(k - 5)(k - 1) > 0$$

$$k - 5 > 0 \quad k - 1 > 0$$

$$k > 5 \quad k > 1$$

$$(k > 5) \cap (k > 1)$$

10.

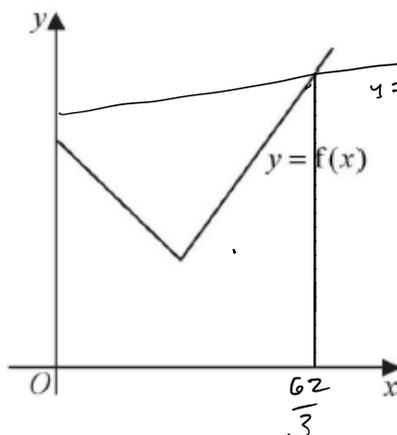


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of part of the graph $y = f(x)$ where

$$f(x) = 2|3 - x| + 5, \quad x \geq 0$$

(a) State the range of f .

$$y \geq 5$$

(b) Solve the equation

$$2|3 - x| + 5 = \frac{1}{2}x + 30$$

$$2|3 - x| = \frac{1}{2}x + 25$$

$$|3 - x| = \frac{1}{4}x + \frac{25}{2}$$

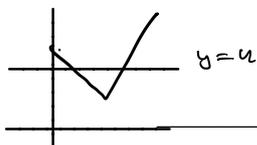
Given that the equation $f(x) = k$, where k is a constant, has two distinct roots,

(c) state the set of possible values for k .

$$5 < k \leq 11$$

as after $k = 11$ there will

only be one solution.



(Total for Question 10 is 6 marks)

(2)

11.

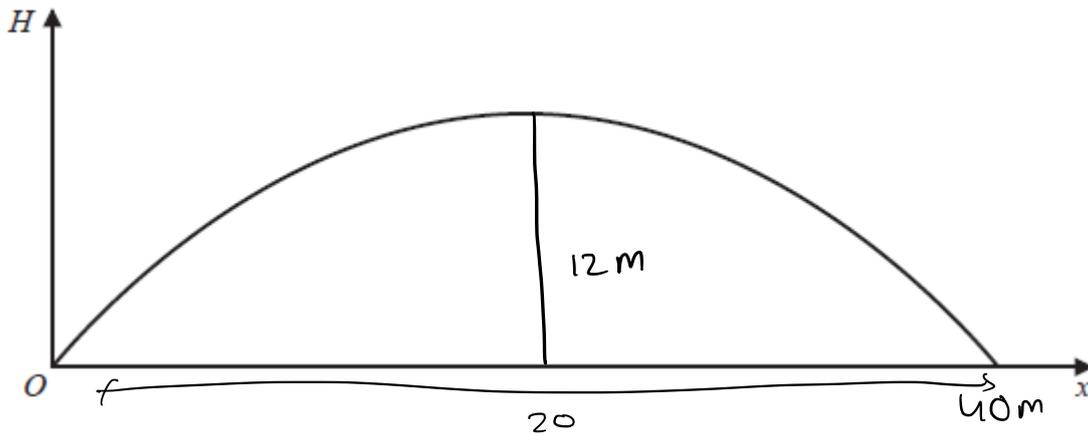


Figure 1

Figure 1 is a graph showing the trajectory of a rugby ball.

The height of the ball above the ground, H metres, has been plotted against the horizontal distance, x metres, measured from the point where the ball was kicked.

The ball travels in a vertical plane.

The ball reaches a maximum height of 12 metres and hits the ground at a point 40 metres from where it was kicked.

(a) Find a quadratic equation linking H with x that models this situation.

$$H = k(x - 40) \quad (3)$$

$$12 = k(20)(20 - 40) = -400k$$

$$k = \frac{12}{-400} = \frac{3}{-100} = -0.03 \quad \therefore H = -0.03x^2 + 1.2x$$

The ball passes over the horizontal bar of a set of rugby posts that is perpendicular to the path of the ball. The bar is 3 metres above the ground.

(b) Use your equation to find the greatest horizontal distance of the bar from O .

$$\begin{aligned} 3 &= -0.03x^2 + 1.2x \\ 0.03x^2 - 1.2x + 3 &= 0 \\ 3x^2 - 120x + 300 &= 0 \\ x_1 &= 20 + 10\sqrt{3} = 37.3205 \\ x_2 &= 20 - 10\sqrt{3} = 2.6794924 \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x_1 > x_2 \\ \therefore \text{greatest} \\ \text{horizontal distance} \\ = 37.3 \text{ m (3 s.f.)} \end{array} \right\} (3)$$

(c) Give one limitation of the model.

It does not take air resistance into account. (1)

(Total for Question 11 is 7 marks)