

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**

**Advanced Subsidiary General Certificate of Education  
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**MATHEMATICS**

**4721**

Core Mathematics 1

**Specimen Paper**

Additional materials:  
Answer booklet  
Graph paper  
List of Formulae (MF 1)

**TIME** 1 hour 30 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your Name, Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Give non-exact numerical answers correct to 3 significant figures, unless a different degree of accuracy is specified in the question or is clearly appropriate.
- **You are not permitted to use a calculator in this paper.**

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 72.
- Questions carrying smaller numbers of marks are printed earlier in the paper, and questions carrying larger numbers of marks later in the paper.
- **You are reminded of the need for clear presentation in your answers.**

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**This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.**

1 Write down the exact values of

(i)  $4^{-2}$ , [1]

(ii)  $(2\sqrt{2})^2$ , [1]

(iii)  $(1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . [2]

2 (i) Express  $x^2 - 8x + 3$  in the form  $(x + a)^2 + b$ . [3]

(ii) Hence write down the coordinates of the minimum point on the graph of  $y = x^2 - 8x + 3$ . [2]

3 The quadratic equation  $x^2 + kx + k = 0$  has no real roots for  $x$ .

(i) Write down the discriminant of  $x^2 + kx + k$  in terms of  $k$ . [2]

(ii) Hence find the set of values that  $k$  can take. [4]

4 Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in each of the following cases:

(i)  $y = 4x^3 - 1$ , [2]

(ii)  $y = x^2(x^2 + 2)$ , [3]

(iii)  $y = \sqrt{x}$  [2]

5 (i) Solve the simultaneous equations

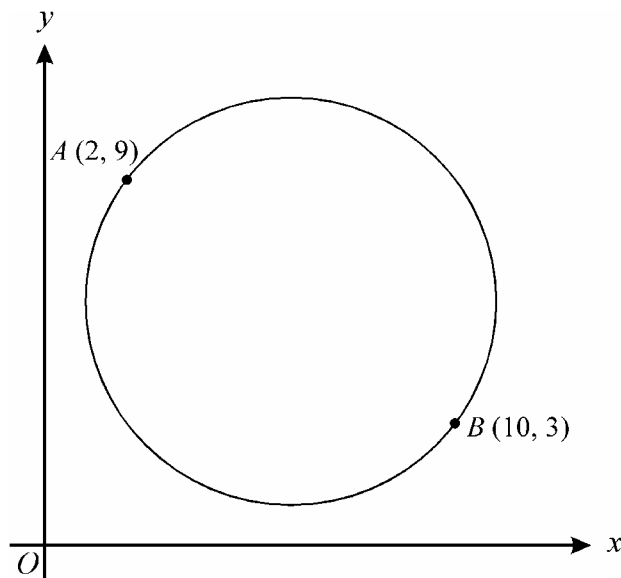
$$y = x^2 - 3x + 2, \quad y = 3x - 7. \quad [5]$$

(ii) What can you deduce from the solution to part (i) about the graphs of  $y = x^2 - 3x + 2$  and  $y = 3x - 7$ ? [2]

(iii) Hence, or otherwise, find the equation of the normal to the curve  $y = x^2 - 3x + 2$  at the point  $(3, 2)$ , giving your answer in the form  $ax + by + c = 0$  where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are integers. [4]

- 6 (i) Sketch the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{x}$ , where  $x \neq 0$ , showing the parts of the graph corresponding to both positive and negative values of  $x$ . [2]
- (ii) Describe fully the geometrical transformation that transforms the curve  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  to the curve  $y = \frac{1}{x+2}$ .  
Hence sketch the curve  $y = \frac{1}{x+2}$ . [5]
- (iii) Differentiate  $\frac{1}{x}$  with respect to  $x$ . [2]
- (iv) Use parts (ii) and (iii) to find the gradient of the curve  $y = \frac{1}{x+2}$  at the point where it crosses the  $y$ -axis. [3]

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The diagram shows a circle which passes through the points  $A(2, 9)$  and  $B(10, 3)$ .  $AB$  is a diameter of the circle.

- (i) Calculate the radius of the circle and the coordinates of the centre. [4]
- (ii) Show that the equation of the circle may be written in the form  $x^2 + y^2 - 12x - 12y + 47 = 0$ . [3]
- (iii) The tangent to the circle at the point  $B$  cuts the  $x$ -axis at  $C$ . Find the coordinates of  $C$ . [6]

8 (i) Find the coordinates of the stationary points on the curve  $y = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x - 7$ . [6]

(ii) Determine whether each stationary point is a maximum point or a minimum point. [3]

(iii) By expanding the right-hand side, show that

$$2x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x - 7 = (x+1)^2(2x-7). \quad [2]$$

(iv) Sketch the curve  $y = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x - 7$ , marking the coordinates of the stationary points and the points where the curve meets the axes. [3]