

Edexcel Maths C3

Topic Questions from Papers

Functions

3. The function  $f$  is defined by

$$f : x \rightarrow \frac{5x+1}{x^2+x-2} - \frac{3}{x+2}, \quad x > 1.$$

(a) Show that  $f(x) = \frac{2}{x-1}$ ,  $x > 1$ . (4)

(b) Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ . (3)

The function  $g$  is defined by

$$g : x \rightarrow x^2 + 5, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(c) Solve  $fg(x) = \frac{1}{4}$ . (3)

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8. The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f: x \rightarrow 2x + \ln 2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$g: x \rightarrow e^{2x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a) Prove that the composite function  $gf$  is

$$gf: x \rightarrow 4e^{4x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (4)$$

(b) In the space provided on page 19, sketch the curve with equation  $y = gf(x)$ , and show the coordinates of the point where the curve cuts the  $y$ -axis. (1)

(c) Write down the range of  $gf$ . (1)

(d) Find the value of  $x$  for which  $\frac{d}{dx}[gf(x)] = 3$ , giving your answer to 3 significant figures. (4)

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7. For the constant  $k$ , where  $k > 1$ , the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f: x \mapsto \ln(x + k), \quad x > -k,$$

$$g: x \mapsto |2x - k|, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a) On separate axes, sketch the graph of  $f$  and the graph of  $g$ .

On each sketch state, in terms of  $k$ , the coordinates of points where the graph meets the coordinate axes.

(5)

(b) Write down the range of  $f$ .

(1)

(c) Find  $fg\left(\frac{k}{4}\right)$  in terms of  $k$ , giving your answer in its simplest form.

(2)

The curve  $C$  has equation  $y = f(x)$ . The tangent to  $C$  at the point with  $x$ -coordinate 3 is parallel to the line with equation  $9y = 2x + 1$ .

(d) Find the value of  $k$ .

(4)





6. The function  $f$  is defined by

$$f : x \mapsto \ln(4 - 2x), \quad x < 2 \quad \text{and} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a) Show that the inverse function of  $f$  is defined by

$$f^{-1} : x \mapsto 2 - \frac{1}{2}e^x$$

and write down the domain of  $f^{-1}$ .

(4)

(b) Write down the range of  $f^{-1}$ .

(1)

(c) In the space provided on page 16, sketch the graph of  $y = f^{-1}(x)$ . State the coordinates of the points of intersection with the  $x$  and  $y$  axes.

(4)

The graph of  $y = x + 2$  crosses the graph of  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  at  $x = k$ .

The iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = -\frac{1}{2}e^{x_n}, \quad x_0 = -0.3$$

is used to find an approximate value for  $k$ .

(d) Calculate the values of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , giving your answers to 4 decimal places.

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(e) Find the value of  $k$  to 3 decimal places.

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5. The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f : x \mapsto \ln(2x - 1), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, x > \frac{1}{2},$$

$$g : x \mapsto \frac{2}{x - 3}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 3.$$

- (a) Find the exact value of  $fg(4)$ . (2)
  
- (b) Find the inverse function  $f^{-1}(x)$ , stating its domain. (4)
  
- (c) Sketch the graph of  $y = |g(x)|$ . Indicate clearly the equation of the vertical asymptote and the coordinates of the point at which the graph crosses the  $y$ -axis. (3)
  
- (d) Find the exact values of  $x$  for which  $\left|\frac{2}{x-3}\right| = 3$ . (3)

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8. The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f : x \mapsto 1 - 2x^3, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$g : x \mapsto \frac{3}{x} - 4, \quad x > 0, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

(a) Find the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ .

(2)

(b) Show that the composite function  $gf$  is

$$gf : x \mapsto \frac{8x^3 - 1}{1 - 2x^3}.$$

(4)

(c) Solve  $gf(x) = 0$ .

(2)

(d) Use calculus to find the coordinates of the stationary point on the graph of  $y = gf(x)$ .

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4. The function  $f$  is defined by

$$f : x \mapsto \frac{2(x-1)}{x^2-2x-3} - \frac{1}{x-3}, \quad x > 3.$$

(a) Show that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$ ,  $x > 3$ . (4)

(b) Find the range of  $f$ . (2)

(c) Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ . State the domain of this inverse function. (3)

The function  $g$  is defined by

$$g : x \mapsto 2x^2 - 3, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(d) Solve  $fg(x) = \frac{1}{8}$ . (3)



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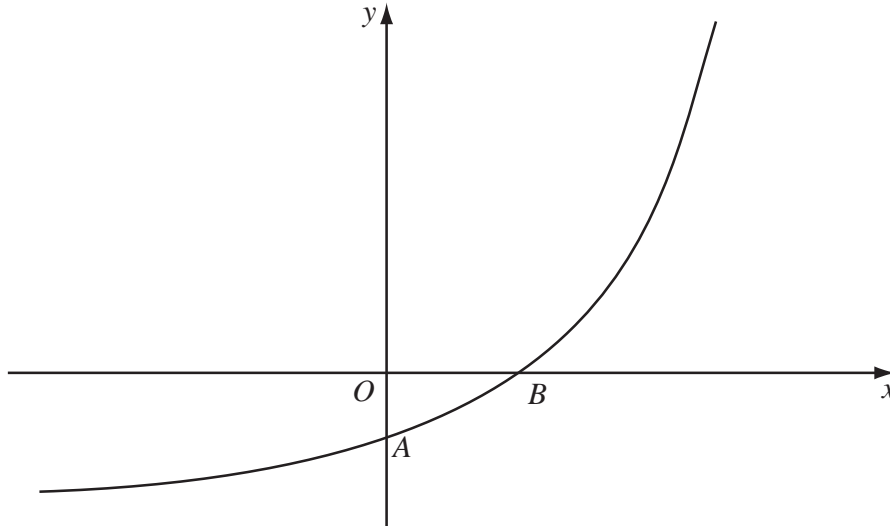








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**Figure 2**

Figure 2 shows a sketch of part of the curve with equation  $y = f(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . The curve meets the coordinate axes at the points  $A(0, 1-k)$  and  $B(\frac{1}{2} \ln k, 0)$ , where  $k$  is a constant and  $k > 1$ , as shown in Figure 2.

On separate diagrams, sketch the curve with equation

(a)  $y = |f(x)|$ , (3)

(b)  $y = f^{-1}(x)$ . (2)

Show on each sketch the coordinates, in terms of  $k$ , of each point at which the curve meets or cuts the axes.

Given that  $f(x) = e^{2x} - k$ ,

(c) state the range of  $f$ , (1)

(d) find  $f^{-1}(x)$ , (3)

(e) write down the domain of  $f^{-1}$ . (1)



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**Question 5 continued**



7. The function  $f$  is defined by

$$f(x) = 1 - \frac{2}{(x+4)} + \frac{x-8}{(x-2)(x+4)}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \neq -4, \quad x \neq 2$$

(a) Show that  $f(x) = \frac{x-3}{x-2}$  (5)

The function  $g$  is defined by

$$g(x) = \frac{e^x - 3}{e^x - 2}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \neq \ln 2$$

(b) Differentiate  $g(x)$  to show that  $g'(x) = \frac{e^x}{(e^x - 2)^2}$  (3)

(c) Find the exact values of  $x$  for which  $g'(x) = 1$  (4)

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8. (a) Write down  $\sin 2x$  in terms of  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$ . (1)

(b) Find, for  $0 < x < \pi$ , all the solutions of the equation

$$\operatorname{cosec} x - 8\cos x = 0$$

giving your answers to 2 decimal places. (5)

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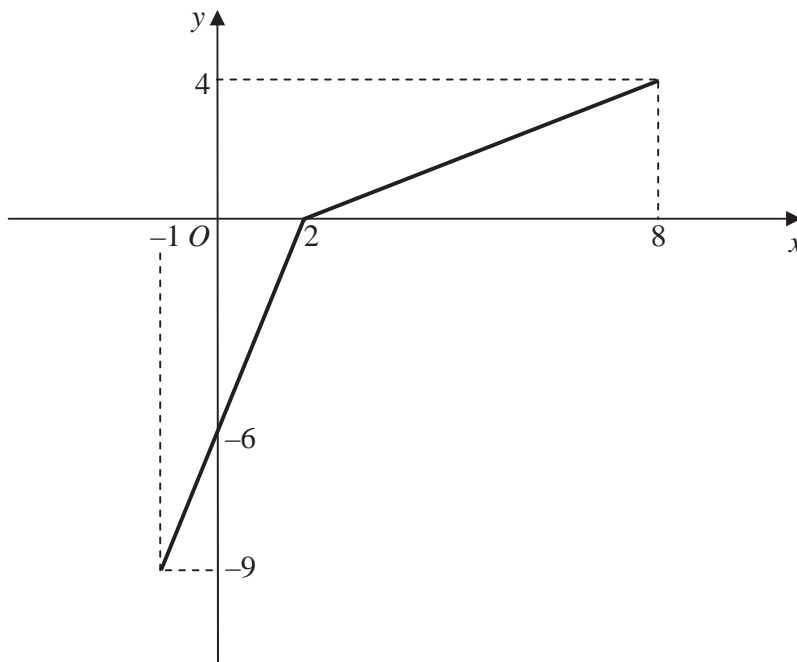


6. The function  $f$  is defined by

$$f: x \mapsto \frac{3 - 2x}{x - 5}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \neq 5$$

(a) Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

(3)



**Figure 2**

The function  $g$  has domain  $-1 \leq x \leq 8$ , and is linear from  $(-1, -9)$  to  $(2, 0)$  and from  $(2, 0)$  to  $(8, 4)$ . Figure 2 shows a sketch of the graph of  $y = g(x)$ .

(b) Write down the range of  $g$ .

(1)

(c) Find  $gg(2)$ .

(2)

(d) Find  $fg(8)$ .

(2)

(e) On separate diagrams, sketch the graph with equation

(i)  $y = |g(x)|,$

(ii)  $y = g^{-1}(x).$

Show on each sketch the coordinates of each point at which the graph meets or cuts the axes.

(4)

(f) State the domain of the inverse function  $g^{-1}$ .

(1)





4. The function  $f$  is defined by

$$f : x \mapsto 4 - \ln(x + 2), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \geq -1$$

(a) Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ . **(3)**

(b) Find the domain of  $f^{-1}$ . **(1)**

The function  $g$  is defined by

$$g : x \mapsto e^{x^2} - 2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

(c) Find  $fg(x)$ , giving your answer in its simplest form. **(3)**

(d) Find the range of  $fg$ . **(1)**

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7. The function  $f$  is defined by

$$f : x \mapsto \frac{3(x+1)}{2x^2 + 7x - 4} - \frac{1}{x+4}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, x > \frac{1}{2}$$

(a) Show that  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2x-1}$  (4)

(b) Find  $f^{-1}(x)$  (3)

(c) Find the domain of  $f^{-1}$  (1)

$$g(x) = \ln(x+1)$$

(d) Find the solution of  $fg(x) = \frac{1}{7}$ , giving your answer in terms of  $e$ . (4)

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6. The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f : x \mapsto e^x + 2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$g : x \mapsto \ln x, \quad x > 0$$

- (a) State the range of  $f$ . **(1)**
- (b) Find  $fg(x)$ , giving your answer in its simplest form. **(2)**
- (c) Find the exact value of  $x$  for which  $f(2x+3) = 6$  **(4)**
- (d) Find  $f^{-1}$ , the inverse function of  $f$ , stating its domain. **(3)**
- (e) On the same axes sketch the curves with equation  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = f^{-1}(x)$ , giving the coordinates of all the points where the curves cross the axes. **(4)**

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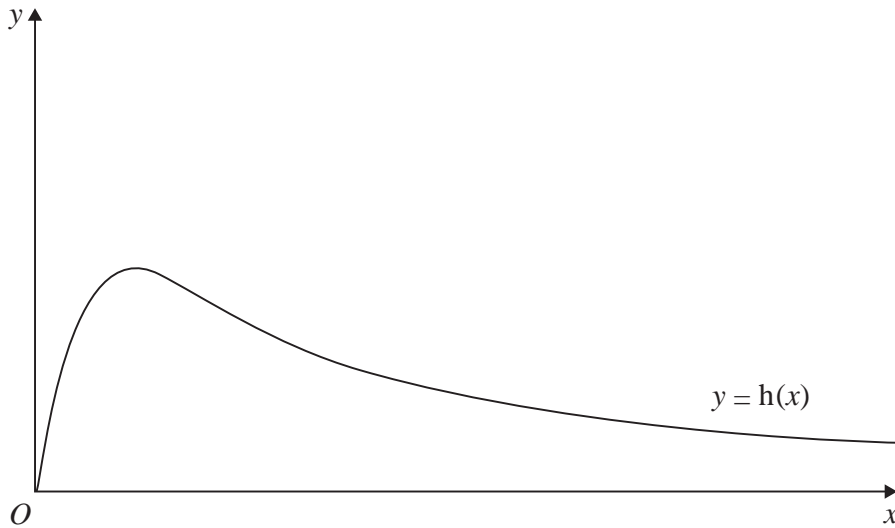




7. 
$$h(x) = \frac{2}{x+2} + \frac{4}{x^2+5} - \frac{18}{(x^2+5)(x+2)}, \quad x \geq 0$$

(a) Show that  $h(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2+5}$  (4)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, find  $h'(x)$  in its simplest form. (3)



**Figure 2**

Figure 2 shows a graph of the curve with equation  $y = h(x)$ .

(c) Calculate the range of  $h(x)$ . (5)

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4. The functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined by

$$f : x \mapsto 2|x| + 3, \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$g : x \mapsto 3 - 4x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

(a) State the range of  $f$ .

(2)

(b) Find  $fg(1)$ .

(2)

(c) Find  $g^{-1}$ , the inverse function of  $g$ .

(2)

(d) Solve the equation

$$gg(x) + [g(x)]^2 = 0$$

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7. The function  $f$  has domain  $-2 \leq x \leq 6$  and is linear from  $(-2, 10)$  to  $(2, 0)$  and from  $(2, 0)$  to  $(6, 4)$ . A sketch of the graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown in Figure 1.

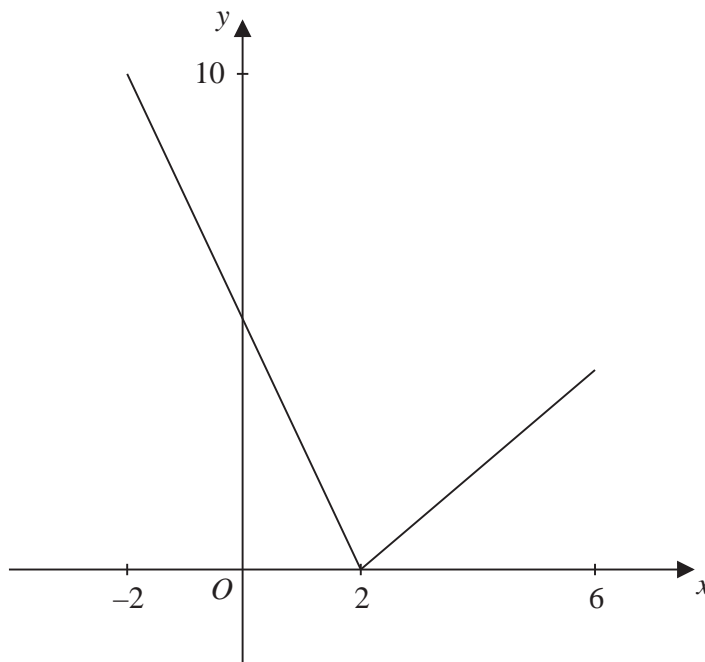


Figure 1

- (a) Write down the range of  $f$ . (1)
- (b) Find  $ff(0)$ . (2)

The function  $g$  is defined by

$$g : x \rightarrow \frac{4 + 3x}{5 - x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \neq 5$$

- (c) Find  $g^{-1}(x)$  (3)
- (d) Solve the equation  $gf(x) = 16$  (5)

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## Core Mathematics C3

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

### *Logarithms and exponentials*

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

### *Trigonometric identities*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### *Differentiation*

<b>f(x)</b>	<b>f'(x)</b>
$\tan kx$	$k \sec^2 kx$
$\sec x$	$\sec x \tan x$
$\cot x$	$-\operatorname{cosec}^2 x$
$\operatorname{cosec} x$	$-\operatorname{cosec} x \cot x$
$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$	$\frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{(g(x))^2}$

## 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*

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

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

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

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

## Core Mathematics C1

### *Mensuration*

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

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

### *Arithmetic series*

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

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