

Edexcel Maths C3

Topic Questions from Papers

Differentiation

4.  $f(x) = 3e^x - \frac{1}{2}\ln x - 2, \quad x > 0.$

(a) Differentiate to find  $f'(x)$ . (3)

The curve with equation  $y = f(x)$  has a turning point at  $P$ . The  $x$ -coordinate of  $P$  is  $\alpha$ .

(b) Show that  $\alpha = \frac{1}{6}e^{-\alpha}$ . (2)

The iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{6}e^{-x_n}, \quad x_0 = 1,$$

is used to find an approximate value for  $\alpha$ .

(c) Calculate the values of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  and  $x_4$ , giving your answers to 4 decimal places. (2)

(d) By considering the change of sign of  $f'(x)$  in a suitable interval, prove that  $\alpha = 0.1443$  correct to 4 decimal places. (2)

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4. (a) Differentiate with respect to  $x$

(i)  $x^2e^{3x+2}$ , (4)

(ii)  $\frac{\cos(2x^3)}{3x}$ . (4)

(b) Given that  $x = 4 \sin(2y + 6)$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in terms of  $x$ . (5)

Horizontal lines for student work



2. Differentiate, with respect to  $x$ ,

(a)  $e^{3x} + \ln 2x$ , (3)

(b)  $(5+x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ . (3)

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4. (i) The curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = \frac{x}{9+x^2}.$$

Use calculus to find the coordinates of the turning points of  $C$ .

(6)

(ii) Given that

$$y = (1 + e^{2x})^{\frac{3}{2}},$$

find the value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $x = \frac{1}{2} \ln 3$ .

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3. A curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = x^2e^x.$$

(a) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , using the product rule for differentiation.

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(b) Hence find the coordinates of the turning points of  $C$ .

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(c) Find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ .

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(d) Determine the nature of each turning point of the curve  $C$ .

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7. A curve  $C$  has equation

$$y = 3 \sin 2x + 4 \cos 2x, \quad -\pi \leq x \leq \pi.$$

The point  $A(0, 4)$  lies on  $C$ .

(a) Find an equation of the normal to the curve  $C$  at  $A$ . (5)

(b) Express  $y$  in the form  $R \sin(2x + \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .  
 Give the value of  $\alpha$  to 3 significant figures. (4)

(c) Find the coordinates of the points of intersection of the curve  $C$  with the  $x$ -axis.  
 Give your answers to 2 decimal places. (4)

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6. (a) Differentiate with respect to  $x$ ,

(i)  $e^{3x}(\sin x + 2 \cos x)$ , (3)

(ii)  $x^3 \ln(5x + 2)$ . (3)

Given that  $y = \frac{3x^2 + 6x - 7}{(x+1)^2}$ ,  $x \neq -1$ ,

(b) show that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{20}{(x+1)^3}$ . (5)

(c) Hence find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  and the real values of  $x$  for which  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -\frac{15}{4}$ . (3)

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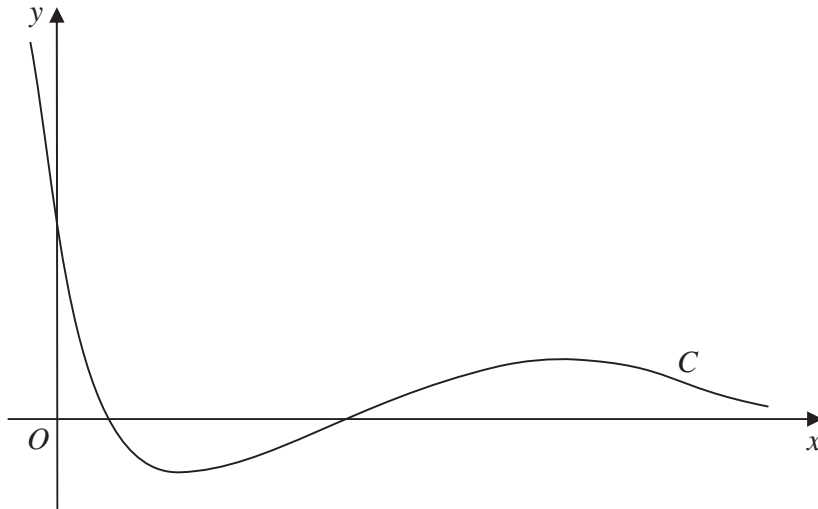
5. Sketch the graph of  $y = \ln|x|$ , stating the coordinates of any points of intersection with the axes.

(3)





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**Figure 1**

Figure 1 shows a sketch of the curve  $C$  with the equation  $y = (2x^2 - 5x + 2)e^{-x}$ .

- (a) Find the coordinates of the point where  $C$  crosses the  $y$ -axis. (1)
- (b) Show that  $C$  crosses the  $x$ -axis at  $x = 2$  and find the  $x$ -coordinate of the other point where  $C$  crosses the  $x$ -axis. (3)
- (c) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ . (3)
- (d) Hence find the exact coordinates of the turning points of  $C$ . (5)

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7. 
$$f(x) = \frac{4x-5}{(2x+1)(x-3)} - \frac{2x}{x^2-9}, \quad x \neq \pm 3, x \neq -\frac{1}{2}$$

(a) Show that

$$f(x) = \frac{5}{(2x+1)(x+3)} \tag{5}$$

The curve  $C$  has equation  $y=f(x)$ . The point  $P\left(-1, -\frac{5}{2}\right)$  lies on  $C$ .

(b) Find an equation of the normal to  $C$  at  $P$ . (8)

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**Question 7 continued**

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**Question 8 continued**

A series of 28 horizontal lines for writing the answer to Question 8.

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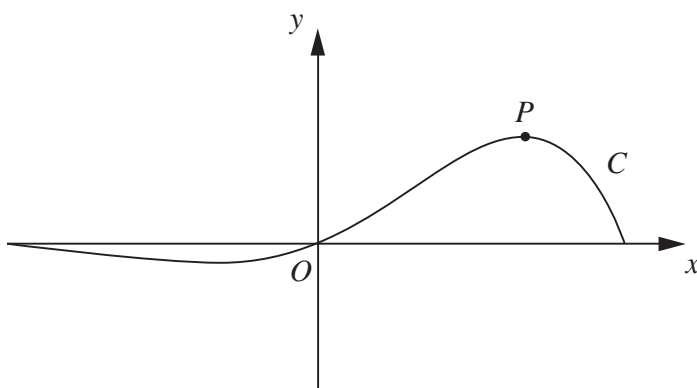


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a sketch of the curve C which has equation

$$y = e^{x\sqrt{3}} \sin 3x, \quad -\frac{\pi}{3} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$$

- (a) Find the  $x$  coordinate of the turning point  $P$  on  $C$ , for which  $x > 0$ .  
Give your answer as a multiple of  $\pi$ .

(6)

- (b) Find an equation of the normal to  $C$  at the point where  $x = 0$ .

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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*

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

## 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*

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

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