



GCE AS MARKING SCHEME

SUMMER 2025

**AS
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UNIT 1 FURTHER PURE MATHEMATICS A
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Q	Solution	Mark	Notes
1. a)	Substituting $3 - 2i$, $(3 - 2i)^3 = 27 - 54i - 36 + 8i (= -9 - 46i)$ OR $15 - 10i - 36i - 24$ $(3 - 2i)^2 = 9 - 12i - 4 (= 5 - 12i)$ $f(3 - 2i) = (-9 - 46i) - 8(5 - 12i) + 25(3 - 2i) - 26$ $= 0$	M1 B1 A1 [3]	For x^3 with working Convincing
b)	METHOD 1: If $x = 3 - 2i$ is a root then $x = 3 + 2i$ is a root $(x - 3 + 2i)(x - 3 - 2i)$ $x^2 - 6x + 13$ is the quadratic factor $x^3 - 8x^2 + 25x - 26 = 0$ $(x^2 - 6x + 13)(x - 2) = 0$ The roots are $x = 3 - 2i, x = 3 + 2i, x = 2$ METHOD 2: If $x = 3 - 2i$ is a root then $x = 3 + 2i$ is a root Let other root be α $\therefore 3 - 2i + 3 + 2i + \alpha = 8$ $\alpha = 2$ The roots are $x = 3 - 2i, x = 3 + 2i, x = 2$ METHOD 3: If $x = 3 - 2i$ is a root then $x = 3 + 2i$ is a root Let other root be α $\therefore (3 - 2i)(3 + 2i)\alpha = 26$ $13\alpha = 26$ $\alpha = 2$ The roots are $x = 3 - 2i, x = 3 + 2i, x = 2$ METHOD 4: If $x = 3 - 2i$ is a root then $x = 3 + 2i$ is a root Use of Factor Theorem $f(2) = 0$ The roots are $x = 3 - 2i, x = 3 + 2i, x = 2$	B1 M1 A1 A1 (B1) (M1) (A1) (A1) (B1) (M1) (A1) (A1) [4] (B1) (M1) (A1) (A1) [4]	M0 no working For $x - 2$ M0 no working M0 no working M0 no working

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c)	METHOD 1: If $\alpha = 3 - 2i$, $\beta = 3 + 2i$, $\gamma = 2$ Then, $\frac{13}{\alpha} = 3 + 2i$, $\frac{13}{\beta} = 3 - 2i$, $\frac{13}{\gamma} = \frac{13}{2}$ New equation: Sum of roots: $(3 + 2i) + (3 - 2i) + \frac{13}{2} = \frac{25}{2}$ Sum of pairs: $(3 + 2i)(3 - 2i) + (3 + 2i)\frac{13}{2} + (3 - 2i)\frac{13}{2} = 52$ Product: $(3 + 2i)(3 - 2i)\frac{13}{2} = \frac{169}{2}$ Therefore, $\frac{-b}{a} = \frac{25}{2}$, $\frac{c}{a} = 52$, $\frac{-d}{a} = \frac{169}{2}$ New equation: e.g. $x^3 - \frac{25}{2}x^2 + 52x - \frac{169}{2} = 0$ e.g. $2x^3 - 25x^2 + 104x - 169 = 0$ METHOD 2: $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 8$ $\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = 25$ $\alpha\beta\gamma = 26$ New equation roots: Sum of roots: $\frac{13}{\alpha} + \frac{13}{\beta} + \frac{13}{\gamma} = \frac{13(\beta\gamma + \alpha\gamma + \alpha\beta)}{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \frac{13 \times 25}{26} = \frac{25}{2}$ Sum of pairs: $\left(\frac{13}{\alpha} \times \frac{13}{\beta}\right) + \left(\frac{13}{\beta} \times \frac{13}{\gamma}\right) + \left(\frac{13}{\gamma} \times \frac{13}{\alpha}\right)$ $= \frac{169}{\alpha\beta} + \frac{169}{\beta\gamma} + \frac{169}{\gamma\alpha} = \frac{169(\gamma + \alpha + \beta)}{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \frac{169 \times 8}{26} = 52$ Product: $\frac{13}{\alpha} \times \frac{13}{\beta} \times \frac{13}{\gamma} = \frac{2197}{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \frac{2197}{26} = \frac{169}{2}$ Therefore, $\frac{-b}{a} = \frac{25}{2}$, $\frac{c}{a} = 52$, $\frac{-d}{a} = \frac{169}{2}$ New equation: e.g. $x^3 - \frac{25}{2}x^2 + 52x - \frac{169}{2} = 0$ METHOD 3: Substitute $\frac{13}{x}$ in place of x $\left(\frac{13}{x}\right)^3 - 8\left(\frac{13}{x}\right)^2 + 25\left(\frac{13}{x}\right) - 26 = 0$ $\frac{2197}{x^3} - \frac{1352}{x^2} + \frac{325}{x} - 26 = 0$ Multiplying throughout by x^3 $2197 - 1352x + 325x^2 - 26x^3 = 0$ Therefore, $x^3 - \frac{25}{2}x^2 + 52x - \frac{169}{2} = 0$	B2 B2 B1 B1 (B1) (B1) (B1) (B1) (B1) (B1) (M1) (A1) (A1) (m1) (A1) (A1) [6]	FT for real root only B1 for any 2 values B1 for any 2 values FT previous values for B1B1 oe ISW Must =0 FT for real root only any two correct FT previous values for B1B1 oe ISW Must =0 At least 2 correct terms oe ISW Must =0

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1. c)	METHOD 4: $\frac{13}{3-2i} = \frac{13(3+2i)}{(3-2i)(3+2i)} \text{ OR } \frac{13}{3+2i} = \frac{13(3-2i)}{(3-2i)(3+2i)}$ leading to $3 + 2i$ AND $3 - 2i$ Therefore, new roots are $3 + 2i$, $3 - 2i$, $\frac{13}{2}$ Quadratic factor is $(x - 3 - 2i)(x - 3 + 2i)$ leading to $x^2 - 6x + 13$ Multiplying by $\left(x - \frac{13}{2}\right)$: $x^3 - \frac{25}{2}x^2 + 52x - \frac{169}{2} = 0$	(B2) (M1) (A1) (m1) (A1) [6]	B1 for any two values FT quadratic factor from (b) for sign errors only Or other pairing $x^2 - \frac{19}{2}x + \frac{39}{2} \mp 2ix \pm 13i$ oe ISW Must =0
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3. a)	$\left(\frac{5}{1} - \frac{4}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{5}{2} - \frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \left(\frac{5}{3} - \frac{4}{4} - \frac{1}{5}\right) + \dots$ $+ \left(\frac{5}{n-3} - \frac{4}{n-2} - \frac{1}{n-1}\right) + \left(\frac{5}{n-2} - \frac{4}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n}\right)$ $+ \left(\frac{5}{n-1} - \frac{4}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)$ $= \frac{5}{1} - \frac{4}{2} + \frac{5}{2}$ $- \frac{1}{n} - \frac{4}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}$ $= \frac{11}{2} - \frac{5}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}$ $a = 11, b = -5, c = -1$	M1 A1 A1 A1 A1 [5]	Substituting values At least three correct expansions of which at least 1 must be algebraic A0 if any other terms Accept 5.5 for 1 st term ISW
b)	METHOD 1: $\frac{11}{2} - \frac{5}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} > 5$ $-\frac{5}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} > -0.5$ $\frac{5}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} < 0.5$ $5(n+1) + n < 0.5n(n+1)$ $0.5n^2 - 5.5n - 5 > 0$ $n^2 - 11n - 10 > 0$ Solving, Critical values = 11.8..., -0.8... $n = 12$ METHOD 2: $\frac{11}{2} - \frac{5}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} > 5$ $\frac{11n(n+1) - 10(n+1) - 2n}{2n(n+1)} > 5$ $\frac{11n^2 + 11n - 10n - 10 - 2n}{2n(n+1)} > 5$ $\frac{11n^2 - n - 10}{2n(n+1)} > 5$ $11n^2 - n - 10 > 10n(n+1)$ $n^2 - 11n - 10 > 0$ Solving, Critical values = 11.8..., -0.8... $n = 12$	M1 A1 A1 m1 A1 (M1) (A1) (A1) (m1) (A1) [5]	FT (a) for non-zero a, b, c Removing algebraic fractions Solvable form cao Accept $n \geq 12$ FT (a) for non-zero a, b, c Removing algebraic fractions Solvable form cao Accept $n \geq 12$
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4.	Let $z = (a + ib)^2 = 7 - 24i$ $a^2 + 2abi - b^2 = 7 - 24i$ Therefore, $a^2 - b^2 = 7$ and $2ab = -24$ Solving simultaneous equations e.g. $b = \frac{-12}{a} \rightarrow a^2 - \frac{144}{a^2} = 7$ $a^4 - 144 = 7a^2$ $a^4 - 7a^2 - 144 = 0$ $(a^2 - 16)(a^2 + 9) = 0$ $a^2 = 16$ or $a^2 = -9$ (no real solutions) $\therefore a = \pm 4$ AND $b = \mp 3$ $\sqrt{z} = 4 - 3i$ or $\sqrt{z} = -4 + 3i$	M1 A1 m1 A1 A1 [5]	Both Solvable form Both
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5.	METHOD 1:		
a)	Multiplying matrices $\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$ leading to $a^2 + bc = 1$ $(ab + bd = 0)$ $(ac + dc = 0)$ $bc + d^2 = 1$ Rearranging, or equivalent, $a^2 = 1 - bc = d^2$ Therefore, $a^2 = d^2$	M1 A1 m1 A1	Must have 1st and 4th equation Convincing
	METHOD 2: Multiplying matrices $\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$ leading to $a^2 + bc = 1$ $(ab + bd = 0)$ $(ac + dc = 0)$ $bc + d^2 = 1$ Using 2nd equation AND at least one other, $b(a + d) = 0$ $b = 0$ or $a + d = 0$ $a = -d$ $a^2 = d^2$ when $b = 0$, $a^2 = 1$ (from 1st eqn) and $d^2 = 1$ (from 4th eqn) Therefore, $a^2 = d^2$	(M1) (A1) (m1) (A1) [4]	Must have 1st and 4th equation Accept equivalent reasoning with c from 3rd equation Convincing

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5. b)	When $n = 1$, LHS = $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and RHS = $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ Therefore, proposition is valid for $n = 1$. Assume result is true for $n = k$ i.e. $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^k = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(-1)^k}{2} & 1 - (-1)^k \\ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{(-1)^k}{4} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(-1)^k}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ Consider $n = k + 1$ $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{k+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(-1)^k}{2} & 1 - (-1)^k \\ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{(-1)^k}{4} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(-1)^k}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ $= \begin{bmatrix} 2\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{(-1)^k}{4}\right) & 2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{(-1)^k}{2}\right) \\ \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{(-1)^k}{2}\right) & \frac{1}{2}(1 - (-1)^k) \end{bmatrix}$ $= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(-1)^k}{2} & 1 + (-1)^k \\ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{(-1)^k}{4} & \frac{1}{2} - \frac{(-1)^k}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ $= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(-1)(-1)^k}{2} & 1 - (-1)(-1)^k \\ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{(-1)(-1)^k}{4} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(-1)(-1)^k}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ $= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{2} & 1 - (-1)^{k+1} \\ \frac{1}{4} - \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{4} & \frac{1}{2} + \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ If proposition is true for $n = k$, it is also true for $n = k + 1$. As it is true for $n = 1$, by mathematical induction, it is true for all positive integers n.	B1 M1 M1 A1 A1 A1 E1 [7]	oe Award for a perfect solution including the last line.
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6.	$ z - 2 + 5i = 3 z + q - i $ $ x + iy - 2 + 5i = 3 x + iy + q - i $ $ (x - 2) + i(y + 5) = 3 (x + q) + i(y - 1) $ $\sqrt{(x - 2)^2 + (y + 5)^2} = 3\sqrt{(x + q)^2 + (y - 1)^2}$ $x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 + 10y + 25$ $\quad = 9x^2 + 18qx + 9q^2 + 9y^2 - 18y + 9$ $8x^2 + 8y^2 + x(18q + 4) - 28y - 20 + 9q^2 = 0$ $x\text{-coordinate at centre point: } \frac{18q+4}{-2 \times 8}$ Therefore, $\frac{18q+4}{-2 \times 8} = -\frac{5}{2}$ leading to $q = 2$	M1 m1 A2 m1 A1 [6]	 Finding the modulus A1 each side of equation Finding x -coordinate from a circle equation cao
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7. a)	Reflection matrix: $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ Rotation matrix: $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ Translation matrix: $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $T = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ or $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{-1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ $T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 2 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	B1 B1 B1 M1 A1 A1 [6]	Accept 2×2 matrix Accept 2×2 matrix either If M0, award SC1 for correct matrix following multiplication in reverse order
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b)	METHOD 1: $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 2 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ Giving, $\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y + 2 = x$ AND $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}y + 1 = y$ Solving simultaneous equations e.g. collecting like terms leads to $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y + 2 = \frac{1}{2}x$ and $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x + 1 = \frac{3}{2}y$ Substituting 1st equation into 2nd equation leads to $-\sqrt{3}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y + 2\right) + 1 = \frac{3}{2}y$ $\frac{3}{2}y - 2\sqrt{3} + 1 = \frac{3}{2}y$ $-2\sqrt{3} + 1 = 0$ (contradiction) Therefore, there are no fixed points under T. METHOD 2: $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & 2 \\ -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ Giving, $\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}y + 2 = x$ AND $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}y + 1 = y$ Forming a pair of linear equations with equal coefficients for x and for y OR two expressions for $x = \dots$ or $y = \dots$ ready to compare e.g. $\sqrt{3}x + 3y = 2$ and $\sqrt{3}x + 3y = 4\sqrt{3}$ These equations are inconsistent since it is not possible for $\sqrt{3}x + 3y$ to be 2 and $4\sqrt{3}$ simultaneously (contradiction), Therefore, there are no fixed points under T.	M1 A1 m1 A1 A1 (M1) (A1) (m1) (A1) (A1) [5]	FT their T from (a) Both equations Both equations
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