Questions

Q1.

Prove, from first principles, that the derivative of 3*x*² is 6*x*.

(4)

(Total for question = 4 marks)

Q2.

Prove, from first principles, that the derivative of *x*³ is 3*x*²

(4)

(Total for question = 4 marks)

Q3.

Given that *θ* is measured in radians, prove, from first principles, that the derivative of sin *θ* is cos *θ*

You may assume the formula for sin($A \pm B$) and that as $h \to 0$, $\frac{\sin h}{h} \to 1$ and $\frac{\cos h - 1}{h} \to 0$ **(5)**

(Total for question = 5 marks)

Q4.

Given that *θ* is measured in radians, prove, from first principles, that

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\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}\theta}(\cos\theta) = -\sin\theta
$$

You may assume the formula for cos $(A \pm B)$ and that as $h \to 0$, $\frac{\sin h}{h} \to 1$ and $\frac{\cos h - 1}{h} \to 0$ **(5)**

(Total for question = 5 marks)

Q5.

Figure 1 shows part of the curve with equation $y = 3x^2 - 2$

The point *P*(2, 10) lies on the curve.

(a) Find the gradient of the tangent to the curve at *P*.

The point *Q* with *x* coordinate 2 + *h* also lies on the curve.

- (b) Find the gradient of the line *PQ*, giving your answer in terms of *h* in simplest form.
- (c) Explain briefly the relationship between part (b) and the answer to part (a).

(1)

(3)

(2)

(Total for question = 6 marks)

Mark Scheme

Q1.

Q2.

B1: Gives the correct fraction for the gradient of the chord either $\frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h}$ or $\frac{(x+\delta x)^3 - x^3}{\delta x}$

It may also be awarded for $\frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{x+h-x}$ oe. It may be seen in an expanded form

It does not have to be linked to the gradient of the chord

M1: Attempts to expand $(x+h)^3$ or $(x+\delta x)^3$ Look for two correct terms, most likely $x^3 + ... + h^3$ This is independent of the B1

A1: Achieves gradient (of chord) is $3x^2 + 3xh + h^2$ or exact un simplified equivalent such as $3x^2 + 2xh + xh + h^2$. Again, there is no requirement to state that this expression is the gradient of the chord

A1*: CSO. Requires correct algebra and making a link between the gradient of the chord and the gradient of the curve. See below how the link can be made. The words "gradient of the chord" do

not need to be mentioned but derivative, $f'(x)$, $\frac{dy}{dx}$, y' should be. Condone invisible brackets for the expansion of $(x+h)^3$ as long as it is only seen at the side as intermediate working.

Requires either

$$
f'(x) = \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h} = 3x^2 + 3xh + h^2 = 3x^2
$$

- Gradient of chord = $3x^2 + 3xh + h^2$ As $h \rightarrow 0$ Gradient of chord tends to the gradient of curve so derivative is $3x^2$
- $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 3xh + h^2 = 3x^2$

• Gradient of chord =
$$
3x^2 + 3xh + h^2
$$
 when $h \to 0$ gradient of curve = $3x^2$

• Do not allow $h = 0$ alone without limit being considered somewhere:

so don't accept
$$
h=0 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 3x^2 + 3x \times 0 + 0^2 = 3x^2
$$

Alternative: B1: Considers $\frac{(x+h)^3-(x-h)^3}{2h}$ M1: As above A1: $\frac{6x^2h^2+2h^3}{2h}=3x^2+h^2$

Q3.

Notes:

States or implies that the gradient of the chord is $\frac{\sin(\theta + h) - \sin \theta}{h}$ or similar such as $B1:$ $\frac{\sin(\theta + \delta\theta) - \sin\theta}{\theta + \delta\theta - \theta}$ for a small h or $\delta\theta$ Uses the compound angle identity for $sin(A + B)$ with $A = \theta$, $B = h$ or $\delta\theta$ $M1$: Obtains $\frac{\sin \theta \cos h + \cos \theta \sin h - \sin \theta}{h}$ or equivalent $A1$: Writes their expression in terms of $\frac{\sin h}{h}$ and $\frac{\cos h - 1}{h}$ $M1$: **A1*:** Uses correct language to explain that $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \cos \theta$ For this method they should use all of the given statements $h \to 0$, $\frac{\sin h}{h} \to 1$, $\frac{\cos h - 1}{h} \to 0$ meaning that the limit_{h-0} $\frac{\sin(\theta + h) - \sin \theta}{(\theta + h) - \theta} = \cos \theta$ and therefore the gradient of the chord \rightarrow gradient of the curve $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{d\theta} = \cos \theta$

Additional notes:

A1*: Uses correct language to explain that $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = \cos \theta$. For this method they should use the (adapted) given statement $h \to 0$, $\frac{h}{2} \to 0$ hence $\frac{\sin(\frac{h}{2})}{\frac{h}{2}} \to 1$ with $\cos(\theta + \frac{h}{2}) \to \cos \theta$ meaning that the $\lim_{h\to 0} \frac{\sin(\theta+h)-\sin\theta}{(\theta+h)-\theta} = \cos\theta$ and therefore the gradient of the chord \rightarrow gradient of the curve $\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{d\theta} = \cos \theta$

Q4.

Q5.

Notes

M1: Attempts to differentiate, allow $3x^2 - 2 \rightarrow ...x$ and substitutes $x = 2$ into their answer

A1: cso
$$
\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x \Rightarrow
$$
 gradient of tangent at *P* is 12

 (b)

 (a)

B1: Correct expression for the gradient of the chord seen or implied.

M1: Attempts $\frac{\delta y}{\delta x}$, condoning slips, and attempts to simplify the numerator. The denominator must be h

A1: $\csc 12 + 3h$

 (c)

B1: Explains that as $h \rightarrow 0$, $12 + 3h \rightarrow 12$ and states that the gradient of the chord tends to the gradient of the curve