



Christmas Examination



Maths AA SL IB₁ Part 1
(7 Problems)

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Problem 1

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Solve the following equations:

i) $\frac{x(17-2x)-1}{5} = 4 \Rightarrow 2x^2 - 17x + 21 = 0 \Rightarrow 2(x - \frac{3}{2})(x - 7) = 0 \quad S = \{\frac{3}{2}, 7\}$

ii) $\frac{\log_3(x)(17 - \log_3(x^2)) - 1}{5} = \log_2(16)$

$\Rightarrow 17\log_3(x) - 2\log_3^2(x) - 1 = 5 \times 4 \Rightarrow 2l^2 - 17l + 21 = 0$ with $l = \log_3(x)$

then by (i) : $\log_3(x) \in \{\frac{3}{2}, 7\} \Rightarrow x = 3^{\frac{3}{2}} = \sqrt{27}$ or $x = 3^7$

Problem 2

[/6 marks]

(a) Calculate the value of each of the following logarithms:

(i) $\log_2 \frac{1}{16}; = -4$

(ii) $\log_9 3; = \frac{1}{2}$

(iii) $\log_{\sqrt{3}} 81. = 4$

(b) It is given that $\log_{ab} a = 3$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^+, ab \neq 1$.

(i) Show that $\log_{ab} b = -2$.

(ii) Hence find the value of $\log_{ab} \frac{\sqrt[3]{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$.

(b) (i) $\log_{ab}(a) = 3 \Leftrightarrow (ab)^3 = a$

$\Leftrightarrow a^3 b^3 = a$

$\Leftrightarrow a^2 b^3 = 1$

$\Leftrightarrow b^3 = \frac{1}{a^2} = a^{-2}$

$\Leftrightarrow b = \sqrt[3]{a^{-2}} = a^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

therefore $\log_{ab} b = \log_{ab}(a^{-\frac{2}{3}})$

$= -\frac{2}{3} \log_{ab}(a)$

$= -\frac{2}{3} \times 3 = -2$

(ii) Hence $\log_{ab} \left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{a}}{\sqrt{b}}\right)$

$= \log_{ab}(\sqrt[3]{a}) - \log_{ab}(\sqrt{b})$

$= \frac{1}{3} \log_{ab}(a) - \frac{1}{2} \log_{ab}(b)$

$= \frac{1}{3} \times 3 - \frac{1}{2} \times (-2) = \boxed{2}$

Problem 3

[/4 marks]

Let us consider $a = \log_3(2)$ and $b = \log_3(5)$, $x = \log_3(1 + \frac{3}{125})$ and $y = \log_3(100)$.

Then $x = \log_3(\frac{128}{125}) = \log_3(128) - \log_3(125) = \log_3(2^7) - \log_3(5^3) = \boxed{7a - 3b}$

$y = \log_3(4 \times 25) = \log_3(2^2) + \log_3(5^2) = \boxed{2a + 2b}$

Problem 4

[/5 marks]

The n^{th} term of an *arithmetic* sequence is given by $u_n = 15 - 3n$.

- (a) The value of the first term is : $u_1 = 15 - 3 = \boxed{12}$
- (b) $u_n = 15 - 3n = -33 \Leftrightarrow 3n = 48 \Rightarrow \boxed{n = 16}$
- (c) The *common difference* is $\boxed{d = -3}$

Problem 5

[/6 marks]

An *geometric* sequence has first term $u_1 = a$ and second term $u_2 = a^2 - 3a$, where $a > 0$.

- (a) We find *constant ratio* (in terms of a) by considering $r = \frac{u_2}{u_1} = \boxed{a - 3}$.

Let us consider the series $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n u_k$.

- (b) The *general term* for s_n is : $s_n = u_1 \frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1} = a \frac{(a - 3)^n - 1}{(a - 3) - 1} = a \frac{(a - 3)^n - 1}{a - 4}$
- (c) We want all the values of a for which the sum to infinity exists.

Hint : There is a formula about this condition in the IB booklet, that is : $|r| < 1$

then $|a - 3| < 1 \Leftrightarrow -1 < (a - 3) < 1 \Leftrightarrow -1 < (a - 3) < 1 \Leftrightarrow 2 < a < 4 \Leftrightarrow \boxed{a \in (2, 4)}$

Problem 6

[/7 marks]

The expansion of $(x + h)^8$, where $h > 0$, can be written as $x^8 + ax^7 + bx^6 + cx^5 + dx^4 + \dots + h^8$, where $a, b, c, d, \dots \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$x^8 + 8x^7h + 28x^6h^2 + 56x^5h^3 + 70x^4h^4 + 56x^3h^5 + 28x^2h^6 + 8xh^7 + h^8$$

- (a) Find an expression, in terms of h , for

- (i) $a; = 8$
- (ii) $b; = 28h^2$
- (iii) $d. = 70h^4$

(b) $r = \frac{c}{b} = \frac{b}{a}$ then $\frac{56h^3}{28h^2} = \frac{28h^2}{8} \Rightarrow 2h = \frac{7h^2}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{h = \frac{4}{7}}$ [4]

- (b) Given that a, b , and d are the first three terms of a geometric sequence, find the value of h . [3]

Problem 7

[/6 marks]

Consider the binomial expansion $(x + 1)^7 = x^7 + ax^6 + bx^5 + 35x^4 + \dots + 1$

where $x \neq 0, a \neq 0, b \neq 0, a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ $(x + 1)^7 = x^7 + 7x^6 + 21x^5 + 35x^4 + 35x^3 + 21x^2 + 7x + 1$

- (a) Show that $b = 21$ $b = 7C_5$
- (b) The third term in the expansion is the *mean* of the second term and the fourth term in the expansion. Find the possible values of x . $21x^5 = \frac{7x^6 + 35x^4}{2} \Rightarrow x^2 - 6x + 5 = 0$ $\boxed{S = \{1, 5\}}$