



Christmas Examination

Maths AA SL IB₁ Part 1
(7 Problems)

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Name : _____

You are not permitted access to any calculator for this paper.

Problem 1

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

- (a) State the value of the first term, u_1 . [1]
- (b) Given that the n^{th} term of this sequence is -33 , find the value of n . [2]
- (c) Find the common difference, d . [2]

Problem 2

/ 5marks

Consider any three consecutive integers, $n - 1$, n and $n + 1$.

- (a) Prove that the *sum* of these three integers is always divisible by 3.
- (b) Prove that the *sum* of the squares of these three integers is never divisible by 3.

Problem 3

/ 7marks

Consider the binomial expansion $(x+1)^7 = x^7 + ax^6 + bx^5 + 35x^4 + \dots + 1$
where $x \neq 0$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

- (a) Show that $b = 21$.

The third term in the expansion is the *mean*^{*} of the second term and the fourth term in the expansion.

(* : The *mean* of m and n is $\frac{m+n}{2}$)

- (b) Find the possible values of x .

Problem 4

/ 6marks

- (a) Show that the equation $2 \cos^2(x) + 5 \sin(x) = 4$ may be written in the form $2 \sin^2(x) - 5 \sin(x) + 2 = 0$.

- (b) Hence, solve the equation $2 \cos^2(x) + 5 \sin(x) = 4$, $0 \leq x \leq 3\pi$.

Problem 5

/ 6marks

Find the least positive value of x for which $\cos\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Hint : You are supposed to know the exact values of α such that $\cos(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Problem 6

/ 6marks

(a) Show that $2x - 3 - \frac{6}{x-1} = \frac{2x^2 - 5x - 3}{x-1}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \neq 1$. [2]

(b) Hence or otherwise, solve the equation $2\sin 2\theta - 3 - \frac{6}{\sin 2\theta - 1} = 0$ for $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$, $\theta \neq \frac{\pi}{4}$. [5]

Problem 7

/ 7marks

Solve $\cos(2x) = 5\cos(x) - 3$ for $0 \leq x < 2\pi$