



Christmas Examination

Monday 15 Dec. 2025

Duration : 2 hours

Maths HL IB₂

Part 2

(8 Problems 83 marks)

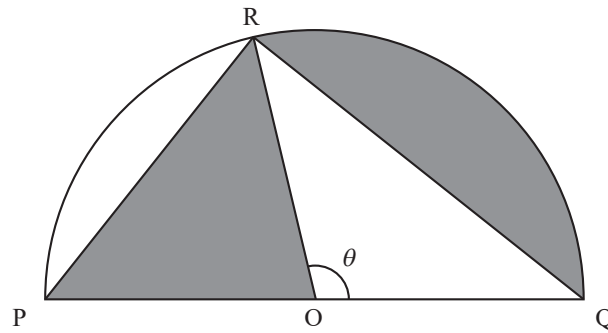
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Problem 1

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The following diagram shows a semicircle with centre O and radius r . Points P , Q and R lie on the circumference of the circle, such that $PQ = 2r$ and $\angle ROQ = \theta$, where $0 < \theta < \pi$.



- (a) Given that the areas of the two shaded regions are equal, show that $\theta = 2 \sin \theta$. [5]
- (b) Hence determine the value of θ . [1]

Problem 2

[/ 7 marks]

Consider the functions f , g and h defined as follows for $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$f(t) = \sin(2t + 1)$$

$$g(t) = \sin(2t + 3)$$

$$h(t) = f(t) + g(t)$$

- (a) Show that $h(t) = \operatorname{Im}(e^{2ti}(e^i + e^{3i}))$. [2]
- (b) Write $e^i + e^{3i}$ in the form $re^{i\theta}$, where $r > 0$ and $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$. [2]
- (c) Hence or otherwise, write $h(t)$ in the form $p \sin(2t + q)$, where $p > 0$ and $0 < q < 2\pi$. [3]

Problem 3

[/ 7 marks]

Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{(2x+a)^3}{(x+5)^2}$, where $x \neq -5$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$.

- (a) Find an expression for $f'(x)$, in terms of a . [3]

When $x = 1$, the tangent to the graph of f makes an angle of 70° to the horizontal.

- (b) Find the two possible values of a . [4]

Problem 4

[/ 21 marks]

Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 + 3y^2}{xy}$, where $x > 0, y > 0$.

It is given that $y = 2$ when $x = 1$.

- (a) Use Euler's method with step length 0.1 to find an approximate value of y when $x = 1.1$. [2]

- (b) By solving the differential equation, show that $y = x\sqrt{\frac{9x^4 - 1}{2}}$. [8]

- (c) Find the value of y when $x = 1.1$. [1]

- (d) With reference to the concavity of the graph of $y = x\sqrt{\frac{9x^4 - 1}{2}}$ for $1 \leq x \leq 1.1$, explain why the value of y found in part (c) is greater than the approximate value of y found in part (a). [2]

The graph of $y = x\sqrt{\frac{9x^4 - 1}{2}}$ for $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} < x < 1$ has a point of inflexion at the point P.

- (e) By sketching the graph of an appropriate derivative of y , determine the x -coordinate of P. [2]

It can be shown that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{-x^4 + x^2y^2 + 6y^4}{x^2y^3}$, where $x > 0, y > 0$.

- (f) Use this expression for $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ to show that point P lies on the straight line $y = mx$ where the exact value of m is to be determined. [6]

Problem 5

[/ 20 marks]

The acceleration, $a \text{ ms}^{-2}$, of a particle moving in a horizontal line at time t seconds, $t \geq 0$, is given by $a = -(1+v)$ where $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ is the particle's velocity and $v > -1$.

At $t = 0$, the particle is at a fixed origin O and has initial velocity $v_0 \text{ ms}^{-1}$.

- (a) By solving an appropriate differential equation, show that the particle's velocity at time t is given by $v(t) = (1 + v_0)e^{-t} - 1$. [6]
- (b) Initially at O , the particle moves in the positive direction until it reaches its maximum displacement from O . The particle then returns to O .

Let s metres represent the particle's displacement from O and s_{\max} its maximum displacement from O .

- (i) Show that the time T taken for the particle to reach s_{\max} satisfies the equation $e^T = 1 + v_0$.
- (ii) By solving an appropriate differential equation and using the result from part (b) (i), find an expression for s_{\max} in terms of v_0 . [7]

Let $v(T - k)$ represent the particle's velocity k seconds before it reaches s_{\max} , where

$$v(T - k) = (1 + v_0)e^{-(T-k)} - 1.$$

- (c) By using the result to part (b) (i), show that $v(T - k) = e^k - 1$. [2]

Similarly, let $v(T + k)$ represent the particle's velocity k seconds after it reaches s_{\max} .

- (d) Deduce a similar expression for $v(T + k)$ in terms of k . [2]
- (e) Hence, show that $v(T - k) + v(T + k) \geq 0$. [3]

Problem 6

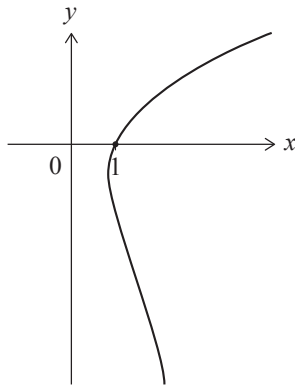
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Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{x^2 + y}$.

The solution curve passes through the point $(1, 0)$.

- (a) Use Euler's method with a step value of 0.25 to estimate the value of y when $x = 2$. [3]

Part of the solution curve is shown in the following diagram.



- (b) (i) Determine whether your answer to part (a) is an overestimate or an underestimate, justifying your answer.
- (ii) Justify why the use of Euler's method starting at $(1, 0)$ does not lead to an estimate of the negative value of y when $x = 2$. [3]

Problem 7

[/ 8 marks]

- (a) State two conditions required for X to be modelled by a binomial distribution. [2]

A water theme park has two rides: *Daifong* and *Torbellino*. Each visitor's decision to ride on either *Daifong* or *Torbellino* is made independently of any other person.

From previous records, it is expected that 37% of the visitors on any particular day will ride *Daifong*.

On Saturday, 1900 people will visit the theme park.

- (b) Find the number of people that are expected to ride *Daifong*. [2]

- (c) Find the probability that

- (i) 712 people will ride *Daifong*;
(ii) between 684 and 712 people, inclusive, will ride *Daifong*. [4]

Problem 8

[/ 8 marks]

At a school, 70% of the students play a sport and 20% of the students are involved in theatre. 18% of the students do neither activity.

A student is selected at random.

- (a) Find the probability that the student plays a sport and is involved in theatre. [2]
(b) Find the probability that the student is involved in theatre, but does not play a sport. [2]

At the school 48% of the students are girls, and 25% of the girls are involved in theatre.

A student is selected at random. Let G be the event "the student is a girl" and let T be the event "the student is involved in theatre".

- (c) Find $P(G \cap T)$. [2]
(d) Determine if the events G and T are independent. Justify your answer. [2]

Bonus

[+ 7]

Let us consider the function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\ln(2x - x^2)}$$

- i) Give the domain of f
ii) Draw the curve of equation $y = f(x)$
iii) Give the equation of the vertical asymptote.
iv) Give the equation of the horizontal asymptote.

