

Trial Examination 2008

## VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3 & 4

Written Examination 1

### Question and Answer Booklet

Reading time: 15 minutes

Writing time: 1 hour

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Structure of Booklet

Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
12	12	40

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#### Materials supplied

Question and answer booklet of 10 pages, with a detachable sheet of miscellaneous formulas in the centrefold.

Working space is provided throughout the booklet.

#### Instructions

Detach the formula sheet from the centre of this booklet during reading time.

Write your **name** and **teacher's name** in the space provided above on this page.

All written responses must be in English.

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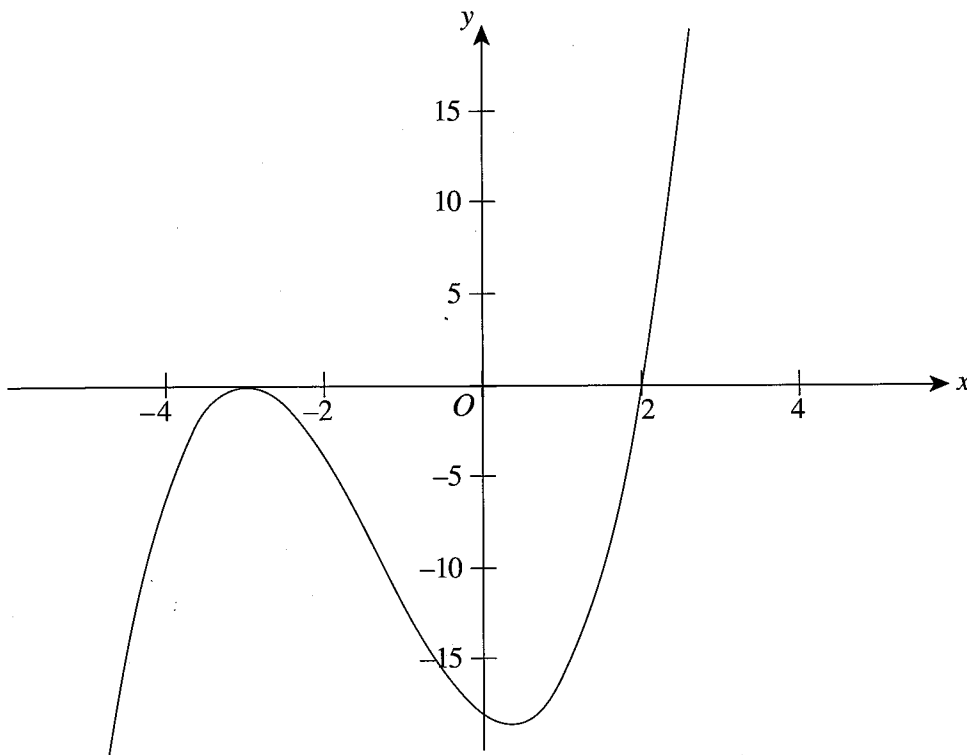
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**Question 2**

The graph of  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = x^3 - ax^2 - 3x - 18$  where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , is shown below.



The  $x$ -axis is tangential to the graph at  $(-3, 0)$  and there is an  $x$  intercept at  $(2, 0)$ .

- a. Find the value of  $a$ .

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- b. Find  $\{x: f(1-x) \geq 0\}$ .

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**Question 3**

The equation  $e^{-2x} - 6e^{-x} + 8 = 0$  has 2 real roots. Express the sum of these roots in the form  $\log_e\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers with no common factor.

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**Question 4**

Let  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sin\left(\frac{3\pi x}{5}\right)$ .

Find the minimum gradient of the graph of  $f$  and the least value of  $x$  for which this occurs.

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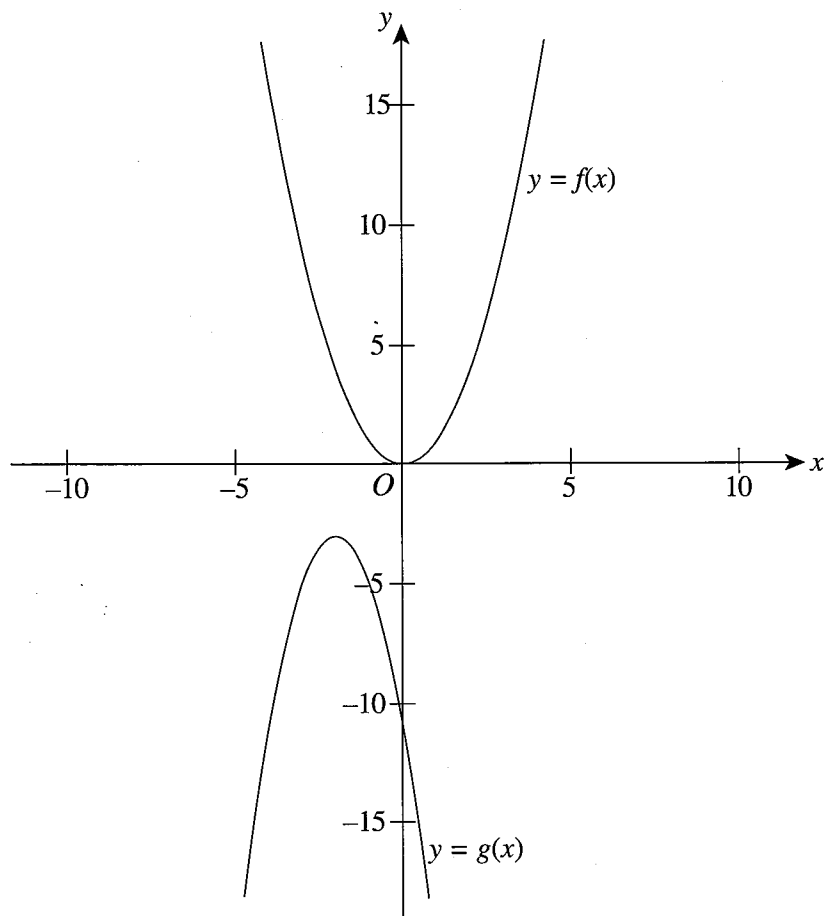
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**Question 5**

The graphs of  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$ , where  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = -2x^2 - 8x - 11$ , are shown below.



- a. Show that the coordinates of the maximum turning point on the graph of  $y = g(x)$  are  $(-2, -3)$ .

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- b. The graph of  $y = g(x)$  can be obtained from the graph of  $y = f(x)$  by a sequence of transformations. Fully describe such a sequence of transformations in the correct order.

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**Question 6**

Let  $f(x) = \tan(x)$  and  $g(x) = 2\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ .

- a. Calculate the exact value of  $f\left(g\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)\right)$ .

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- b. Solve  $f(g(x)) = -1$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ .

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**Question 7**

The volume,  $V \text{ cm}^3$ , of a particular tyre tube is given by the formula  $V = 2\pi^2(30r^2 + r^3)$  where  $r \text{ cm}$  is the cross-sectional radius of the tyre tube. If the tyre tube is being filled with air at a rate of  $20 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$ , find the exact rate at which the radius is increasing when the radius is  $2 \text{ cm}$ .

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**Question 8**

If  $f(x) = x^2 \log_e(2x)$  then  $f'(x) = 2x \log_e(2x) + x$ .

Use this fact to find an antiderivative of  $x \log_e(2x)$ .

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**Question 9**

A discrete random variable  $X$  may take values 0, 1, 2 and 3. The probability distribution of  $X$  is given by

$$\Pr(X = x) = a(x - 4)(1 + 2x), \text{ where } a \in R.$$

- a. Find the value of  $a$ .

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- b. Find the probability of  $X$  exceeding its mean.

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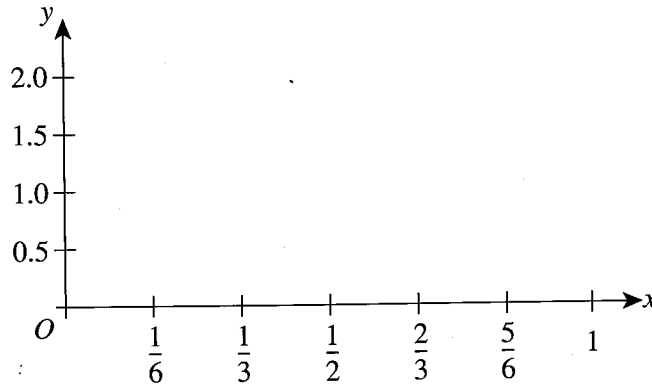
**Question 10**

The continuous random variable  $X$  has the probability function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 12x^2(1-x) & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

The mode of  $X$  is  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

a. On the axes below sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .



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b. Find  $\Pr\left(\frac{1}{2} \leq X \leq 1\right)$ .

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c. Let  $X$  have median  $m$ . Write, **but do not attempt to solve**, an equation involving an integral from which the value of  $m$  can be obtained.

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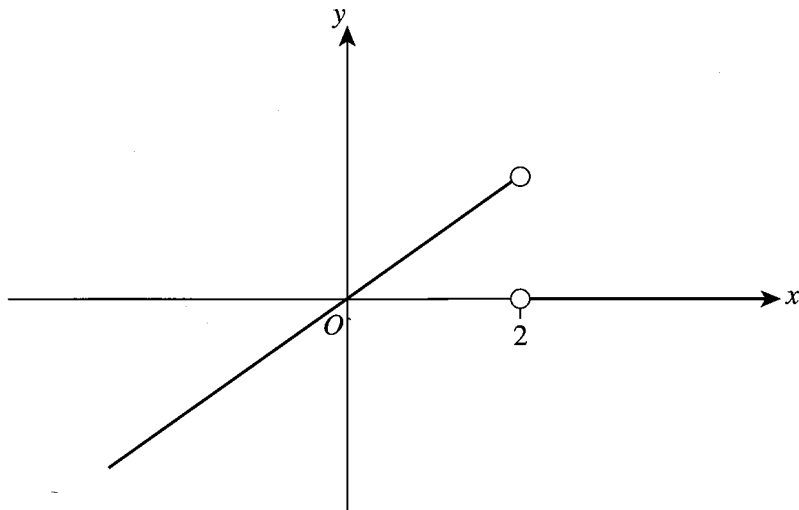
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**Question 11**

The function  $f$ , which is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ , has derivative function  $f'$ . The graph of  $y = f'(x)$  is shown below.



- a. Given that  $f(0) = -2$ , sketch on the same set of axes the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .

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- b. Write down the range of  $f$ .

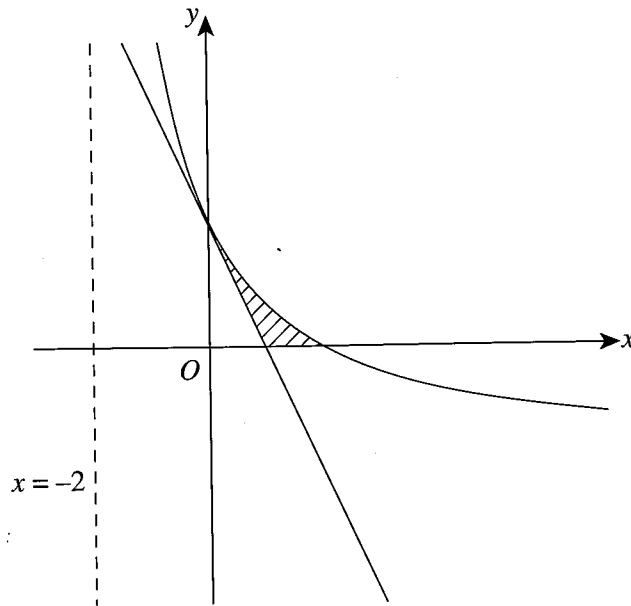
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**Question 12**

The graph of  $f: (-2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{12}{x+2} - 3$  is shown below. The tangent to the graph of  $f$  at the point where the graph crosses the  $y$ -axis is also shown.



- a. Find the equation of this tangent.

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- b. Find the exact area of the shaded region shown in the diagram above.

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