



Trial Examination 2011

VCE Mathematical Methods (CAS) Units 1 & 2

Written Examination 1

Suggested Solutions

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Question 1

a. $13m^2 = 5m$
 $13m^2 - 5m = 0$ M1

$$m(13m - 5) = 0$$

$$m = 0 \text{ or } m = \frac{5}{13}$$
 A1

b. $\frac{4^{2m+1} - 4^{2m}}{4^{2m} + 4^{2m-1}} \times m = \frac{12}{5}$

$$\frac{4^{2m}(4^1 - 1)}{4^{2m}(1 + 4^{-1})} \times m = \frac{12}{5}$$
 M1

$$\frac{3}{1 + 4^{-1}} \times m = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\frac{3}{1 + \frac{1}{4}} \times m = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\frac{3}{\frac{5}{4}} \times m = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$\frac{12}{5} \times m = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$m = 1$$
 A1

c. $\log_5(2m - 1) < 1$

$$\log_5(2m - 1) < \log_5(5)$$

$$2m - 1 < 5$$

$$2m < 6$$

$$m < 3$$
 A1

On the other hand, domain of $\log_5(2m - 1)$ is $2m - 1 > 0$ then $2m > 1$ thus $m > 0.5$

Therefore $0.5 < m < 3$. A1

Question 2

$$\left(4x - \frac{1}{2x}\right)^2 = (4x)^2 + 2(4x)\left(\frac{1}{2x}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2x}\right)^2$$

$$= 16x^2 - 4 + \frac{1}{4x^2}$$
 A1

Question 3

The vertical asymptote is: $10 - x = 0$

$$x = 10$$

The y-intercept is: $y = \log_{10}(10 - 0) = \log_{10}(10) = 1$

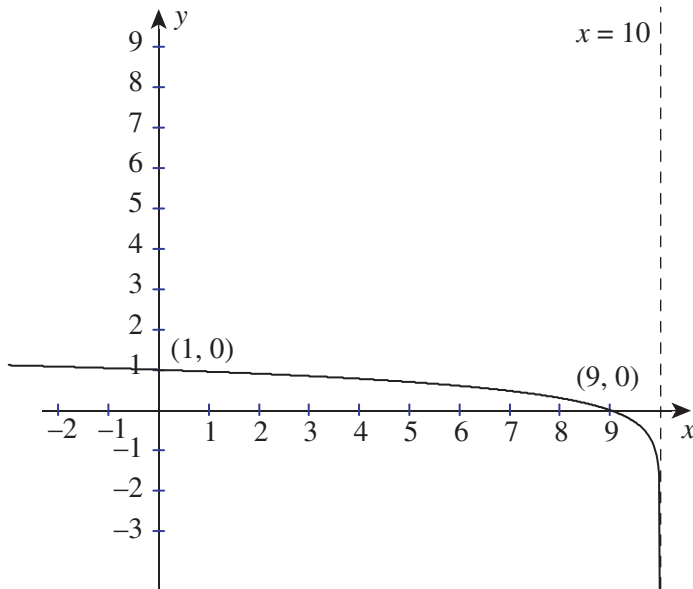
A1

The x-intercept is: $0 = \log_{10}(10 - x)$

$$1 = 10 - x$$

$$x = 9$$

A1



A1

Question 4

a. $f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2$

M1

$$f'(x) = 2(3)x^{3-1} + 2x^{2-1}$$

$$f'(x) = 6x^2 + 2x$$

A1

b. $f'(x) = 6x^2 + 2x$

$$f'(4) = 6(4)^2 + 2(4) = 96 + 8 = 104$$

A1

Question 5

The graph of $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ has turning point with coordinates $\left(-\frac{b}{2a}, c - \frac{b^2}{4a}\right)$.

In this case, $a = -1$, $b = 8$, and $c = -15$, thus the turning point has coordinates

$$\left(-\frac{8}{2(-1)}, -15 - \frac{8^2}{4(-1)}\right) \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= (4, 1) \quad \text{A1}$$

The distance, d , between $(4, 1)$ and $(0, 0)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{(4-0)^2 + (1-0)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{17} \quad \text{A1} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, solve by completing the square.

$$\begin{aligned} y &= -x^2 + 8x - 15 \\ &= -(x^2 - 8x + 15) \\ &= -(x^2 - 8x + 16 - 16 + 15) \quad \text{M1} \\ &= -((x-4)^2 - 1) \\ &= -(x-4)^2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

The turning point has coordinates $(4, 1)$ A1

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Other methods of finding the turning point included calculus and using symmetry property that the x-coordinate of the turning point is half way between the x-intercepts.

Question 6

$$F \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 24 & 33 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 24 & 33 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 24 & 33 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 24 & 33 \end{bmatrix} \times \frac{1}{4 \times 3 - 5 \times 2} \times \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \det(M) = 2$$

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \times \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 7 \\ 24 & 33 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \times \begin{bmatrix} 6 \times 3 + 7 \times (-2) & 6 \times (-5) + 7 \times 4 \\ 24 \times 3 + 33 \times (-2) & 24 \times (-5) + 33 \times 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$F = \frac{1}{2} \times \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ 6 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{A1}$$

Alternatively, the solution can be found by solving the simultaneous equations.

Question 7

$$f(x) = \int \left(-\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2} + 1 \right) dx$$

$$= \int \left(-\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2} \right) dx + \int 1 dx$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \int x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx + x + c$$

M1

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int x^{\frac{1}{2}} dx + x + c = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}+1}}{\left(\frac{1}{2}+1\right)} + x + c$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)} + x + c$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times x^{\frac{3}{2}} + x + c$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} x^{\frac{3}{2}} + x + c$$

A1

Hence $f(x) = -\frac{1}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} + x + C$ and if $f(x)$ passes through $(4, 0)$ then $f(4) = 0$

$$\text{So } -\frac{1}{3}4^{\frac{3}{2}} + 4 + c = 0$$

$$-\frac{1}{3}2^3 + 4 + c = 0$$

$$-\frac{8}{3} + 4 + c = 0$$

$$\frac{4}{3} + c = 0$$

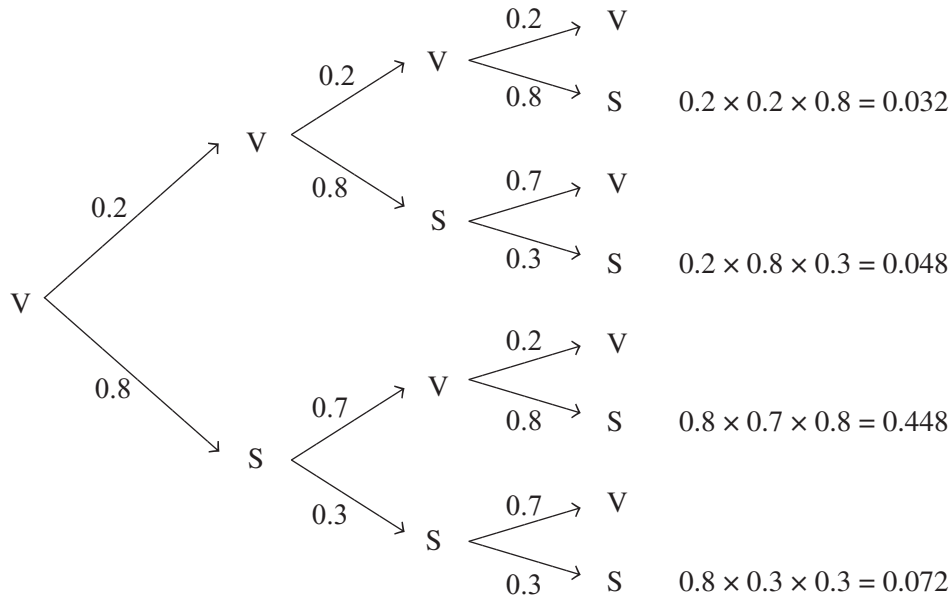
$$c = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\text{Therefore } f(x) = -\frac{1}{3}x^{\frac{3}{2}} + x - \frac{4}{3}$$

A1

Question 8

21 days is 3 weeks so:



$\Pr(\text{S in 21 days}) = 0.032 + 0.048 + 0.448 + 0.072 = 0.6$

tree diagram M1
correct results A1
correct final result A1

Alternatively:

$\Pr(\text{VVS}) + \Pr(\text{VSS}) + \Pr(\text{SVS}) + \Pr(\text{SSS})$ M1
 $= 0.2 \times 0.2 \times 0.8 + 0.2 \times 0.8 \times 0.3 + 0.8 \times 0.7 \times 0.8 + 0.8 \times 0.3 \times 0.3$ A1
 $= 0.6$ A1

Question 9

a. $3 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \frac{3}{2} = 0$

$$3 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ or } \frac{x}{2} = \pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{2\pi}{6} \text{ or } \frac{x}{2} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

M1

$$\text{or } x = \frac{5\pi}{3}$$

M1

b. Average rate of change is $\frac{f(\pi) - f(-\pi)}{\pi - (-\pi)}$

M1

$$= \frac{-3 - 3}{\pi + \pi} = \frac{-6}{2\pi} = -\frac{3}{\pi}$$

A1

c. $\cos(2\pi - x) - \cos(\pi + x)$

$$= \cos(x) - (-\cos(x))$$

$$= \cos(x) + \cos(x)$$

M1

$$= 0.7 + 0.7$$

$$= 1.4$$

A1

Question 10

a. According to factor theorem if $x + 2$ is a factor of $p(x)$ then we can say $p(-2) = 0$

$$p(-2) = (-2)^3 - 6(-2)^2 - 9(-2) + m = -8 - 24 + 18 + m = -14 + m$$

$$\text{So } -14 + m = 0$$

$$m = 14$$

A1

b. If $x + 2$ is a factor of $p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 9x + 14$, we may find the other factor by long division:

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 8x + 7 \\ x+2 \overline{) x^3 - 6x^2 - 9x + 14} \\ \underline{-(x^3 + 2x^2)} \\ -8x^2 - 9x + 14 \\ \underline{-(-8x^2 + 16x)} \\ 7x + 14 \\ \underline{-(7x + 14)} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

M1

$$\text{Thus } x^3 - 6x^2 - 9x + 14 = (x + 2)(x^2 - 8x + 7) = (x + 2)(x - 1)(x - 7)$$

Therefore linear factors are $(x + 2)$, $(x - 1)$, and $(x - 7)$.

A1

c. $y = p(x)$ where $p(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 9x + 14 = (x + 2)(x - 1)(x - 7)$

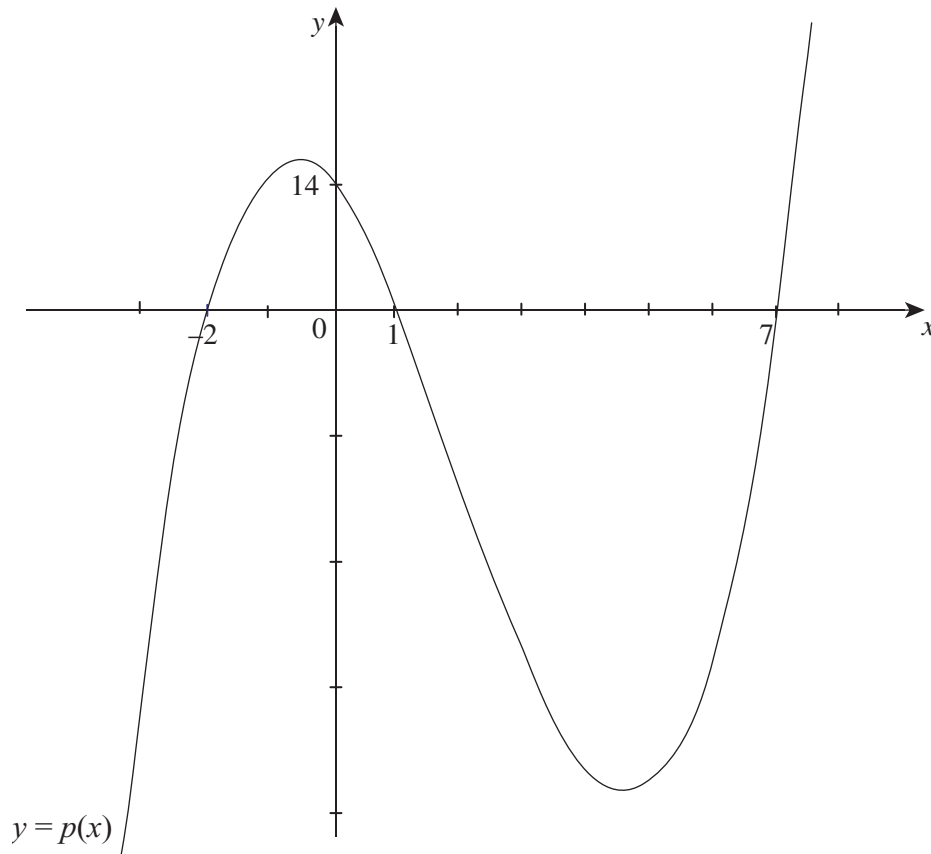
x -intercepts, $p(x) = 0$: $(x + 2)(x - 1)(x - 7) = 0$

so $x = -2$, $x = 1$, and $x = 7$

y -intercept, $y = p(0)$: $y = 0^3 - 6(0^2) - 9(0) + 14$

so the y -intercept is at $(0, 14)$ or $y = 14$

x- and y-intercepts A1



correct graph shape A1

Question 11

$x^2 + y^2 = 36$ is a circle where the centre is located at $(0,0)$ and the radius is 6.

The points on the circle with the x -coordinate $-3\sqrt{2}$ are:

$$x^2 + y^2 = 36$$

$$(-3\sqrt{2})^2 + y^2 = 36$$

$$18 + y^2 = 36$$

$$y^2 = 18$$

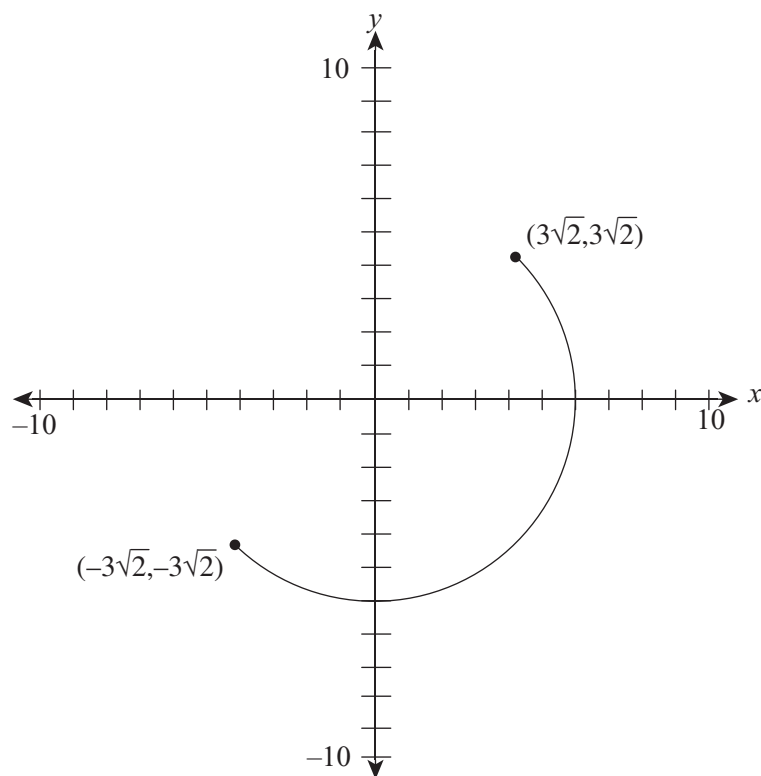
$$y = \pm\sqrt{18}$$

$$y = \pm 3\sqrt{2}$$

A1

Similarly, the points with y -coordinates $3\sqrt{2}$ will have x -coordinate as $\pm 3\sqrt{2}$.

Since $x \geq -3\sqrt{2}$ and $y \leq 3\sqrt{2}$, the section of the circle that is required starts at $(-3\sqrt{2}, -3\sqrt{2})$ and, moving in an anti-clockwise direction, ends at $(3\sqrt{2}, 3\sqrt{2})$.



correct shape A1

correct section of the graph with endpoints labelled A1

Range of the relation is $[-6, 3\sqrt{2}]$.

A1