

# 2021 VCE Mathematical Methods Trial Examination 1



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**MATHEMATICAL METHODS**

**Trial Written Examination 1**

Reading time: 15 minutes

Total writing time: 1 hour

**QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK**

**Structure of book**

<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
9	9	40

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners, rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: any technology (calculators or software) notes of any kind, blank sheets of paper, and/or correction fluid/tape.

**Materials supplied**

- Question and answer book of 18 pages.
- Detachable sheet of miscellaneous formulas at the end of this booklet.
- Working space is provided throughout the booklet.

**Instructions**

- Detach the formula sheet from the end of this book during reading time.
- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the diagrams in this booklet are **not** drawn to scale.
- All written responses must be in English.

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**Instructions**

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

In all questions where a numerical answer is required an exact value must be given unless otherwise specified.

In questions where more than one mark is available, appropriate working **must** be shown.

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**Question 1** ( 2 + 1 = 3 marks )

a. For  $y = \log_e(\tan(3x))$ , find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in simplified form.

2 marks

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b. Hence find an antiderivative of  $\frac{1}{\sin(3x)\cos(3x)}$ .

1 mark

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**Question 2** (3 marks)

$X$  is a normally distributed random variable, with mean 80 and variance 36, and  $Z$  is the standard normal random variable. If  $\Pr(Z < -2.5) = p$  and  $\Pr(-2.5 < Z < -1.5) = q$ , express  $\Pr(X > 71 | X < 95)$  in terms of  $p$  and  $q$ .

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**Question 4** (4 marks)

Consider the function  $f(x) = \log_e(kx) - \frac{kx}{2x+3}$  where  $k \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Determine a range of values of  $k$  for which the graph of the function has no stationary points.

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**Question 5** (5 marks)

a. A veterinarian clinic employs six male and three female veterinarians. On a particular day, three veterinarians are working. Let  $\hat{P}$  represent the sample proportion of female veterinarians working on a particular day.

i. What values can  $\hat{P}$  take?

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ii. Find  $\Pr\left(\hat{P} \geq \frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

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b. The veterinarian clinic has a large number of registered animals coming to the surgery. A random sample of animals from the surgery is selected, and an approximate 95% confidence interval for  $p$ , the proportion of animals which are dogs that attend the surgery was determined to be  $\left(\frac{316}{625}, \frac{484}{625}\right)$ . Using  $z = 1.96 = \frac{49}{25}$ , find the sample size from which this approximate 95% confidence interval was obtained.

2 marks

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**Question 6** (5 marks)

Consider the function  $f : D \rightarrow R$ ,  $f(x) = \sqrt{9 - 3x}$

a. Find the maximal domain of  $f$ , that is find  $D$ .

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b. Find the inverse function,  $f^{-1}$ .

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c. Find the coordinates of **all** the points of intersection between the graphs of  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = f^{-1}(x)$ .

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**Question 7** (4 marks)

- a. Let  $a > 0$ ,  $b > 0$  and let  $f(x)$  be an increasing function, such that  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(a) = b$ . Explain why  $\int_0^a f(x) dx = ab - \int_0^b f^{-1}(x) dx$ .

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- b. Hence, find the values of  $p$  and  $q$ , where  $p, q \in Z^+$ , if  $\int_0^3 \log_e(1+3x) dx = \frac{p}{q} \log_e(p) - q$ .

3 marks

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**Question 8** (3 marks)

The probability distribution for the continuous random variable  $X$  is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{\sqrt{16-3x}} & 0 \leq x \leq 5 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Find the value of  $k$ .

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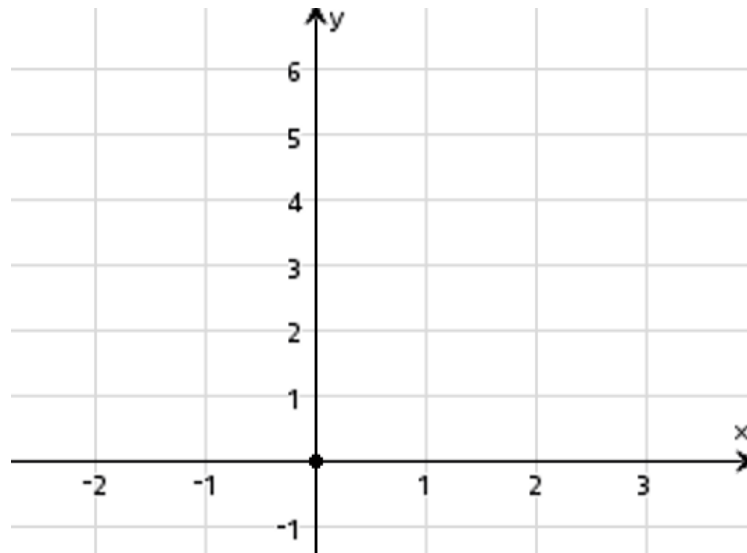
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**Question 9** (9 marks)

Consider the function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow R$ ,  $f(x) = 4e^{-2x}$

- a. Sketch the graph of the function on the axes below, stating the coordinates of any axial intercepts and equations of any asymptotes.

1 mark



- b. Over the interval  $1 \leq x \leq 3$ , find the mean value of the function.

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- c. Find the equation of the tangent to the graph of the function  $f$  at the point  $P$  where  $x = u$ . Give your answer in the form  $y = mx + c$ .

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- d. This tangent crosses the  $x$ -axis at the point  $Q$ , and the  $y$ -axis at the point  $R$ . Write down the coordinates of the points  $Q$  and  $R$ .

1 mark

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- e. If  $O$  is the origin, show that the area  $A$  of the triangle  $OQR$  is given by

$$A(u) = (2u + 1)^2 e^{-2u}$$

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f. Find the maximum value and the minimum value of the area  $A$ .

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**End of question and answer book for the  
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# MATHEMATICAL METHODS

## Written examination 1

### FORMULA SHEET

#### Directions to students

Detach this formula sheet during reading time.

This formula sheet is provided for your reference.



## Mathematical Methods formulas

### Mensuration

area of a trapezium	$\frac{1}{2}(a+b)h$	volume of a pyramid	$\frac{1}{3}Ah$
curved surface area of a cylinder	$2\pi rh$	volume of a sphere	$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
volume of a cylinder	$\pi r^2 h$	area of triangle	$\frac{1}{2}bc \sin(A)$
volume of a cone	$\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$		

### Calculus

$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$	$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$
$\frac{d}{dx}((ax+b)^n) = na(ax+b)^{n-1}$	$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{1}{a(n+1)}(ax+b)^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$
$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = ae^{ax}$	$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a}e^{ax} + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_e(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \log_e(x) + c, x > 0$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(ax)) = a \cos(ax)$	$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos(ax)) = -a \sin(ax)$	$\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(ax)) = \frac{a}{\cos^2(ax)} = a \sec^2(ax)$	
product rule $\frac{d}{dx}(uv) = u \frac{dv}{dx} + v \frac{du}{dx}$	quotient rule $\frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) = \frac{v \frac{du}{dx} - u \frac{dv}{dx}}{v^2}$
chain rule $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$	

**Probability**

$\Pr(A) = 1 - \Pr(A')$		$\Pr(A \cup B) = \Pr(A) + \Pr(B) - \Pr(A \cap B)$	
$\Pr(A B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$			
mean	$\mu = E(X)$	variance	$\text{var}(X) = \sigma^2 = E((X - \mu)^2) = E(X^2) - \mu^2$

Probability distribution		Mean	Variance
discrete	$\Pr(X = x) = p(x)$	$\mu = \sum x p(x)$	$\sigma^2 = \sum (x - \mu)^2 p(x)$
continuous	$\Pr(a < X < b) = \int_a^b f(x) dx$	$\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$	$\sigma^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 f(x) dx$

**Sample proportions**

$\hat{p} = \frac{X}{n}$	mean	$E(\hat{P}) = p$
standard deviation	$\text{sd}(\hat{P}) = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$	approximate confidence interval $\left( \hat{p} - z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + z \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right)$

**END OF FORMULA SHEET**