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Trial Examination 2021

# VCE Specialist Mathematics Units 1&2

Written Examination 1

**Suggested Solutions**

**Question 1** (5 marks)

a.  $2|x - 5| = 10$

$$|x - 5| = 5$$

$$x - 5 = -5 \text{ or } x - 5 = +5$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = 10$$

A1

b.  $3x - |x| = -4$

$$3x - x = -4 \text{ if } x \geq 0$$

$$2x = -4$$

$$x = -2$$

As  $x \geq 0$ ,  $x = -2$  is not valid.

M1

$$3x - (-x) = -4 \text{ if } x < 0$$

$$4x = -4$$

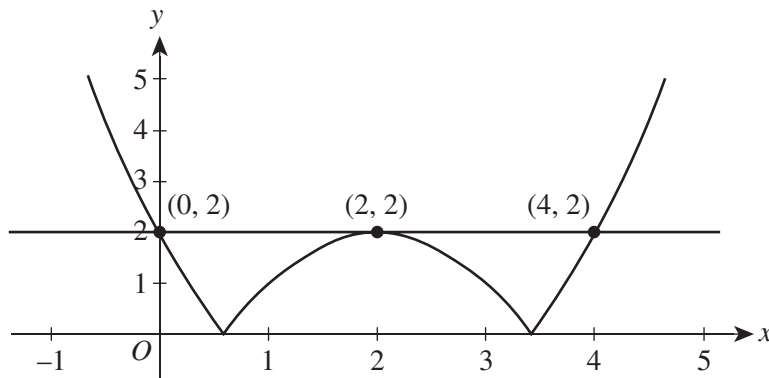
$$x = -1$$

A1

c.  $|x^2 - 4x + 2| \geq 2$

$$|(x - 2)^2 - 2| \geq 2$$

Sketch the graphs of  $y = |(x - 2)^2 - 2|$  and  $y = 2$ .



*correct sketch of graphs* M1

$$x \in (-\infty, 0] \cup \{2\} \cup [4, \infty)$$

A1

**Question 2** (8 marks)

a. i.  $t_2 = 4, t_n = t_{n-1} + 5$

$$t_2 = 4, t_3 = t_2 + 5, t_3 = 9$$

$$t_3 = 9, t_4 = t_3 + 5, t_4 = 14$$

$$t_2 = 4, t_1 = t_2 - 5, t_1 = -1$$

The first four terms of the sequence are  $-1, 4, 9$  and  $14$ .

A1

ii.  $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n - 1)d)$

$$S_{10} = \frac{10}{2}(2 \times -1 + (10 - 1) \times 5)$$

$$= 215$$

A1

**b.**  $t_3 = 6, t_6 = 15$

$$d = \frac{15-6}{6-3} = 3 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$t_{13} = t_3 + 10d = 6 + 10 \times 3 = 36 \quad \text{A1}$$

**OR**

Using simultaneous equations:

$$t_3 = 6 = a + 2d \Rightarrow 6 = a + 2g \quad (1)$$

$$t_6 = 15 = a + 5d \Rightarrow 15 = a + 5d \quad (2)$$

$$(2) - (1) \Rightarrow 3d = 9$$

$$d = 3$$

Substitute  $d = 3$  into (1).

$$6 = a + 2 \times 3 \Rightarrow a = 0 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$t_n = 0 + (n-1) \times 3 \Rightarrow t_{13} = 12 \times 3 = 36 \quad \text{A1}$$

**c. i.**  $r = \frac{x-6}{x} = \frac{2x-7}{x-6}$

$$(x-6)^2 = x(2x-7)$$

$$x^2 + 5x - 36 = 0 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$(x-4)(x+9) = 0$$

As  $x > 0$ :

$$x = 4 \quad \text{A1}$$

**ii.** From **part c.i.**,  $x = 4$ .

$$\Rightarrow t_1 = 4, t_2 = -2, t_3 = 1, \dots$$

$$\therefore r = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ and } a = 4 \quad \text{M1}$$

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{4}{1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)} = \frac{4}{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{8}{3} \quad \text{A1}$$

*Note: Consequential on answer to Question 2c.i.*

**Question 3** (6 marks)

- a. i. Locus is a circle with centre  $(-1, 5)$  and radius of 4.

$$(x + 1)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 16$$

A1

- ii.  $x + 1 = 4 \cos(\theta)$  and  $y - 5 = 4 \sin(\theta)$

$$x = 4 \cos(\theta) - 1 \text{ and } y = 4 \sin(\theta) + 5$$

$$P(4 \cos(\theta) - 1, 4 \sin(\theta) + 5)$$

A1

- b.  $AP = 4 - BP$

$$\sqrt{(x - 1)^2 + y^2} = 4 - \sqrt{(x + 1)^2 + y^2}$$

$$(x - 1)^2 + y^2 = 16 - 8\sqrt{(x + 1)^2 + y^2} + (x + 1)^2 + y^2$$

$$(x - 1)^2 - (x + 1)^2 = 16 - 8\sqrt{(x + 1)^2 + y^2}$$

M1

$$-4x = 16 - 8\sqrt{(x + 1)^2 + y^2}$$

$$x = -4 + 2\sqrt{(x + 1)^2 + y^2}$$

M1

$$x + 4 = 2\sqrt{(x + 1)^2 + y^2}$$

$$(x + 4)^2 = 4((x + 1)^2 + y^2)$$

M1

$$x^2 + 8x + 16 = 4y^2 + 4x^2 + 8x + 4$$

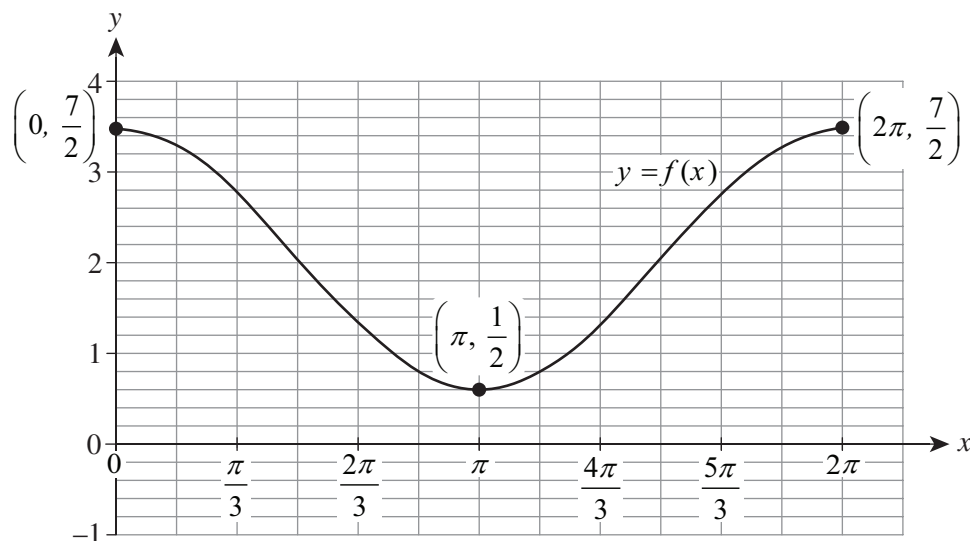
$$3x^2 + 4y^2 = 12$$

$$\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1$$

A1

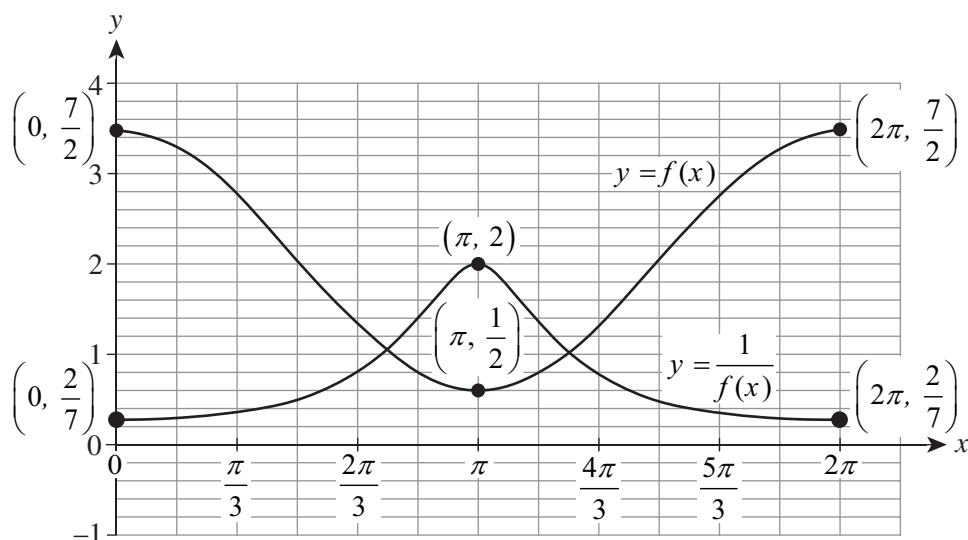
**Question 4** (4 marks)

- a.



*correct shape, including gradient of zero at end points A1*  
*correct coordinates of turning point and end points A1*

b.



correct shape, including gradient of zero at end points A1  
 correct location and coordinates of end points A1

**Question 5** (6 marks)

a.  $2^{x+1} = 20$

$2 \times 2^x = 20$

$2^x = 10$

Now suppose that  $x$  is rational. Since  $x > 1$ :

$$x = \frac{m}{n}, \text{ where } m, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

M1

$$2^{\frac{m}{n}} = 10$$

$$2^m = 10^n$$

$$2^m = 5^n \times 2^n$$

M1

So,  $2^m$  and  $2^n$  are both even numbers, while  $5^n$  must be odd.

The LHS is even and the RHS is odd, giving a contradiction. Hence,  $x$  is not rational, and must be irrational.

A1

b. Let  $P(n)$  be the proposition  $11^n - 5^n$  is divisible by 6.

$P(1)$  is the proposition  $11^1 - 5^1 = 6$  and is therefore divisible by 6.

Let  $k$  be any natural number, and assume that  $P(k)$  is true.

$$\rightarrow 11^k - 5^k = 6m \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad \text{M1}$$

$$P(k+1) = 11^{k+1} - 5^{k+1} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= 11 \times 11^k - 5 \times 5^k$$

$$= (6+5) \times 11^k - 5 \times 5^k$$

$$= 6 \times 11^k + 5 \times 11^k - 5 \times 5^k$$

$$= 6 \times 11^k + 5(11^k - 5^k)$$

$$= 6 \times 11^k + 5 \times 6m$$

$$= 6(11^k + 5m) \quad \text{A1}$$

As  $P(k+1)$  is divisible by 6,  $11^n - 5^n$  is divisible by 6 for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Question 6** (6 marks)

a.  $\overrightarrow{OA} = \sqrt{3}\underline{i} + 3\underline{j}$  and  $\overrightarrow{OB} = m\underline{i} + n\underline{j}$ .

$$\overrightarrow{OA} \cdot \overrightarrow{OB} = \sqrt{3}m + 3n \quad \text{M1}$$

If  $\angle AOB = 90^\circ$ , then  $\overrightarrow{OA} \cdot \overrightarrow{OB} = 0$ .

$$\sqrt{3}m + 3n = 0$$

$$\sqrt{3}m = -3n$$

$$\frac{m}{n} = -\frac{3}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= -\sqrt{3} \quad \text{A1}$$

b. i.  $\overrightarrow{OA} = \sqrt{3}\underline{i} + 3\underline{j}$

$$|\overrightarrow{OA}| = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + (3)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{12}$$

$$m = 0 \rightarrow \overrightarrow{OB} = n\underline{j}$$

If  $|\overrightarrow{OA}| = |\overrightarrow{OB}|$ , then  $\overrightarrow{OB} = \sqrt{12}$ . M1

$$n = \pm\sqrt{12}$$

$$= \pm 2\sqrt{3} \quad \text{A1}$$

ii. Assuming  $n = 2\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\overline{OB} = 2\sqrt{3}j$ .

$$\angle AOB = 90^\circ$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}|\overline{OA}| \cdot |\overline{OB}|$$

M1

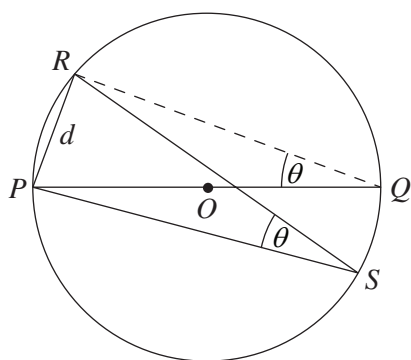
$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 2\sqrt{3} \times 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$= 6 \text{ units}^2$$

A1

### Question 7 (5 marks)

a.



$$\angle PQR = \angle PSR = \theta \text{ (angles on the same arc are equal)}$$

M1

$$\angle QRP = 90^\circ \text{ (angle in a semi-circle is a right angle)}$$

M1

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{d}{2r}$$

M1

$$d = 2r \sin(\angle RSP)$$

b.  $\overline{PS} = \overline{PO} + \overline{OS}$

$$\overline{RQ} = \overline{RS} + \overline{SQ}$$

$$\overline{PO} = \overline{OQ} \text{ and } \overline{RO} = \overline{OS} \text{ (radii on same diameters)}$$

M1

$$\Rightarrow \overline{PS} = \overline{OQ} + \overline{RO}$$

$$\therefore \overline{PS} = \overline{RQ}$$

M1