

Trial Examination 2023

## VCE Specialist Mathematics 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

<i>Number of questions</i>	<i>Number of questions to be answered</i>	<i>Number of marks</i>
10	10	40

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#### Materials supplied

Question and answer booklet of 13 pages

Formula sheet

Working space is provided throughout the booklet.

#### Instructions

Write your **name** and your **teacher's name** 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.

#### At the end of the examination

You may keep the formula sheet.

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**Instructions**

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

Unless otherwise specified, an **exact** answer is required to a question.

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

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Take the **acceleration due to gravity** to have magnitude  $g \text{ ms}^{-2}$ , where  $g = 9.8$ .

**Question 1** (2 marks)

$X$  and  $Y$  are independent random variables. The mean and the variance of  $X$  are 3 and 2, respectively; the mean and the variance of  $Y$  are 5 and 4, respectively.

Find the mean and variance of  $X + 2X - 4Y$ .

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**Question 2** (3 marks)

Given that  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ , consider the following statement.

If  $p^2 + q^2 + 1$  is odd, then  $p + q$  is even.

- a.** Write down the contrapositive of the statement. 1 mark

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- b.** Prove that the contrapositive is true. 2 marks

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**Question 3** (3 marks)

A spherical balloon is inflated such that its volume increases at a rate of  $24 \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$ .

Determine the rate at which the balloon's surface area increases when the balloon's radius is 8 cm.

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**Question 4** (3 marks)

Find the cube roots of  $-64$ . Express your answers in polar form using the principal values of the argument.

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**Question 5** (3 marks)

Prove by mathematical induction that  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2$  for all  $n \geq 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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**Question 6** (6 marks)

A particle's position at any time  $t$  is given by  $\underline{r} = 2\cos(t)\underline{i} - \sin(t)\underline{j}$ , where  $t \geq 0$ .

- a.** Find the Cartesian equation of the particle's path. 2 marks

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- b.** Find the particle's speed when  $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$ . 2 marks

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**c.** Find the particle's maximum acceleration.

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**Question 7** (4 marks)

Consider points  $A(-2, 1, 0)$ ,  $B(3, 4, -2)$  and  $C(-5, -2, 1)$ .

- a. Use proof by contradiction to prove that points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are not collinear. 2 marks

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- b. Find the area of triangle  $ABC$ . 2 marks

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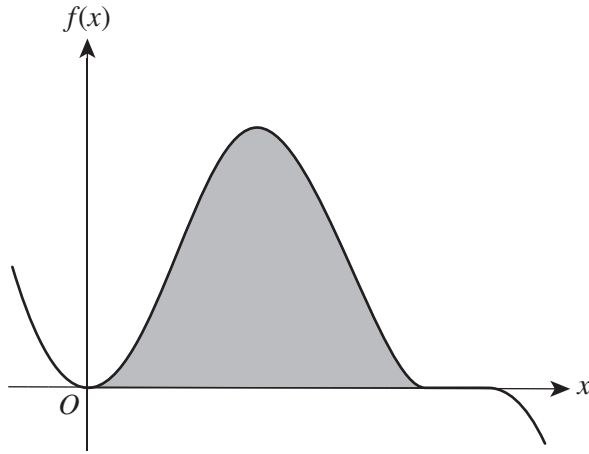
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**Question 8** (4 marks)

The graph of  $f(x) = \sin^2(2x)\cos^3(2x)$  is shown below.



Find the shaded area.

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**Question 9** (4 marks)

Find  $\int x^2 \sin(x) dx$ .

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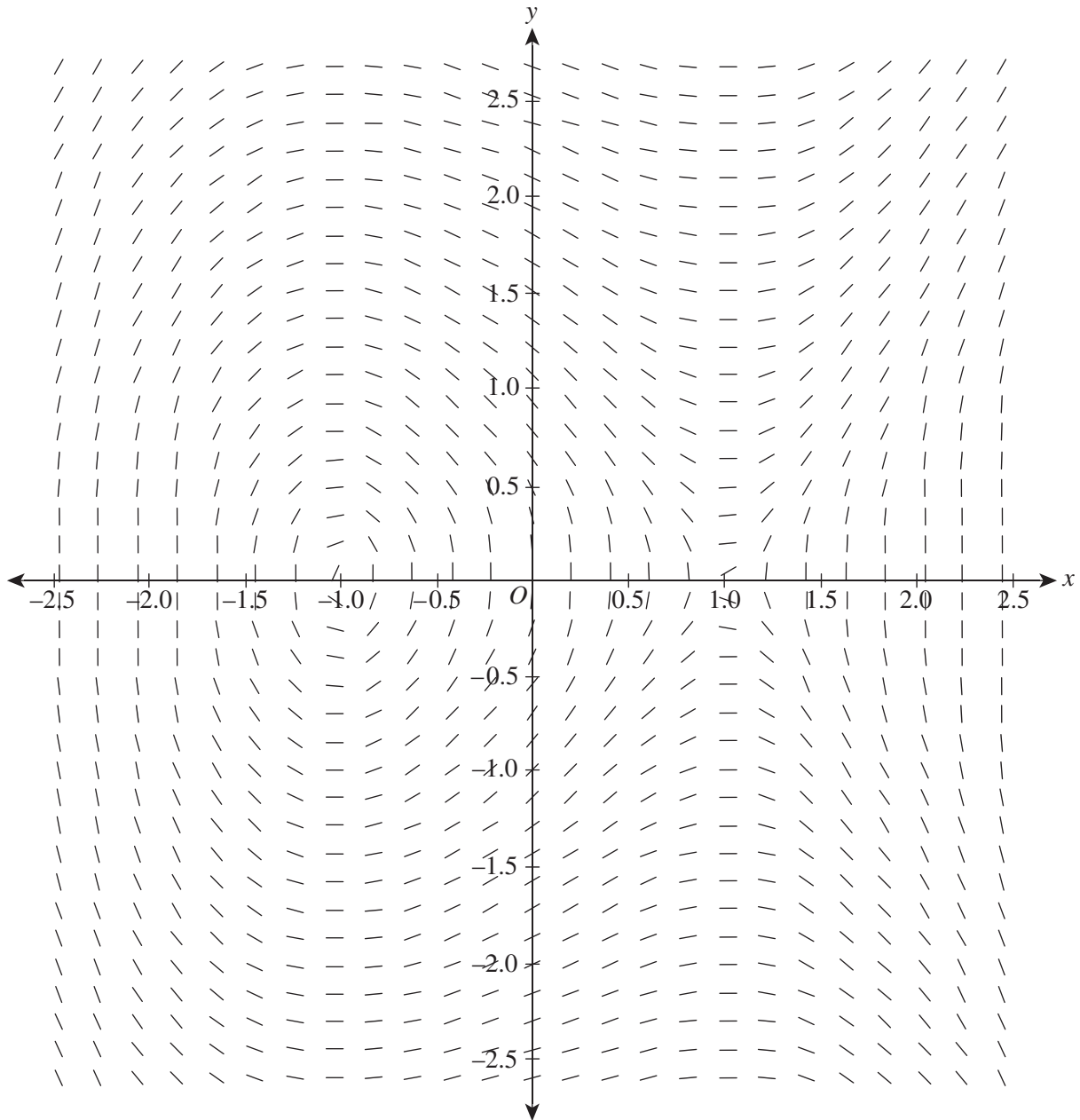
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**Question 10** (8 marks)

A direction field representing the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 - 1}{y}$  is shown below.



- a. On the direction field above, sketch the solution curve of the differential equation given that  $y(0) = 2$ .

2 marks

**b.** Solve the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2 - 1}{y}$  given that  $y(0) = 2$ . Express your answer

in the form  $ay^2 = bx^3 + cx + d$ , where  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are integers.

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- c. The solution curve of the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2-1}{y}$  has an inflection point such that  $0 < x < 1$ .

Show that the coordinates of the inflection point in the first quadrant satisfy the equation

$$y = \frac{1-x^2}{\sqrt{2x}}.$$

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**END OF QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOKLET**

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## VCE Specialist Mathematics Units 3&4

Written Examinations 1&2

### Formula Sheet

#### Instructions

This formula sheet is provided for your reference.  
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**Mensuration**

area of a circle segment	$\frac{r^2}{2}(\theta - \sin(\theta))$	volume of a sphere	$\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
volume of a cylinder	$\pi r^2 h$	area of a triangle	$\frac{1}{2}bc \sin(A)$
volume of a cone	$\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$	sine rule	$\frac{a}{\sin(A)} = \frac{b}{\sin(B)} = \frac{c}{\sin(C)}$
volume of a pyramid	$\frac{1}{3}Ah$	cosine rule	$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos(C)$

**Algebra, number and structure (complex numbers)**

$z = x + iy = r(\cos(\theta) + i \sin(\theta)) = r \operatorname{cis}(\theta)$	$ z  = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = r$
$-\pi < \operatorname{Arg}(z) \leq \pi$	$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 \operatorname{cis}(\theta_1 + \theta_2)$
$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} \operatorname{cis}(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$	de Moivre's theorem $z^n = r^n \operatorname{cis}(n\theta)$

**Data analysis, probability and statistics**

for independent random variables $X_1, X_2 \dots X_n$	$E(aX_1 + b) = a E(X_1) + b$	
	$E(a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2 + \dots + a_n X_n) = a_1 E(X_1) + a_2 E(X_2) + \dots + a_n E(X_n)$	
for independent identically distributed variables $X_1, X_2 \dots X_n$	$\operatorname{Var}(aX_1 + b) = a^2 \operatorname{Var}(X_1)$	
	$\operatorname{Var}(a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2 + \dots + a_n X_n) = a_1^2 \operatorname{Var}(X_1) + a_2^2 \operatorname{Var}(X_2) + \dots + a_n^2 \operatorname{Var}(X_n)$	
approximate confidence interval for $\mu$	$E(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) = n\mu$	
	$\operatorname{Var}(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n) = n\sigma^2$	
distribution of sample mean $\bar{X}$	$\left( \bar{x} - z \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + z \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right)$	
	mean	$E(\bar{X}) = \mu$
	variance	$\operatorname{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

## Calculus

$\frac{d}{dx}(x^n) = nx^{n-1}$	$\int x^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$
$\frac{d}{dx}(e^{ax}) = ae^{ax}$	$\int e^{ax} dx = \frac{1}{a}e^{ax} + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\log_e(x)) = \frac{1}{x}$	$\int \frac{1}{x} dx = \log_e x  + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin(ax)) = a \cos(ax)$	$\int \sin(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos(ax)) = -a \sin(ax)$	$\int \cos(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan(ax)) = a \sec^2(ax)$	$\int \sec^2(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan(ax) + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cot(ax)) = -a \operatorname{cosec}^2(ax)$	$\int \operatorname{cosec}^2(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \cot(ax) + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\sec(ax)) = a \sec(ax) \tan(ax)$	$\int \sec(ax) \tan(ax) dx = \frac{1}{a} \sec(ax) + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\operatorname{cosec}(ax)) = -a \operatorname{cosec}(ax) \cot(ax)$	$\int \operatorname{cosec}(ax) \cot(ax) dx = -\frac{1}{a} \operatorname{cosec}(ax) + c$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1}(ax)) = \frac{a}{\sqrt{1-(ax)^2}}$	$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + c, a > 0$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1}(ax)) = \frac{-a}{\sqrt{1-(ax)^2}}$	$\int \frac{-1}{\sqrt{a^2-x^2}} dx = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + c, a > 0$
$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}(ax)) = \frac{a}{1+(ax)^2}$	$\int \frac{a}{a^2+x^2} dx = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) + c$
	$\int (ax+b)^n dx = \frac{1}{a(n+1)}(ax+b)^{n+1} + c, n \neq -1$
	$\int \frac{1}{ax+b} dx = \frac{1}{a} \log_e ax+b  + c$



**Calculus – continued**

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	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx}$
integration by parts	$\int u \frac{dv}{dx} dx = uv - \int v \frac{du}{dx} dx$
Euler's method	If $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ , $x_0 = a$ and $y_0 = b$ , then $x_{n+1} = x_n + h$ and $y_{n+1} = y_n + h \times f(x_n, y_n)$ .
arc length parametric	$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$
surface area Cartesian about $x$ -axis	$\int_{x_1}^{x_2} 2\pi y \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2} dx$
surface area Cartesian about $y$ -axis	$\int_{y_1}^{y_2} 2\pi x \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{dy}\right)^2} dy$
surface area parametric about $x$ -axis	$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} 2\pi y \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$
surface area parametric about $y$ -axis	$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} 2\pi x \sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} dt$

**Kinematics**

acceleration	$a = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{dv}{dt} = v \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{1}{2}v^2\right)$	
constant acceleration formulas	$v = u + at$	$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$
	$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$	$s = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t$

**Vectors in two or three dimensions**

$\underline{r}(t) = x(t)\underline{i} + y(t)\underline{j} + z(t)\underline{k}$	$ \underline{r}(t)  = \sqrt{x(t)^2 + y(t)^2 + z(t)^2}$
	$\dot{\underline{r}}(t) = \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} = \frac{dx}{dt}\underline{i} + \frac{dy}{dt}\underline{j} + \frac{dz}{dt}\underline{k}$
for $\underline{r}_1 = x_1\underline{i} + y_1\underline{j} + z_1\underline{k}$ and $\underline{r}_2 = x_2\underline{i} + y_2\underline{j} + z_2\underline{k}$	vector scalar product $\underline{r}_1 \cdot \underline{r}_2 =  \underline{r}_1  \underline{r}_2 \cos(\theta) = x_1x_2 + y_1y_2 + z_1z_2$
	vector cross product $\underline{r}_1 \times \underline{r}_2 = \begin{vmatrix} \underline{i} & \underline{j} & \underline{k} \\ x_1 & y_1 & z_1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & z_2 \end{vmatrix} = (y_1z_2 - y_2z_1)\underline{i} + (x_2z_1 - x_1z_2)\underline{j} + (x_1y_2 - x_2y_1)\underline{k}$
vector equation of a line	$\underline{r}(t) = \underline{r}_1 + t\underline{r}_2 = (x_1 + x_2t)\underline{i} + (y_1 + y_2t)\underline{j} + (z_1 + z_2t)\underline{k}$
parametric equation of a line	$x(t) = x_1 + x_2t \quad y(t) = y_1 + y_2t \quad z(t) = z_1 + z_2t$
vector equation of a plane	$\underline{r}(s, t) = \underline{r}_0 + s\underline{r}_1 + t\underline{r}_2$ $= (x_0 + x_1s + x_2t)\underline{i} + (y_0 + y_1s + y_2t)\underline{j} + (z_0 + z_1s + z_2t)\underline{k}$
parametric equation of a plane	$x(s, t) = x_0 + x_1s + x_2t, \quad y(s, t) = y_0 + y_1s + y_2t, \quad z(s, t) = z_0 + z_1s + z_2t$
Cartesian equation of a plane	$ax + by + cz = d$

**Circular functions**

$\cos^2(x) + \sin^2(x) = 1$	
$1 + \tan^2(x) = \sec^2(x)$	$\cot^2(x) + 1 = \operatorname{cosec}^2(x)$
$\sin(x + y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) + \cos(x)\sin(y)$	$\sin(x - y) = \sin(x)\cos(y) - \cos(x)\sin(y)$
$\cos(x + y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) - \sin(x)\sin(y)$	$\cos(x - y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) + \sin(x)\sin(y)$
$\tan(x + y) = \frac{\tan(x) + \tan(y)}{1 - \tan(x)\tan(y)}$	$\tan(x - y) = \frac{\tan(x) - \tan(y)}{1 + \tan(x)\tan(y)}$
$\sin(2x) = 2\sin(x)\cos(x)$	
$\cos(2x) = \cos^2(x) - \sin^2(x) = 2\cos^2(x) - 1 = 1 - 2\sin^2(x)$	$\tan(2x) = \frac{2\tan(x)}{1 - \tan^2(x)}$
$\sin^2(ax) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos(2ax))$	$\cos^2(ax) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(2ax))$

**END OF FORMULA SHEET**