

2023

1. (a) (i) Let  $p$  and  $q$  be any two propositions. Complete the truth table below.

$p$	$q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow p$	$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$
T	T			
T	F			
F	T			
F	F			

[3 marks]

- (ii) Hence, state whether the statements  $q \rightarrow p$  and  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$  are logically equivalent. Justify your response.

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[2 marks]

- (b) Let  $x$  and  $y$  be negative real numbers and let  $z$  be any real number. Use a counter example to show that the statement "if  $x > y$  then  $xz > yz$ " is false.

- (c) The expression  $f(x) = 6x^3 + px^2 + qx + 2$  is divisible by  $2x - 1$  and has a remainder of 2 when divided by  $x - 1$ .

Calculate the values of  $p$  and  $q$ .

- (d) (i) Solve the logarithmic equation  $\log_3 (x^2 - 9) - \log_3 (x + 3) = 3$ .

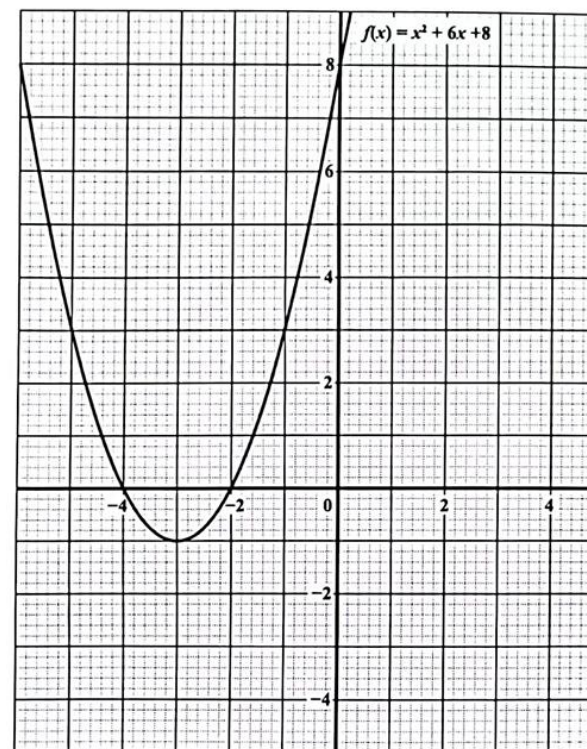
- (ii) Show that  $\sqrt{320x^3} + \sqrt{125x^3}$  simplifies to  $13x\sqrt{5x}$ .

2. (a) Let  $f(x) = 7x + 2$ . Prove that  $f$  is bijective.

- (b) The roots of the cubic equation  $3x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$  are  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Determine the equation

whose roots are  $\frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\beta}$  and  $\frac{1}{\gamma}$ .

- (c) The diagram below shows the graph of the curve  $f(x) = x^2 + 6x + 8$ .



- (i) On the axes provided above, sketch and label the graph of  $g(x) = |x^2 + 6x + 8|$ . [3 marks]

- (ii) On the same axes, sketch and label the inverse of  $f$  for  $x \geq -3$ . [5 marks]

- (d) Given that  $g(x) = \frac{2x+3}{x+3}$ , prove that  $g^{-1}(2)$  does not exist.

2022

- (a) (i) Let  $p$  and  $q$  be any two propositions. Complete the truth table below.

$p$	$q$	$\sim q$	$(\sim q \wedge p)$	$p \vee (\sim q \wedge p)$
T	T			
T	F			
F	T			
F	F			

[3 marks]

- (ii) Hence, state whether the statements  $(\sim q \wedge p)$  and  $p \vee (\sim q \wedge p)$  are logically equivalent. **Justify your response.**

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- (b) Determine the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , such that

$$2x^2 - 7x + 12 = a(x - 2)(x - 1) - b(x - 3) + c.$$

- (c) Solve the inequality  $|3x + 2| \geq 4$ .

- (d) Solve the logarithmic equation  $\log_5 (x + 2) + \log_5 (x + 6) = 1$ .

- (a) Let  $f(x) = \frac{3x + 1}{x}$  and  $g(x) = e^{-2x} + 1$ .

- (i) Show that  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{x - 3}$ .

- (ii) Hence, or otherwise, write an expression for  $(f^{-1} \circ g)(x)$ .

- (b) Solve the equation  $6 - \frac{7}{2^{2x}} - \frac{3}{4^{2x}} = 0$ .

- (c) The function  $f(x) = 2x^3 - px^2 + qx - 10$  is divisible by  $x - 1$  and has a remainder of  $-6$  when divided by  $x + 1$ .

Calculate the values of  $p$  and  $q$ .

- (d) The roots of the equation  $2x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 1 = 0$  are  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$ .

Given that  $\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta\gamma} + \frac{1}{\alpha\gamma} = \frac{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ , determine the equation

whose roots are  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ ,  $\frac{1}{\beta}$  and  $\frac{1}{\gamma}$ .

2021

1. (a) (i) Let  $p$  and  $q$  be any two propositions. Complete the truth table below.

$p$	$q$	$\sim p$	$\sim q$	$p \vee q$	$\sim(p \vee q)$	$\sim p \vee \sim q$
T	T					
T	F					
F	T					
F	F					

[4 marks]

- (ii) Hence, state whether the statements  $\sim(p \vee q)$  and  $\sim p \vee \sim q$  are logically equivalent. Justify your response.

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[2 marks]

- (b) (i) Write the converse of the statement " $n$  is an integer  $\Rightarrow n^2$  is an integer".

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[1 mark]

- (ii) For two real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , the operation  $*$  is given by  $x * y = x^2 + y^2$ . Prove that  $*$  is closed in  $\mathbf{R}$ .

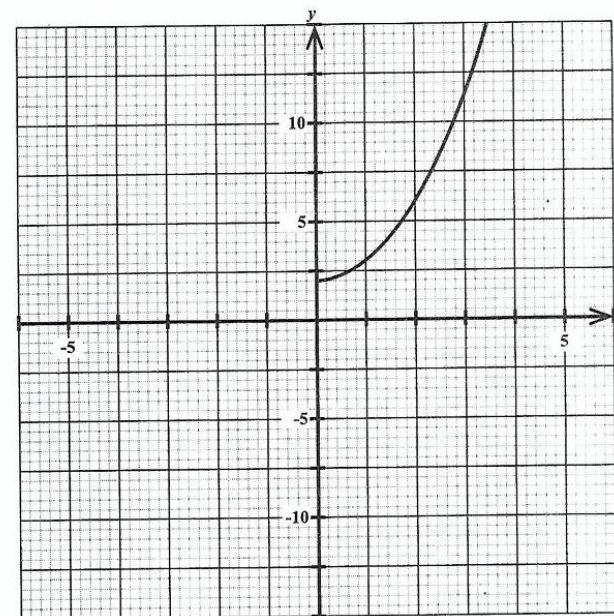
- (iii) Determine whether the operation  $*$  is commutative.

- (c) The function  $f(x) = ax^3 + 3x^2 - b$  is divisible by  $2x - 1$  and has a remainder of  $-5$  when divided by  $x + 2$ .

Calculate the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

- (d) Solve the logarithmic equation  $\log_2 x + \log_4 x + \log_{16} x = 7$ .

2. (a) The diagram below shows the graph of  $f(x) = x^2 + 2$  for  $x \geq 0$ .



- (i) On the graph

- a) Sketch the inverse of  $f$

- b) Show that the inverse of  $f$  is a function.

[4 marks]

- (ii) Prove that  $f$  is one to one.

- (iii) Determine whether  $f$  is onto.

- (b) Solve the equation  $|x^2 - 4| = 3x - 2$ .

- (c) Given that  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are the roots of the equation  $2x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 1 = 0$ , determine the equation whose roots are  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ ,  $\frac{1}{\beta}$ ,  $\frac{1}{\gamma}$ .

2019

1. (a) The quadratic expression  $f(x) = ax^2 + 12x + b$  is divisible by  $x - 3$  and has a remainder  $-27$  when divided by  $x + 6$ .
- (i) Show that the values of the constants  $a$  and  $b$  are 3 and  $-63$ , respectively.

(ii) Hence, determine the factors of  $f$ .

- (b) Solve, for real values of  $x$ , the inequality  $|3x - 4| \leq 6$ .

- (c) A binary operation is defined on the set of rational numbers by  $a * b = \frac{ab}{2}$ . Prove that  $*$  is commutative.

- (d) Use mathematical induction to prove that  $5^n - 1$  is divisible by 4 for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- (a) Let  $A = \{x : x \in \mathbb{R}, x \geq 1\}$ .

A function  $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined as  $f(x) = x^2 - x$ . Show that  $f$  is one-to-one.

Let  $f(x) = 3x + 1$  and  $g(x) = e^{3x}$ .

- (i) Determine  $f^{-1}$ .

- (ii) Determine  $f^{-1} \circ g$ .

- (c) Solve the equation  $3 - \frac{4}{9^x} - \frac{4}{81^x} = 0$ .

- (d) Let the roots of the equation  $2x^3 - 5x^2 + 4x + 6 = 0$  be  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

- (i) State the values of  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$ ,  $\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma$  and  $\alpha\beta\gamma$ .

- (ii) Hence, or otherwise, determine the equation with roots  $\alpha^2$ ,  $\beta^2$  and  $\gamma^2$ .

Note:  $(\alpha\beta)^2 + (\alpha\gamma)^2 + (\beta\gamma)^2 = (\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma)^2 - 2\alpha\beta\gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma)$$

2024

- (a) Given that  $f(x) = \frac{4}{x-5}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , determine the domain of the composite function  $f(g(x))$ .
- (b) Solve the inequality  $-3|2x - 5| + 2 \geq -4$ .
- (c) Solve the logarithmic equation  $\log_5 x - 4 \log_x 5 = -3$ .
- (d) Prove that the function  $f(x) = 3x - 2$  is bijective.
- (a) The roots of the cubic equation  $x^3 - 9 = 0$  are  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . Determine the with roots  $(\alpha - 1), (\beta - 1)$  and  $(\gamma - 1)$ , given that  $(\alpha - 1)(\beta - 1) + (\alpha - 1)(\gamma - 1) + (\beta - 1)(\gamma - 1) = 12$ .
- (b) The function  $f(x) = 2x^3 - px^2 + qx - 5$  is divisible by  $2x - 1$  and has a remainder of 7 when divided by  $x - 1$ . Calculate the values of  $p$  and  $q$ .
- (c) Let  $P$  be the proposition that if  $n^3 + 3$  is odd then  $n$  is even for all integers  $n$ . Provide a proof by contradiction for this proposition.
- Hint: Let  $n^3 + 3$  be odd and assume that  $n$  is odd. Show that the assumption that  $n$  is odd is incorrect.

Logic and Reasoning

If we have the conditional statement,  $\sim p \rightarrow q$  then:

- Converse:
- Inverse:
- Contrapositive:

Prove  $(p \vee q) \wedge \sim p \equiv \sim p \wedge q$ .

Prove  $\sim(p \wedge \sim q) \equiv \sim p \vee q$ .

Prove  $\sim(p \wedge \sim q) \wedge (\sim p \vee \sim q) \equiv \sim p$ .

PMI

Using P.M.I. show that  $P_n: 6^n - 1$  is divisible by 5,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Using P.M.I. show that  $3^{4n} - 1$  is divisible by 16,  $\forall n \geq 1$ .

Using P.M.I. show that  $\sum_{r=1}^n r = \frac{1}{2}(n)(n+1)$ ,  $\forall n \geq 1$ .

Using P.M.I. show that  $\sum_{r=1}^n (4r - 3) = n(2n - 1)$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Using P.M.I. show that  $\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{r(r+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Past Paper Question – 2017 Paper 2

Use mathematical induction to prove that,

$$\frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \frac{1}{3.4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n.(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1} \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Surds

Simplify  $\frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}$

Simplify

$$\frac{3\sqrt{5} + 2\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{5} - 4\sqrt{3}}$$

Past Paper Question – 2008 Paper 2 ROR #1 b) (ii)

Without using calculators or tables, evaluate

$$\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}} + \frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}$$

Past Paper Question – 2005 Paper 2 #3 a)

Show

$$\sqrt{11} + \sqrt{7} = \frac{4}{\sqrt{11} - \sqrt{7}}$$

Past Paper Question – 2004 Paper 2 #3

(i) Show

$$\frac{4}{2^x} = 2^{2-x}$$

(ii) Solve  $2^x + 2^{2-x} = 5$

Past Paper Question – 2008 Paper 2 TT #2 a)

Without using calculators or tables, evaluate,

$$\sqrt{\frac{27^{10} + 9^{10}}{27^4 + 9^{11}}}$$

## Logs

Past Paper Question – 2009 Paper 2 #1 c)

Solve the equation  $\log_4 x = 1 + \log_2 2x$ ,  $x > 0$ .

Past Paper Question – 2012 Paper 2 #2 c)

Without the use of calculators or tables, evaluate

(i)  $\log_{10} \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) + \log_{10} \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) + \log_{10} \left( \frac{5}{7} \right) + \log_{10} \left( \frac{7}{9} \right) + \log_{10} \left( \frac{9}{10} \right).$

(ii)  $\sum_{r=1}^{99} \log_{10} \left( \frac{r}{r+1} \right).$

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Past Paper Question – 2014 Paper 2 #2 b)

Given that  $a^3 + b^3 + 3a^2b = 5ab^2$ , show that  $3 \log \left( \frac{a+b}{2} \right) = \log a + 2 \log b$ .