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- A copy of the formula list is provided for you on the next page

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## Question Source

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## List of Mathematical Formulae

### 1. ALGEBRA

#### *Quadratic Equation*

For the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

#### *Binomial Expansion*

$$(a + b)^n = a^n + \binom{n}{1} a^{n-1}b + \binom{n}{2} a^{n-2}b^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r}b^r + \dots + b^n$$

where  $n$  is a positive integer and

$$\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}$$

### 2. TRIGONOMETRY

#### *Identities*

$$\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$$

$$\sec^2 A = 1 + \tan^2 A$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}^2 A = 1 + \cot^2 A$$

$$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\tan(A \pm B) = \frac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B}$$

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A = 2 \cos^2 A - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 A$$

$$\tan 2A = \frac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$$

#### *Formulae for $\triangle ABC$*

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$\Delta = \frac{1}{2}bc \sin A$$

## 1 Quadratic Equations & Inequalities

1. (a) Find the range of values of  $p$  for which the expression is never negative [4]

$$x^2 - 2px + 2p^2 - \frac{1}{4}(5p + 6)$$

- (b) (i) Express  $-x^2 + 12x - 37$  in the form  $k(x + a)^2 + b$  [2]

Hence,

- (ii) Sketch the curve [2]

$$y = -x^2 + 12x - 37$$

- (iii) State the range of  $y$  [1]

Credit: **S4 CHIJ SNGS P1/2009 PRELIM Qn 12**

2. A quadratic equation is defined by [5]

$$(x - a)(b - x) = m$$

Given that the roots of the equation are equal, show that the value of  $m$  is

$$\left(\frac{a - b}{2}\right)^2$$

Credit: **S4 CGS P1/2011 PRELIM Qn 6**

3. (a) Find the range of values of  $p$  for all real values of  $x$  [5]

$$px^2 + 4x + p > 3$$

- (b) Find the range of values of  $k$  for which the line does not intersect the curve [5]

$$5y = k - x$$

$$5x^2 + 5xy + 4 = 0$$

Credit: **S4 CHIJ SNGS P1/2018 PRELIM Qn 8**

4. Given that curve  $y = x^2$  lies above the line  $y = px - q^2$  for  $-2 < p < 2$ . Find the value(s) of constant  $q$  [4]

Credit: **S4 CCHS(M) P1/2014 PRELIM Qn 2**

## 2 Surds

1. (a) Show that [3]

$$(1 - \sqrt{a})^5 - (1 + \sqrt{a})^5 = -10\sqrt{a} - 20a\sqrt{a} - 2a^2\sqrt{a}$$

- (b) Hence, deduce the exact value of [2]

$$(1 - \sqrt{3})^5 - (1 + \sqrt{3})^5$$

Credit: **S4 CGSS P1/2009 PRELIM Qn 10(a)**

2. Two geometrically similar cones are such that the ratio of their volumes is  $1 : 2\sqrt{2}$ . If the height of the smaller cone is  $\frac{3 + 2\sqrt{2}}{(1 - \sqrt{2})^2}$  cm, find the **exact** height of the larger cone in the simplest form [4]

Credit: **S4 CGSS P1/2011 PRELIM Qn 1**

3. (a) Express the following in the form  $a + b\sqrt{5}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers [4]

$$\left(\frac{4}{2 + \sqrt{5}} - 3 - 2\sqrt{5}\right)^2$$

- (b) By factorising  $ab - 4b + a - 4$ , solve the following [4]

$$6^x - 4(3^x) + 2^x - 4 = 0$$

Credit: **S4 HIHS P1/2014 PRELIM Qn 5 (MODIFIED)**

4. A prism has a square base of side of  $(2 + \sqrt{3})$  m and its volume is  $(11 + 6\sqrt{3})$  m<sup>3</sup>. Find, [4]  
without using a calculator, the height of the prism in the form  $(a - b\sqrt{3})$  m, where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers

Credit: **S4 NHHS P1/2014 PRELIM Qn 2**

### 3 Polynomials

1. Given that  $x^2 + x - 2$  is a factor of

$$f(x) = 3x^3 + ax^2 - bx - 10$$

- (a) Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  [4]  
 (b) Hence, factorise  $f(x)$  completely [2]  
 (c) Find the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $(2x - 1)$  [2]

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2. (a) The cubic polynomial  $f(x)$  is such that the coefficient of  $x^3$  is 2 and the roots of the equation  $f(x) = 0$  are  $-1$ ,  $3$  and  $k$ . Given that  $f(x)$  has a remainder of 20 when divided by  $(x - 4)$ ,  
 (i) Show that  $k = 2$  [2]  
 (ii) Hence, or otherwise, find the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $2x - 1$  [2]  
 (b) When the polynomial  $x^{10} - px^3 + q$  is divided by  $x^2 - 1$ , the remainder is  $4x + 3$ . Find the values of  $p$  and  $q$  [4]

Credit: **S4 CCHS(M) P2/2011 PRELIM Qn 4**

3. The function, where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants, is exactly divisible by  $(x - 2)$

$$f(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 4$$

Given that  $f(x)$  leaves a remainder of  $-3$  when divided by  $(x + 1)$ ,

- (a) find the value of  $a$  and of  $b$  [4]  
 (b) express  $f(x)$  in the following form, where  $d$  is an integer [3]

$$f(x) = (x - 2) \left( x - 1 - \sqrt{d} \right) \left( x - 1 + \sqrt{d} \right)$$

Credit: **S4 CHIJ SNGS P2/2014 PRELIM Qn 4**

4. The polynomial, where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants, leaves a remainder of 10 when divided by  $(2x - 1)$

$$P(x) = 2x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 8$$

Given that  $(x + 2)$  is a factor of  $P(x)$ ,

- (a) find the value of  $a$  and of  $b$  [5]  
 (b) Explain why the equation  $P(x) = 0$  has only 1 real root. Hence, find this root [4]

Credit: **S4 CHS P2/2015 PRELIM Qn 11**

## 4 Partial Fractions

1. (a) Express the following in partial fractions [4]

$$\frac{13x - 6}{2x^2 + 3x - 9}$$

- (b) Hence, or otherwise, evaluate the following integral [4]

$$\int \frac{17x - 3}{2x^2 + 3x - 9} dx$$

Credit: **S4 SSS P2/2009 PRELIM Qn 8(a)**

2. Express the following in partial fractions [5]

$$\frac{x^4 - 5x^3 + 6x^2 - 18}{x^3 - 3x^2}$$

Credit: **S4 VS P1/2009 PRELIM Qn 4**

3. Express the following in partial fractions [5]

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

Credit: **S4 SPSS P1/2012 PRELIM Qn 2**

4. (a) Express the following in partial fractions [6]

$$\frac{2x^2 - 3x + 1}{9x^3 - 6x^2 + x}$$

- (b) Hence, find [3]

$$\int \frac{2x^2 - 3x + 1}{9x^3 - 6x^2 + x} dx$$

Credit: **S4 CGS P2/2014 PRELIM Qn 5**

## 5 Binomial Theorem

1. (a) Find, in ascending powers of  $x$ , the first three terms in the expansion of [2]

$$(1 + px)^6$$

- (b) Given that the first two non-zero terms in the expansion of the following are 1 and  $-\frac{7}{3}x^2$  [3]

$$(1 + px)^6(1 + qx)$$

Find the possible values of  $p$  and  $q$

Credit: **S4 AMKSS P1/2009 PRELIM Qn 10**

2. (a) Given that the coefficients of  $x^3$  and  $x^6$  in the expansion of  $\left(x^2 - \frac{3}{x}\right)^9$  are  $p$  and  $q$  [4]  
respectively, find the value of  $\frac{p}{q}$

- (b) (i) Find the first 3 terms in the expansion of the following, in ascending powers of  $x$ , [2]

$$\left(2 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^5$$

- (ii) Given that the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the expansion of the following is  $-12$ , find the values of the constant of  $k$  [3]

$$(1 - kx)^2 \left(2 + \frac{x}{2}\right)^5$$

Credit: **S4 SCGS P1/2010 PRELIM Qn 6**

3. (a) Find the first five terms of the binomial expansion in ascending powers of  $x$  [1]

$$\left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^9$$

Hence,

- (b) find the value of  $a$  given that the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the expansion of the following is  $54\frac{3}{8}$  [2]

$$\left(4 - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{a}{x^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^9$$

- (c) Expand the following, up to and including the term in  $x^3$  [3]

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}x - x^2\right)^9$$

Credit: **S4 ANDSS P1/2012 PRELIM Qn 5**



4. (a) Write down the first three terms in the expansion, in ascending powers of  $x$ , of the following, where  $n$  is a positive integer greater than 2 [2]

$$\left(1 - \frac{x}{3}\right)^n$$

- (b) Find, in terms of  $n$  and  $p$ , the first three terms in the expansion, in ascending powers of  $x$ , where  $p$  is a constant, of [2]

$$\left(2 + px + \frac{5}{2}x^2\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{3}\right)^n$$

Given that in the following expansion, in ascending powers of  $x$ , the first three terms are

$$\left(2 + px + \frac{5}{2}x^2\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{3}\right)^n = 2 + \frac{31p}{3}x + \frac{25}{3}x^2 + \dots$$

- (c) find the value of  $n$  and of  $p$  [3]  
(d) Hence, find the coefficient of  $x^3$  in the expansion of [3]

$$\left(2 + px + \frac{5}{2}x^2\right) \left(1 - \frac{x}{3}\right)^n$$

Credit: **S4 PLMGS P2/2014 PRELIM Qn 7**

## 6 Exponential & Logarithms

1. A man buys an apartment during the economic crisis. The value of the apartment decreases with time so that its value, \$ $V$ , after  $t$  months, where  $k$  is a constant is given by

$$V = 45000e^{-kt}$$

The value of the apartment is expected to be \$36300 after 11 months

- (a) Find the value of the apartment when the man bought it [1]  
 (b) Calculate the value, to the nearest \$100, of the apartment after 9 months [3]

The man decided to sell off the apartment when it reached  $\frac{2}{3}$  of its original value

- (c) Calculate the length of time, to the nearest month, before the apartment is sold off [2]

Credit: **S4 ASS P2/2009 PRELIM Qn 1**

2. (a) Sketch the graph of the following, for  $x > -3$ ,

$$y = \ln(x + 3)$$

Indicate the  $x$ -intercept and  $y$ -intercept clearly

- (b) Insert on your sketch the straight line graph required to illustrate how a graphical solution of the following may be obtain. Show all appropriate working

$$ex = e^{4-3x} - 3e$$

Credit: **S4 SCSS P1/2009 PRELIM Qn 6**

3. (a) Solve the equation, giving your answer correct to 2 decimal places [4]

$$5^{x+2} - 25^{x+\frac{1}{2}} = 2(5^{x+1})$$

- (b) Solve the simultaneous equations [6]

$$\begin{aligned} 64^x \div 8^y &= 32 \\ 27^{2x} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^{y+1} &= 9\sqrt{3} \end{aligned}$$

Credit: **S4 CHIJ TP P2/2011 PRELIM Qn 4**

4. (a) Express  $p$  in terms of  $q$  [3]

$$\log_x \frac{p}{\sqrt{q}} - 3 \log_x \sqrt{q} = \log_x (p - q)$$

- (b) Given that  $a = \log_2 3$  and  $b = \log_2 7$ , express the following in terms of  $a$  and  $b$  [4]

$$\log_2 21 + \log_4 \frac{16}{7}$$

- (c) **Without using the calculator**, simplify the following [3]

$$\frac{(\sqrt[10]{x} + 1)(x^{\frac{21}{10}} - x^2)}{\sqrt[5]{x} - 1}$$

Credit: **S4 AHS P2/2014 PRELIM Qn 6**

## 7 Trigonometry

1. (a) Prove that

$$\tan(\theta - 45^\circ) = \frac{\tan \theta - 1}{1 + \tan \theta} \quad [1]$$

- (b) Hence, show that

$$\cot 15^\circ = 2 + \sqrt{3} \quad [3]$$

Credit: **S4 SGSS P1/2009 PRELIM Qn 4**

2. (a) (i) Show that

$$1 + 4 \sin^2 x = 3 - 2 \cos 2x \quad [2]$$

- (ii) State the period and amplitude of

$$y = 1 + 4 \sin^2 x \quad [1]$$

- (b) Sketch the graph of the following, for
- $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$

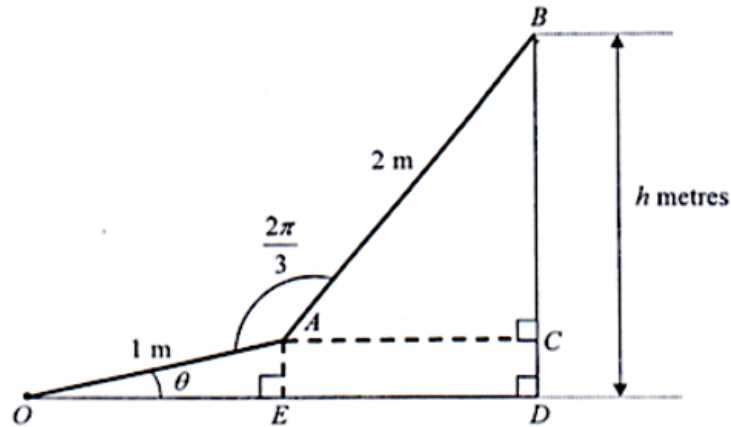
$$y = 1 + 4 \sin^2 x \quad [3]$$

- (c) On the same axes, draw a suitable straight line to find the number of solutions to the equation. State the number of solutions

$$\pi \cos 2x = x \quad [3]$$

Credit: **S4 ANDSS P2/2011 PRELIM Qn 5**

3. The diagram shows the bent rod  $OAB$  which is formed from a piece of three-metre long steel bar. The bent rod lies in a vertical plane with  $OA = 1$  m,  $AB = 2$  m and angle  $OAB$  is fixed at  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  radians. The bent rod is hinged at  $O$  and it is free to rotate in the vertical plane.



In the diagram, a typical position of the bent rod is shown where  $OA$  makes an angle of  $\theta$  radians with the horizontal and  $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ . The vertical height  $BD$  of  $B$  above the level of  $O$  is  $h$  metres. Angle  $ACB$  is a right angle

(a) Show that

(i)  $\angle BAC = \theta + \frac{\pi}{3}$  [1]

(ii)  $h = \sin \theta + 2 \sin \left( \theta + \frac{\pi}{3} \right)$  [2]

(b) Hence prove that [2]

$$h = 2 \sin \theta + \sqrt{3} \cos \theta$$

(c) Express  $2 \sin \theta + \sqrt{3} \cos \theta$  in the form  $R \sin(\theta + \alpha)$ , where  $R > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha < \frac{\pi}{2}$  [3]

(d) As  $\theta$  varies from 0 to  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , find the maximum value of  $h$  [1]

(e) Find the possible value(s) of  $\theta$  for which  $h = 2.5$  [3]

Credit: **S4 CGSS P2/2010 PRELIM Qn 10**

4. (a) Prove the identity [3]

$$\tan^4 x = \sec^2 x \tan^2 x - \sec^2 x + 1$$

(b) Solve, for  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$  [5]

$$\cos^2 x + 3 \sin x \cos x + 1 = 0$$

(c) Given, for  $0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$ , that

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

(i) find the value of  $\sin \theta$  in the form [2]

$$\frac{\sqrt{a - \sqrt{b}}}{a}$$

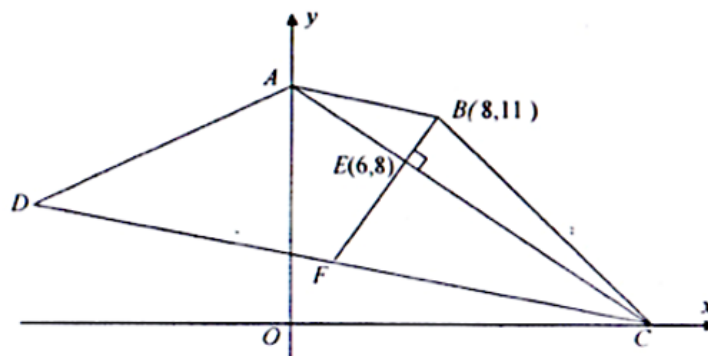
(ii) hence, prove that [3]

$$\tan \theta = \sqrt{7 - 4\sqrt{3}}$$

Credit: **S4 DSS P2/2014 PRELIM Qn 8**

## 8 Coordinate Geometry

1. The diagram, which is not drawn to scale, shows a trapezium  $ABCD$  in which  $AB$  is parallel to  $DC$ . The points  $A$  and  $C$  lie on the  $y$ -axis and  $x$ -axis respectively. [3]



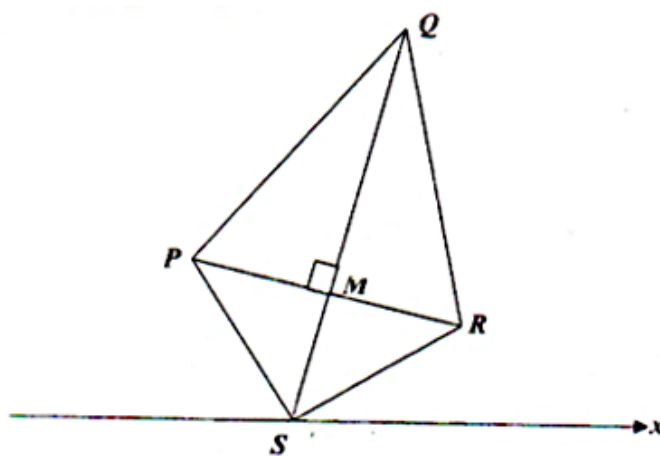
The point  $B(8, 11)$  and  $E(6, 8)$  is a point on  $AC$  such that  $BE$  is perpendicular to  $AC$ .  $BE$  produced meets  $DC$  at  $F$  and  $BF = 3BE$

- (a) Find
- the equation of  $AC$  [3]
  - the coordinates of  $A$  [1]
  - the coordinates of  $F$  [3]
- (b) Given that point  $P$  is  $(4, 5)$ , show that  $\triangle ABP$  is isosceles. What is the special name given to quadrilateral  $ABCP$  [3]
- (c) Given further that  $AB : DC = 1 : 4$  and  $F$  is a mid-point of  $DC$ , find the values of [1]

$$\frac{\text{Area of } \triangle ABC}{\text{Area of trapezium } ABCD}$$

Credit: S4 BBSS P2/2009 PRELIM Qn 11

2. The diagram shows a quadrilateral  $PQRS$ , where  $P$  is  $(2, 4)$ ,  $M$  is  $(5, 3)$  and  $S$  is a point on the  $x$ -axis



$QS$  bisects  $PR$  at  $M$ . The equation of  $PQ$  is given by  $y = x + 2$ . Find

- (a) the coordinates of  $R$ ,  $S$  and  $Q$   
 (b) the area of  $PQRS$

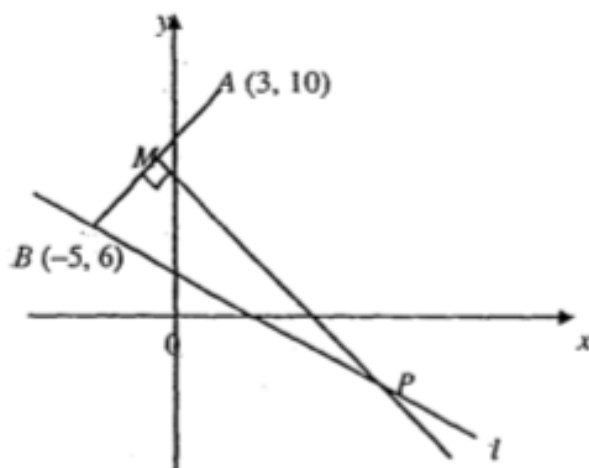
[7]

[2]

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3. In the diagram,  $M$  is the midpoint of the line joining the points  $A(3, 10)$  and  $B(-5, 6)$

[6]



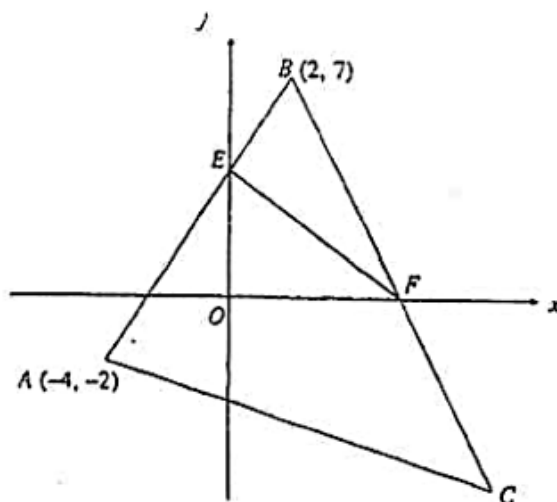
The perpendicular bisector of  $AB$  intersects the line  $l$  at the point  $P$ . Given that the line  $l$  is parallel to the line  $6y + 7x = 0$ , find the coordinates of  $P$

Credit: S4 FMS(S) P1/2014 PRELIM Qn 6



4. **Solution to this question by accurate drawing will not be accepted**

The diagram shows a triangle  $ABC$  where  $A(-4, -2)$ ,  $B(2, 7)$  and  $BC$  is parallel to the line  $2y = -4x + 1$



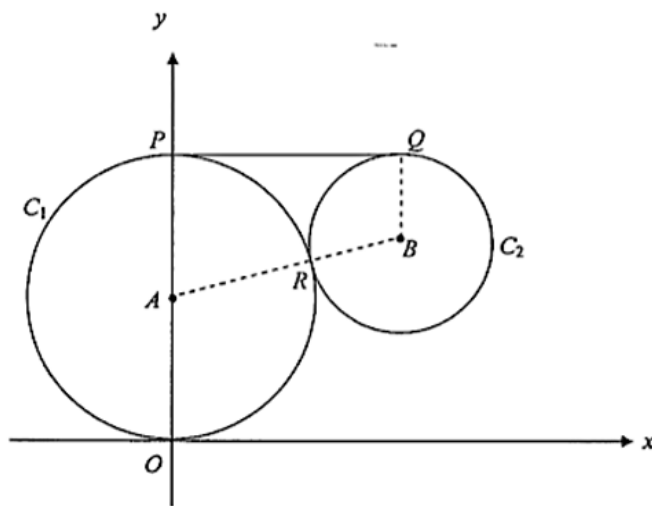
$BC$  cuts the  $x$ -axis at  $F$  and  $AB$  cuts the  $y$ -axis at  $E$

- (a) Find the equation of the line  $BC$  [2]
- (b) Determine whether if  $EF$  is perpendicular to  $AB$  [3]
- (c) Given that  $C$  is equidistant from  $A$  and  $E$ , find the coordinates of  $C$  [3]
- (d) Find the area of  $\triangle AEC$  [3]

Credit: S4 ANDSS P2/2015 PRELIM Qn 11

## 9 Further Coordinate Geometry

1. The diagram shows two circles  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  centred at  $A$  and  $B$  respectively



$C_1$  passes through  $O$  and  $P$  and touches  $C_2$  at  $R$ .  $Q$  is on  $C_2$  such that  $QB$  is parallel to the  $y$ -axis.  $PQ$  has length  $2\sqrt{35}$  units and is tangent to both circles.

Given that the equation of  $C_1$  is

$$x^2 + y^2 - 14y = 0$$

find

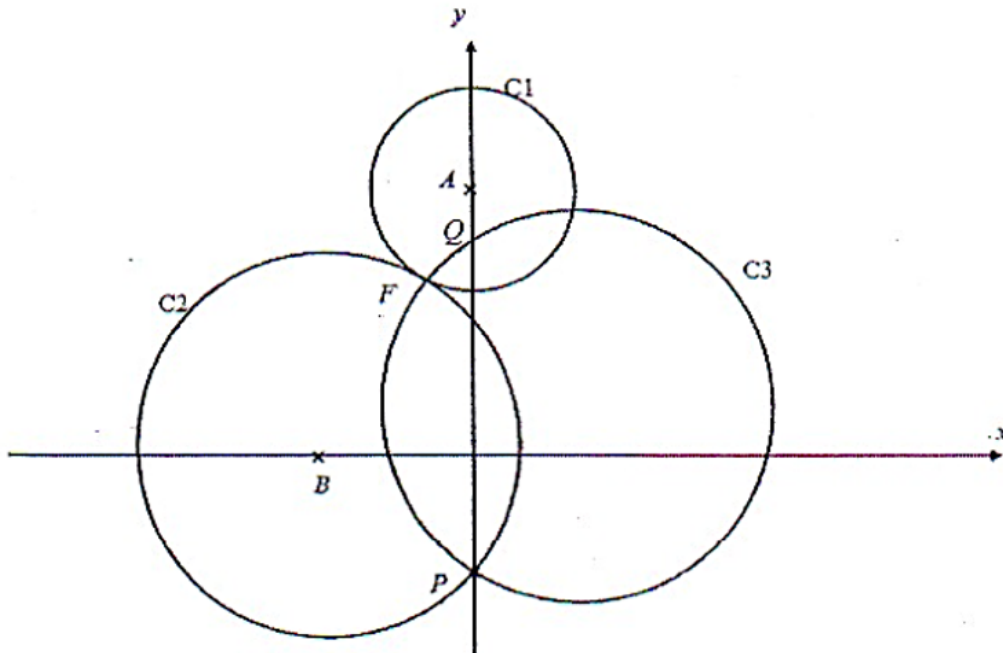
- (a) the centre and radius of  $C_1$  [3]  
 (b) the equation of  $C_2$  [5]  
 (c) the equation of the perpendicular bisector of  $AB$  [4]

Credit: **S4 BSS P2/2009 PRELIM Qn 12**

2. The line  $y = -4$  is a tangent to circle  $C$ , with centre  $(2, -1)$
- (a) Find the radius of circle  $C$  and hence, express the equation of circle  $C$  in the form  $x^2 + y^2 + hx + ky + l = 0$  where  $h$ ,  $k$  and  $l$  are constants [3]
- (b) The line  $y = 5x + 1$  cuts the circle  $C$  at the points  $P$  and  $Q$ . Find the perpendicular bisector of  $PQ$  [2]
- (c) Find the centre of the circle, which is a reflection of  $C$  in the line  $x = -3$  [1]

Credit: **S4 SCGS P1/2011 PRELIM Qn 8**

3. The diagram shows three circles  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$



All three circles pass through the point  $F\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 1\frac{1}{2}\right)$ . Circle  $C_1$  has its centre at  $A$  where  $A$  is on the  $y$ -axis. Circle  $C_2$  has its centre at  $B\left(-1\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$ . The line joining the points  $A$ ,  $F$  and  $B$  is a straight line such that  $AF : FB = 1 : 2$

- (a) Find the coordinates of  $A$  [1]  
 (b) Find the equation of the circle  $C_2$  [3]

Circle  $C_3$  intersects circle  $C_2$  at  $P(0, -1)$  and cuts the  $y$ -axis at point  $Q(0, 2)$

- (c) Find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of  $PF$  [4]  
 (d) Hence, find the equation of the circle  $C_3$  [3]

Credit: **S4 CHS P2/2011 PRELIM Qn 11**

4. A straight line passing through  $(-4, 0)$  intersects the circle,  $C_1$  and passes through the point  $P(-2, 2)$ . Given that  $C_1$  has an equation of

$$x^2 + y^2 + 3x - y = 0$$

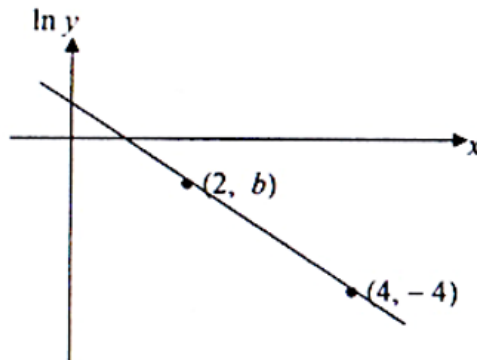
- (a) find the coordinates of  $Q$  at which the line intersects the circle again [4]  
 (b) find the equation of the perpendicular bisector of  $PQ$  [3]  
 (c) find the equation of a second circle,  $C_2$ , that has the same radius, and intersects  $C_1$  at the points  $P$  and  $Q$  [4]

Credit: **S4 MGS P1/2011 PRELIM Qn 12**

## 10 Linear Law

1. The variables  $x$  and  $y$  are connected by the equation, where  $a$  is a constant

$$y^2 = e^{-ax+4}$$



The diagram above shows the straight line graph, passing through the points  $(2, b)$  and  $(4, -4)$ , obtained by plotting  $\ln y$  against  $x$

- (a) Calculate the value of  $a$  and of  $b$  [5]  
 (b) Hence find the value of  $y$  when  $x = 2$  [2]

Credit: S4 HSS P1/2009 PRELIM Qn 13

2. Answer the whole of this question on a sheet of graph paper

The table shows experimental values of two variables  $x$  and  $y$

$x$	2	3	4	5	6	7.5
$y$	5.66	10.4	16	22.4	29.4	41.1

It is known that  $x$  and  $y$  are related by the equation, where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants

$$y = ax^{b+1}$$

- (a) On graph paper, plot  $\lg y$  against  $\lg x$ , using a scale of 2 cm to represent 0.1 unit on the  $\lg x$  axis and 1 cm to represent 0.1 unit on the  $\lg y$  axis. Draw a straight line graph to represent the equation [4]

$$y = ax^{b+1}$$

- (b) Use your graph to estimate the value of  $a$  and of  $b$  [4]  
 (c) On the same diagram, draw the line representing  $y = x^2$  and hence find the value of  $x$  for which [4]

$$x^{1-b} = a$$

Credit: S4 VS P1/2010 PRELIM Qn 4

3. The table below shows the experimental values of  $x$  and  $y$  which are known to be related by the equation, where  $p$  and  $q$  are constants

$$y = p(x + 5)^{\frac{3}{2}} - q\sqrt{x + 5}$$

$x$	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5
$y$	24.6	28.2	31.9	35.7	39.7

- (a) On graph paper, plot  $\frac{y}{\sqrt{x + 5}}$  against  $x$  and draw a straight line graph. The vertical  $\frac{y}{\sqrt{x + 5}}$ -axis should start at 9 and have a scale of 2 cm to 1 [3]
- (b) Use the graph to estimate the value of  $p$  and  $q$  [4]
- (c) By plotting another suitable straight line on the same axes, solve graphically the equation [3]

$$p(x + 5)^{\frac{3}{2}} = \sqrt{x + 5}(x + 10 + q)$$

Credit: **S4 TKSS P1/2014 PRELIM Qn 11**

4. Variables  $x$  and  $y$  are related by the following equation, where  $p$  and  $q$  are constants

$$y = \frac{p - x}{x + q}$$

When the graph of  $x(1 + y)$  against  $y$  is drawn, a straight line is obtained. The line has a gradient of  $-1\frac{1}{3}$  and passes through the point  $(3, 2)$

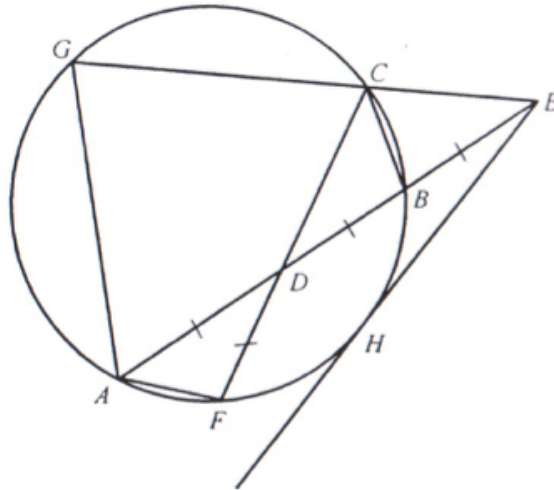
- (a) Calculate the value of  $p$  and of  $q$  [4]
- (b) Given that this line passes through  $(6, k)$ , find  $x$  in terms of  $k$  [2]

Credit: **S4 ACS(I) P2/2015 PRELIM Qn 3**

## 11 Proofs of Plane Geometry

**Note:** Certain parts are labelled with "Not in Syllabus". These questions are still doable with the 4049 syllabus, but can be solved easier with some older concepts no longer taught

1. A circle passes through 6 points  $A, F, H, B, C$  and  $G$ , as shown in the diagram.



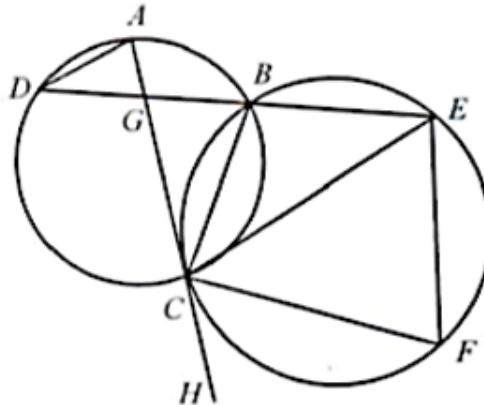
$D$  and  $B$  are 2 points on  $AE$  such that  $AD = DB = BE = DF$ .  $GCE$  and  $FDC$  are straight lines

- (a) Prove that  $\triangle ADF$  is congruent to  $\triangle CDB$  [3]  
 (b) Prove that  $\triangle GEA$  is similar to  $\triangle CEB$  [3]  
 (c) Find the ratio  $GA : AF$  [1]  
 (d) **Not in syllabus** [1]  
 Given that  $EH$  is a tangent to the circle at  $H$ , prove that

$$EH^2 = 3EB^2$$

Credit: S4 BGSS P2/2009 PRELIM Qn 7

2. In the diagram,  $A, B, C, D, E$  and  $F$  are points on the circles.

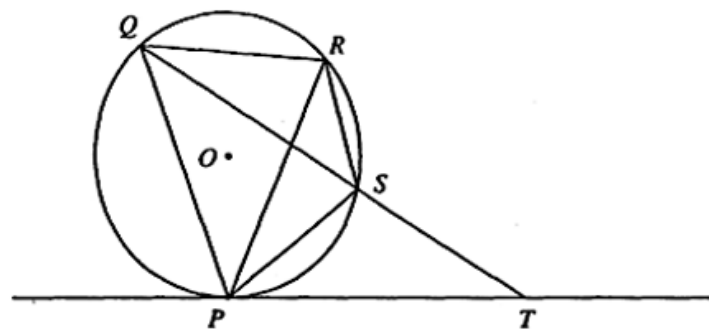


$AH$  is a tangent to the larger circle at  $C$ .  $ACH$  and  $DBE$  are straight lines.  $DB$  meets  $AC$  at  $G$  and  $BC$  is the angle bisector of  $\angle ACE$ . Prove that

- (a)  $\triangle EGC$  is similar to  $\triangle CGB$  [2]
- (b)  $BC = BE$  [3]
- (c) **Not in syllabus** [3]  
 $GC^2 - GB^2 = GB \times BC$
- (d) **Not in syllabus** [3]  
 $\left(\frac{DG}{AG}\right)^2 = \frac{GE}{GB}$

Credit: S4 VS P2/2011 PRELIM Qn 10

3. In the figure,  $RS = PS$  and the line  $PT$  is tangent to the circle

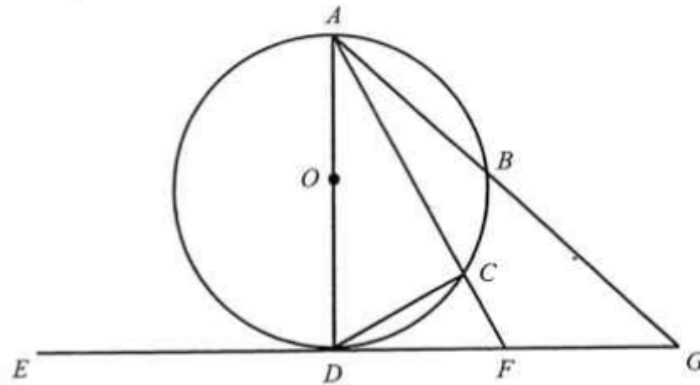


Line  $QT$  bisects angle  $PQR$  and cuts the circle at point  $S$ . Prove that

- (a)  $\angle TPS = \angle SPR$  [2]
- (b)  $\triangle SPT$  is similar to  $\triangle PQT$  [2]
- (c)  $PT \times PQ = QT \times RS$  [4]

Credit: S4 GMS(S) P2/2014 PRELIM Qn 5

4. In the diagram,  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  are points on the circumference of the circle with centre  $O$ .  $EDFG$  is a tangent to the circle at  $D$



Given that  $AB = BG$  and  $DF = FG$ , prove that

- (a)  $ABD$  is an isosceles triangle [3]
- (b)  $DB^2 - BF^2 = \frac{1}{4}AD^2$  [2]
- (c)  $\triangle ADF$  is similar to  $\triangle DCF$  [2]
- (d)  $GF^2 = AF \times CF$  [2]

Credit: **S4 PLMGS P2/2015 PRELIM Qn 10**



## 12 Differentiation

1. It is given that

$$y = \frac{x + 1}{(2x - 5)^3}$$

(a) Show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-4x - 11}{(2x - 5)^4}$$

(b) Determine the values of  $x$  for which  $y$  is **not** an increasing function

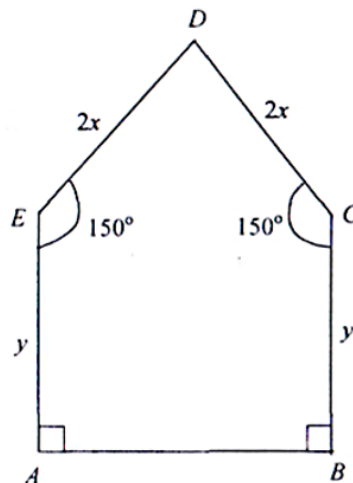
The variables  $x$  and  $y$  are such that, when  $x = 3$ ,  $y$  is increasing at a rate of 46 units per second

(c) Find the rate of decrease of  $x$  when  $x = 3$

(d) Given that the variable  $z$  is such that  $z = y^3$ , find the rate of change of  $z$  when  $x = 3$

Credit: **S4 MFSS P2/2017 PRELIM Qn 6**

2. The diagram shows a piece of wire of length 4 m, bent to form a pentagonal frame  $ABCDE$ , where  $CD = DE = 2x$ ,  $BC = AE = y$  and angle  $AED = \text{angle } BCD = 150^\circ$



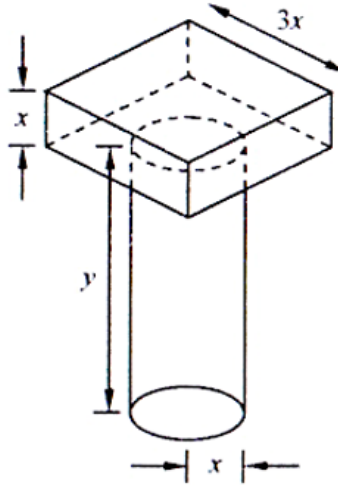
(a) Express  $y$  in terms of  $x$  and show that the area of the frame,  $A \text{ cm}^2$  is given by

$$A = 4x + (\sqrt{3} - 6)x^2$$

(b) Find the exact value of  $x$  for which the area of the frame is a maximum and hence find the maximum value of  $A$

Credit: **S4 FSS P1/2009 PRELIM Qn 13**

3. The diagram shows a solid rivet which consists of a cylinder fixed to a cuboid. The cylinder has a radius of  $x$  mm and height of  $y$  mm. The cuboid has a square base of side  $3x$  mm and a height of  $x$  mm



- (a) Given that the total volume of the rivet is  $120 \text{ mm}^3$ , express  $y$  in terms of  $x$  [2]  
 (b) Show that the total surface area,  $A \text{ mm}^2$ , of the rivet is given by [2]

$$A = \frac{240}{x} + 12x^2$$

Given that  $x$  can vary

- (c) find the stationary value of  $A$  [3]  
 (d) determine whether the stationary value of  $A$  is a maximum or minimum [2]

Credit: **S4 WRSS P1/2009 PRELIM Qn 13**

4. (a) Find the value of  $a$  and of  $b$  for which [4]

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\sin x}{2 \tan x + \cos x} \right) = \frac{a + b \sin x \tan^2 x}{(2 \tan x + \cos x)^2}$$

- (b) Given that [4]

$$y = (1 + x)e^{3x}$$

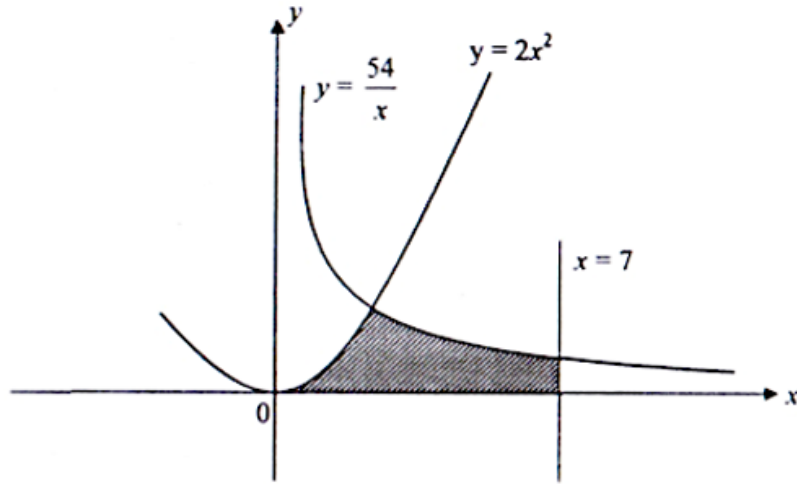
Prove that

$$6 \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = 9y + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

Credit: **S4 PLMGS P2/2011 PRELIM Qn 2**

### 13 Integration

1. The shaded region in the diagram is bounded by the line  $x = 7$ , curves  $y = \frac{54}{x}$  and  $y = 2x^2$  [5]



Calculate the area of the shaded region

Credit: S4 BMSS P2/2009 PRELIM Qn 10(b)

2. (a) Given that  $\int_0^2 f(x) dx = 10$  and  $\int_2^6 f(x) dx = 14$ , find the value of [2]

$$\int_0^5 f(x) dx + \int_5^6 f(x) dx$$

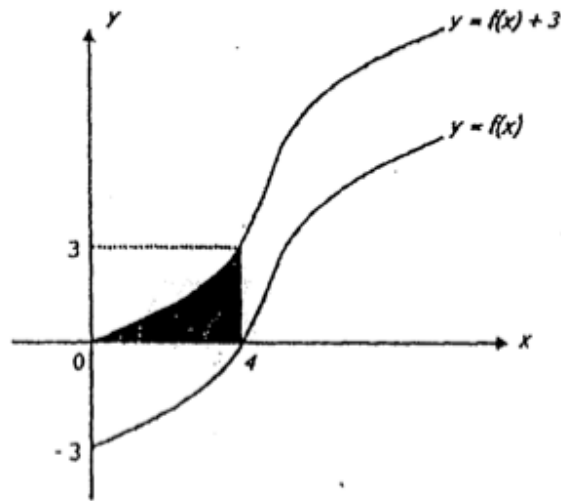
(b) Evaluate

(i)  $\int \sqrt{2x+1} dx$  [1]

(ii)  $\int \frac{2x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x\sqrt{x}} dx$  [2]

Credit: S4 BSS P1/2010 PRELIM Qn 4

3. The diagram below shows the graphs of  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = f(x) + 3$ .



Given that

$$\int_0^8 f(x) dx = 16$$

$$\int_0^4 f(x) dx = -7$$

Evaluate

- (a)  $\int_4^8 f(x) dx$  [1]
- (b) the area of the shaded region [2]

Credit: **S4 SJI P1/2014 PRELIM Qn 3**

4. It is given that, where  $n$  is a constant,

$$f'(x) = \frac{8}{(2x+1)^n}$$

- (a) Given further that  $x \neq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $f(1) = 0$ , find an expression for  $f(x)$  if
- (i)  $n = 1$  [3]
- (ii)  $n = 4$  [3]
- (b) Write down the range of values of  $n$  for which  $f(x)$  does not have any stationary points. [2]  
Support your answer with appropriate workings

Credit: **S4 NCHS P1/2014 PRELIM Qn 8**

## 14 Differentiation & Integration

1. The equation of a curve is

$$y = \frac{2x}{\sqrt{8x - x^2}}$$

- (a) Show that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8x}{\sqrt{(8x - x^2)^3}} \quad [3]$$

- (b) Hence, evaluate the following, leaving your answer in the given form

$$\int_2^5 \frac{2x}{\sqrt{(8x - x^2)^3}} dx = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} (a\sqrt{5} + b)$$

- (c) Find the equation of normal to the curve where  $x = 4$

[4]

Credit: **S4 MGS P1/2009 PRELIM Qn 9**

2. (a) Differentiate the following with respect to  $x$

[1]

$$xe^{2x}$$

- (b) Find the  $x$ -coordinate of the stationary point on the curve

[2]

$$y = xe^{2x}$$

- (c) Using your answer from part (a), evaluate the following

[3]

$$\int_0^2 4xe^{2x} dx$$

Credit: **S4 WSSS P1/2009 PRELIM Qn 4**

3. A curve has the equation

$$y = \frac{3x^2}{x - 1}, \quad x \neq 1$$

- (a) Find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$

[2]

- (b) Hence, evaluate

[3]

$$\int_2^4 \frac{x^2 - 2x}{3(x - 1)^2} dx$$

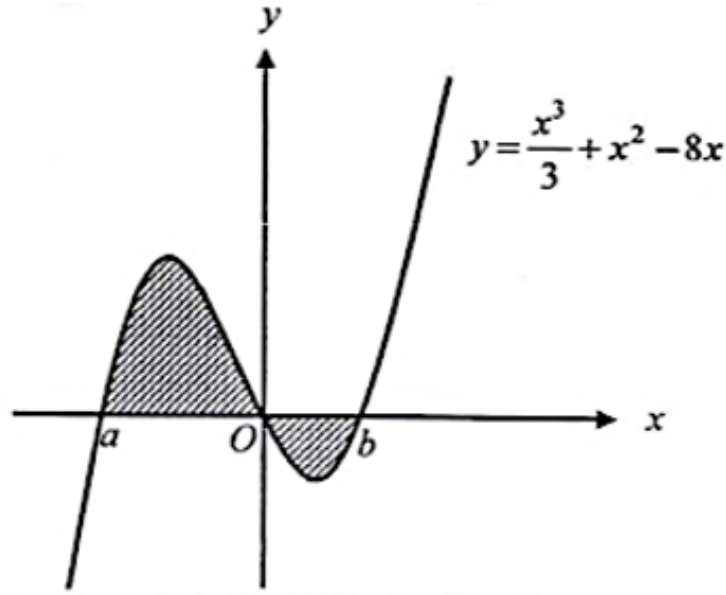
- (c) Hence, find the rate of change of  $x$  when  $x = 3$ , given that  $y$  is decreasing at a constant rate of 4 units per second

[2]

Credit: **S4 CHIJ SNGS P1/2010 PRELIM Qn 7**

4. The diagram shows part of the curve

$$y = \frac{x^3}{3} + x^2 - 8x$$



The curve intersects the  $x$ -axis at  $x = a$ ,  $x = 0$  and  $x = b$

- (a) Find the  $x$ -coordinates of the stationary points and determine the nature of each of these points [5]
- (b) The shaded region below is bounded by the curve and the  $x$ -axis. Show that the area of the shaded region is [4]

$$\left[ 4(a^2 + b^2) - \frac{1}{12}(a^4 + b^4) - \frac{1}{3}(a^3 + b^3) \right] \text{ square units}$$

Credit: **S4 DHS P1/2011 PRELIM Qn 9**

5. (a) Prove that [4]

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \ln \left( \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{\sin x - \cos x} \right) \right] = \frac{2}{\cos 2x}$$

(b) Hence, evaluate [4]

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dx}{1 - 2\sin^2 x}$$

Credit: **S4 BPGHS P2/2012 PRELIM Qn 8**

## 15 Kinematics

1. A particle moves in a straight line so that its velocity,  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , is given by

$$v = 3t^2 + kt$$

where  $t$  is the time in seconds, after leaving a fixed point  $O$ . If the particle passes  $O$  with acceleration  $-3 \text{ ms}^{-2}$

- (a) Show that  $k = -3$  [2]  
 (b) Calculate the values of  $t$  when the particle is instantaneously at rest [2]  
 (c) Calculate the average speed of the particle during the first 4 seconds of travel [5]

Credit: **S4 HKSS P2/2009 PRELIM Qn 6**

2. A particle moves in a straight line so that  $t$  s after leaving a fixed point  $O$ , its velocity,  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  is given by

$$v = 5(1 - e^{1-t})$$

- (a) Find the value of  $t$  when the particle is instantaneously at rest [2]  
 (b) Find the distance travelled by the particle in the first 2 seconds [4]  
 (c) Find the acceleration of the particle when  $t = 2.5$  [2]  
 (d) State the value which  $v$  approaches as  $t$  becomes very large [1]

Credit: **S4 CHS P1/2011 PRELIM Qn 14**

3. The acceleration  $a \text{ ms}^{-2}$  of a particle travelling in a straight line, at the  $t$  seconds after leaving a fixed point  $O$  with a velocity of  $2 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  is given by, for  $0 \leq t \leq 6\pi$  is

$$a = 2 \cos\left(\frac{t}{3}\right)$$

- (a) Find the initial acceleration of the particle [2]  
 (b) Find the values of  $t$  when the particle first comes to instantaneous rest [3]  
 (c) Calculate the total distance travelled by the particle in the interval  $t = 0$  and  $t = 15$  [3]

Credit: **S4 SPSS P1/2012 PRELIM Qn 15**

4. In the Chingay Parade procession held at the heartlands early this year, the Pioneer Generation Float was travelling on a straight road with a velocity,  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , given by the equation

$$v = 5t - \frac{1}{2}t^2 + 4$$

$t$  is the time after passing a fixed point  $A$

- (a) Show that the maximum velocity is reached 5 seconds later [3]  
(b) Sketch the velocity-time graph for the first 5 seconds [3]

Upon reaching its maximum velocity, the float started to decelerate uniformly at  $1.5 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ , before coming to a rest at point  $B$  to allow residents to take photographs

- (c) Find the time when the float reached  $B$  [2]  
(d) Find the total distance travelled from  $A$  to  $B$  [3]

Credit: **S4 AHS P2/2015 PRELIM Qn 9**

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