



VCE Mathematical Methods Units 3&4

Suggested Solutions

2024 Trial Examination 1

Question 1 (3 marks)

a. $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3(5x^2 - x)^2 (10x - 1)$ A1

OR

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2(5x - 1)^2(10x - 1)$$
 A1

b. $f'(x) = e^x \times \sin(2x) + e^x \times 2\cos(2x)$
 $= e^x (\sin(2x) + 2\cos(2x))$ A1

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = e^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left(\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \right)$$
$$= e^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (1 + 0)$$
$$= e^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$
 A1

Question 2 (2 marks)

$$f(x) = \int \frac{4}{x} dx$$
$$= 4\log_e(x) + c$$
 A1

$$f(1) = 2$$

$$4\log_e(1) + c = 2$$

$$0 + c = 2$$

$$c = 2$$

$$\therefore f(x) = 4\log_e(x) + 2$$
 A1

Question 3 (6 marks)

a. When $x = 0$:

$$y = \frac{8}{(0-1)^2} - 2$$
$$= 6$$

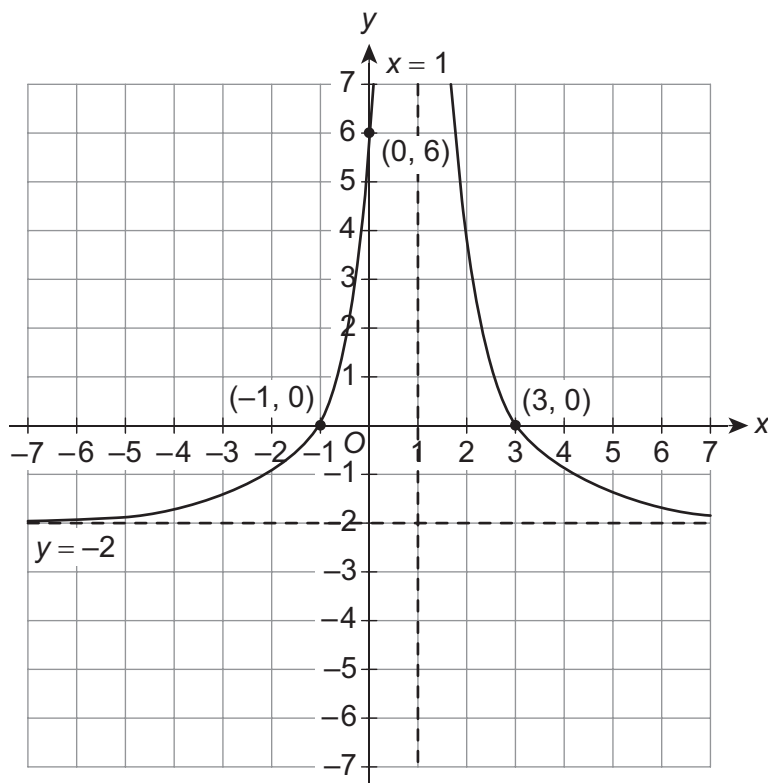
When $y = 0$:

$$\frac{8}{(x-1)^2} - 2 = 0$$

$$\frac{8}{(x-1)^2} = 2$$

$$(x-1)^2 = 4$$

$$\begin{cases} x-1=2 \\ x-1=-2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x=3 \\ x=-1 \end{cases}$$



correct shape A1
correct y-intercept A1
correct x-intercepts A1
correct asymptotes with equations A1

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b. } & -\int_5^7 \left(\frac{8}{(x-1)^2} - 2 \right) dx && \text{A1} \\
 & = -\int_5^7 (8(x-1)^{-2} - 2) dx \\
 & = -\left[-8(x-1)^{-1} - 2x \right]_5^7 \\
 & = \left(\frac{8}{6} + 14 \right) - (2 + 10) \\
 & = \frac{20}{6} \\
 & = \frac{10}{3} && \text{A1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 4 (3 marks)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{p} &= \frac{80}{400} \\
 &= \frac{1}{5} && \text{A1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 95\% \text{ CI} &= \left(\hat{p} - x \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p} + x \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{5} - 2 \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{4}{5}}{400}}, \frac{1}{5} + 2 \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{5} \times \frac{4}{5}}{400}} \right) && \text{M1} \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{4}{100}, \frac{1}{5} + \frac{4}{100} \right) \\
 &= (0.16, 0.24) \text{ OR } \left(\frac{4}{25}, \frac{6}{25} \right) && \text{A1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 5 (3 marks)

$$\cos(2x) = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} 2x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi k \\ 2x = \frac{4\pi}{3} + 2\pi k \end{array} \right], k \in Z \quad \text{M1 (if } \frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ or } \frac{4\pi}{3} \text{ is obtained)}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} x = \frac{\pi}{3} + \pi k \\ x = \frac{2\pi}{3} + \pi k \end{array} \right] \text{ OR } \left[\begin{array}{l} x = \frac{\pi}{3} + \pi k \\ x = -\frac{\pi}{3} + \pi k \end{array} \right], k \in Z \quad \text{A1}$$

Question 6 (6 marks)a. domain = R range = $[-2, 4]$

A1

$$\text{b. } \frac{f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) - f\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)}{\frac{\pi}{2} - \left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)} = \frac{(3+1) - \left(-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} + 1\right)}{\frac{5\pi}{6}}$$

M1

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{6 + 3\sqrt{3}}{\frac{5\pi}{6}} \\ &= \frac{18 + 9\sqrt{3}}{5\pi} \end{aligned}$$

A1

$$\text{c. } \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2} - \left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right)} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (3\sin(x) + 1) dx$$

M1

$$= \frac{1}{\frac{5\pi}{6}} \left[-3\cos(x) + x \right]_{-\frac{\pi}{3}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

A1

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{6}{5\pi} \left[\left(0 + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - \left(-\frac{3}{2} - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{6}{5\pi} \left(\frac{5\pi}{6} + \frac{3}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{5\pi + 9}{5\pi} \end{aligned}$$

A1

Question 7 (5 marks)

a.

| | With blueberries (B) | Without blueberries (B') | Total |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| With nuts (N) | 4 (given) | 6 | 10 (given) |
| Without nuts (N') | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| Total | 12 | 8 (given) | 20 (given) |

valid attempt to find the number of muffins that contain blueberries only M1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pr(both blueberries only)} &= \frac{8}{20} \times \frac{7}{19} \\ &= \frac{14}{95} \end{aligned}$$

A1

b. Pr(3 without nuts | 2 blueberries)

$$= \frac{\text{Pr}(2 \text{ blueberries only and } 1 \text{ neither blueberries nor nuts})}{\text{Pr}(2 \text{ blueberries and } 1 \text{ without blueberries})} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{8}{20} \times \frac{8}{20} \times \frac{2}{20} \times 3}{\frac{12}{20} \times \frac{12}{20} \times \frac{8}{20} \times 3} \quad \text{M1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{9} \quad \text{A1}$$

Note: Consequential on answer to Question 7a.

Question 8 (6 marks)

a. $f'(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 6x}{x^3 + 3x^2} \quad \text{A1}$

$$= \frac{3x(x+2)}{x^2(x+3)}$$

$$= \frac{3(x+2)}{x(x+3)}$$

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$x = -2$$

$$\begin{cases} f'(-2^-) > 0 \\ f'(-2^+) < 0 \end{cases}$$

A1

Therefore, the coordinates of the stationary point are $(-2, \log_e(4))$, and the point is a maximum.

A1

b. $h(x) = g(f(x))$

$$= e^{\log_e(x^3 + 3x^2)}$$

$$= x^3 + 3x^2$$

A1

c. $D_h = D_f = (-3, 0)$

A1

$$R_f = (-\infty, \log_e(4)]$$

$$e^{-\infty} \rightarrow 0$$

$$e^{\log_e(4)} = 4$$

$$R_h = (0, 4]$$

A1

Question 9 (6 marks)

a. Swapping the values of x and y gives:

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

$$x^2 = 8y - y^2$$

$$y^2 - 8y + x^2 = 0$$

M1

Solving for y gives:

$$y_1 = \frac{8 - \sqrt{64 - 4x^2}}{2}$$

$$= 4 - \sqrt{16 - x^2} \leq 4$$

$$y_2 = \frac{8 + \sqrt{64 - 4x^2}}{2}$$

$$= 4 + \sqrt{16 - x^2} \geq 4$$

Considering $D_f = R_{f^{-1}}$:

$$f^{-1}(x) = 4 - \sqrt{16 - x^2}$$

A1

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

$$y^2 = 8x - x^2$$

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

$$(x - 4)^2 + y^2 = 16$$

M1

c.
$$\text{area} = \frac{4 - 0}{2} (f(0) + 2f(2) + f(4))$$

M1

$$= 0 + 2\sqrt{12} + 4$$

$$= 4\sqrt{3} + 4$$

A1

d. The value in **part c.** approximates the area of a quarter circle with radius 4.

$$\frac{\pi \times 4^2}{4} \approx 4\sqrt{3} + 4$$

$$\pi \approx \sqrt{3} + 1$$

A1

*Note: Consequential on answer to **Question 9c.***