



**MATHEMATICS  
 HIGHER LEVEL  
 PAPER 2**

Thursday 8 May 2008 (morning)

2 hours

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your session number in the boxes above.
- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- A graphic display calculator is required for this paper.
- Section A: answer all of Section A in the spaces provided.
- Section B: answer all of Section B on the answer sheets provided. Write your session number on each answer sheet, and attach them to this examination paper and your cover sheet using the tag provided.
- At the end of the examination, indicate the number of sheets used in the appropriate box on your cover sheet.
- Unless otherwise stated in the question, all numerical answers must be given exactly or correct to three significant figures.



Full marks are not necessarily awarded for a correct answer with no working. Answers must be supported by working and/or explanations. In particular, solutions found from a graphic display calculator should be supported by suitable working, e.g. if graphs are used to find a solution, you should sketch these as part of your answer. Where an answer is incorrect, some marks may be given for a correct method, provided this is shown by written working. You are therefore advised to show all working.

**SECTION A**

Answer **all** the questions in the spaces provided. Working may be continued below the lines, if necessary.

1. [Maximum mark: 5]

Determine the first three terms in the expansion of  $(1 - 2x)^5(1 + x)^7$  in ascending powers of  $x$ .

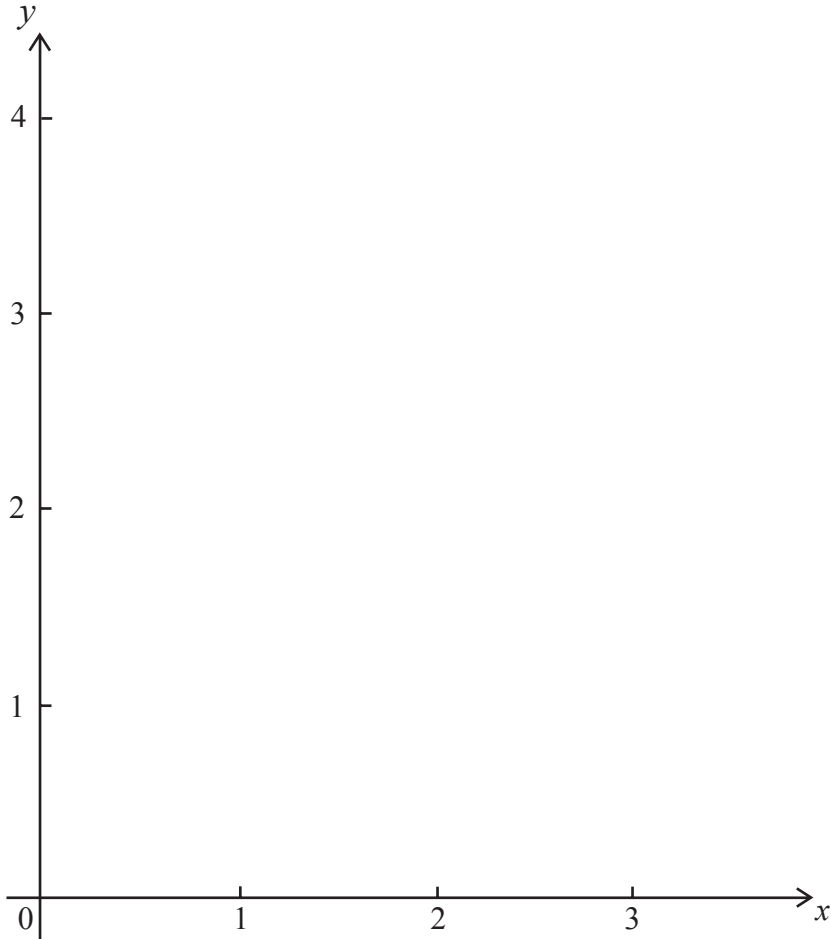
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2. [Maximum mark: 6]

(a) Sketch the curve  $f(x) = |1 + 3 \sin(2x)|$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ . Write down on the graph the values of the  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts.

[4 marks]



(b) By adding **one** suitable line to your sketch, find the number of solutions to the equation  $\pi f(x) = 4(\pi - x)$ .

[2 marks]

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3. [Maximum mark: 6]

A ray of light coming from the point  $(-1, 3, 2)$  is travelling in the direction of vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$  and meets the plane  $\pi : x + 3y + 2z - 24 = 0$ .

Find the angle that the ray of light makes with the plane.

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4. [Maximum mark: 6]

A company produces computer microchips, which have a life expectancy that follows a normal distribution with a mean of 90 months and a standard deviation of 3.7 months.

(a) If a microchip is guaranteed for 84 months find the probability that it will fail before the guarantee ends. [2 marks]

(b) The probability that a microchip does not fail before the end of the guarantee is required to be 99 %. For how many months should it be guaranteed? [2 marks]

(c) A rival company produces microchips where the probability that they will fail after 84 months is 0.88. Given that the life expectancy also follows a normal distribution with standard deviation 3.7 months, find the mean. [2 marks]

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5. [Maximum mark: 6]

Find the vector equation of the line of intersection of the three planes represented by the following system of equations.

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - 7y + 5z &= 1 \\ 6x + 3y - z &= -1 \\ -14x - 23y + 13z &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

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6. [Maximum mark: 6]

Find the gradient of the tangent to the curve  $x^3y^2 = \cos(\pi y)$  at the point  $(-1, 1)$ .

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7. [Maximum mark: 6]

A system of equations is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\cos x + \cos y &= 1.2 \\ \sin x + \sin y &= 1.4.\end{aligned}$$

(a) For each equation express  $y$  in terms of  $x$ . [2 marks]

(b) **Hence** solve the system for  $0 < x < \pi$ ,  $0 < y < \pi$ . [4 marks]

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8. [Maximum mark: 6]

Only two international airlines fly daily into an airport. UN Air has 70 flights a day and IS Air has 65 flights a day. Passengers flying with UN Air have an 18 % probability of losing their luggage and passengers flying with IS Air have a 23 % probability of losing their luggage. You overhear someone in the airport complain about her luggage being lost.

Find the probability that she travelled with IS Air.

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9. [Maximum mark: 6]

By using an appropriate substitution find

$$\int \frac{\tan(\ln y)}{y} dy, y > 0.$$

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10. [Maximum mark: 7]

Find, in its simplest form, the argument of  $(\sin \theta + i(1 - \cos \theta))^2$  where  $\theta$  is an acute angle.

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**SECTION B**

Answer **all** the questions on the answer sheets provided. Please start each question on a new page.

**11.** [Maximum mark: 13]

The lifts in the office buildings of a small city have occasional breakdowns. The breakdowns at any given time are independent of one another and can be modelled using a Poisson Distribution with mean 0.2 per day.

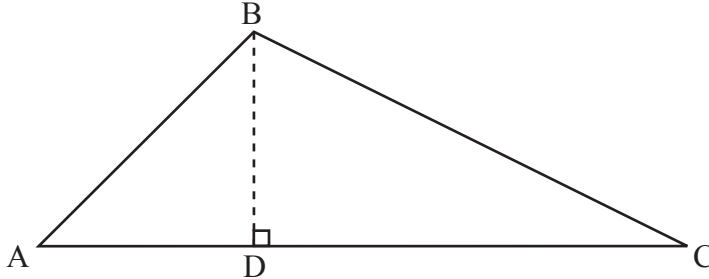
- (a) Determine the probability that there will be exactly four breakdowns during the month of June (June has 30 days). [3 marks]
- (b) Determine the probability that there are more than 3 breakdowns during the month of June. [2 marks]
- (c) Determine the probability that there are no breakdowns during the first five days of June. [2 marks]
- (d) Find the probability that the first breakdown in June occurs on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. [3 marks]
- (e) It costs 1850 Euros to service the lifts when they have breakdowns. Find the expected cost of servicing lifts for the month of June. [1 mark]
- (f) Determine the probability that there will be no breakdowns in exactly 4 out of the first 5 days in June. [2 marks]



12. [Total mark: 20]

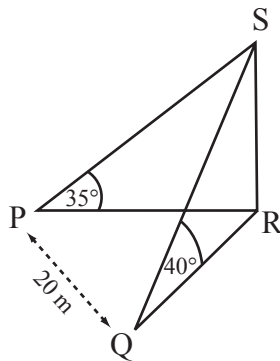
**Part A** [Maximum mark: 12]

In triangle ABC,  $BC = a$ ,  $AC = b$ ,  $AB = c$  and [BD] is perpendicular to [AC].



- (a) Show that  $CD = b - c \cos A$ . [1 mark]
- (b) **Hence**, by using Pythagoras' Theorem in the triangle BCD, prove the cosine rule for the triangle ABC. [4 marks]
- (c) If  $\hat{A}BC = 60^\circ$ , use the cosine rule to show that  $c = \frac{1}{2}a \pm \sqrt{b^2 - \frac{3}{4}a^2}$ . [7 marks]

**Part B** [Maximum mark: 8]



The above three dimensional diagram shows the points P and Q which are respectively west and south-west of the base R of a vertical flagpole RS on horizontal ground. The angles of elevation of the top S of the flagpole from P and Q are respectively  $35^\circ$  and  $40^\circ$ , and  $PQ = 20$  m.

Determine the height of the flagpole.



13. [Maximum mark: 13]

A family of cubic functions is defined as  $f_k(x) = k^2x^3 - kx^2 + x$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

(a) Express in terms of  $k$

(i)  $f'_k(x)$  and  $f''_k(x)$ ;

(ii) the coordinates of the points of inflexion  $P_k$  on the graphs of  $f_k$ . [6 marks]

(b) Show that all  $P_k$  lie on a straight line and state its equation. [2 marks]

(c) Show that for all values of  $k$ , the tangents to the graphs of  $f_k$  at  $P_k$  are parallel, and find the equation of the tangent lines. [5 marks]

14. [Maximum mark: 14]

$$z_1 = (1 + i\sqrt{3})^m \text{ and } z_2 = (1 - i)^n.$$

(a) Find the modulus and argument of  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  in terms of  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively. [6 marks]

(b) **Hence**, find the smallest positive integers  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $z_1 = z_2$ . [8 marks]

