

Saigon International College  
Department of Mathematics and Science  
Semester 2, 2022  
Year 11 ATAR Mathematics Methods  
Test 4  
(Indices, exponential functions)

Section Two (Calculator free)

Time Allowed: 25 minutes

Mark Available:

Student's Name: *Chu Minh Dong*.....

(7 marks)

Question 1

(2 marks)

(a) Simplify  $\sqrt{4^{-5}}$ .

(b) Write the value of  $xy$  in scientific notation when  $x = 2.5 \times 10^3$  and  $y = 5 \times 10^{-7}$ . (2 marks)

(c) Determine the value of  $n$  given that  $9^{n+1} = \sqrt{27}$ . (3 marks)

**Question 2**

**(10 marks)**

a. Simplify the following, leaving all indices positive.

(1)  $\left(\frac{8a^{-1}b^2}{27a^2b^{-1}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$

**(2 marks)**

(2)  $\frac{3^n + 3^{n+2}}{3^{n-1}}$

**(2 marks)**

b. Solve for x.

$$4^x = \sqrt{8}$$

**(2 marks)**

(c) Solve algebraically for x.

**(2 marks)**

$$16^{\frac{x-5}{2}} = \sqrt[3]{64}$$

(d) Given that  $3^x = 5$ , determine the value of  $9^{x+1}$ .

(2 marks)

End of section 1

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Question 3

(5 marks)

The area of forest in Methodland is estimated to be decreasing at a rate of 12% per year. In January 2010 the area of the forest was 275 km<sup>2</sup>.

i. Write down an equation in the form  $A = A_0k^t$ , where  $A_0$  is the initial area,  $t$  is the time in years, after 2010 and  $k$  is a fixed constant. [2 marks]

ii. What is the area of the forest expected to be in 2020? [1 mark]

iii. In what year is the area of the forest expected to be 50 km<sup>2</sup>? [2 marks]

**Question 4**

**(6 marks)**

(a) Determine the solution(s), if any exist, when  $3^{x-1} = 6$ . Give your answer correct to one decimal place. **(2 marks)**

(b) (i) Determine the coordinates of the points of intersection of the functions  $y = 3^{x-1}$  and  $y = x + 1$ . **(2 marks)**

(ii) Calculate the distance between the points of intersection in correct to 2 significant figures. **(2 marks)**

**Question 5**

**(6 marks)**

(a) Sleeping Beauty slept for 200 years. She had \$2 in the bank where she started sleeping. The interest rate during those years remained at a constant 5.75% compounded annually.

i. How much would she have in her bank account when she wake up? (2 marks)

ii. How long would she need to sleep if she wanted to wake up with at least \$1,000,000 in the bank? (2 marks)

(b) The population of a mining town in northern Australia decreases from 185430 people to 105216 over a period of 3 years. What was the constant percentage rate of decrease in the population per year over that period? (2 marks)

**Question 6**

**(6 marks)**

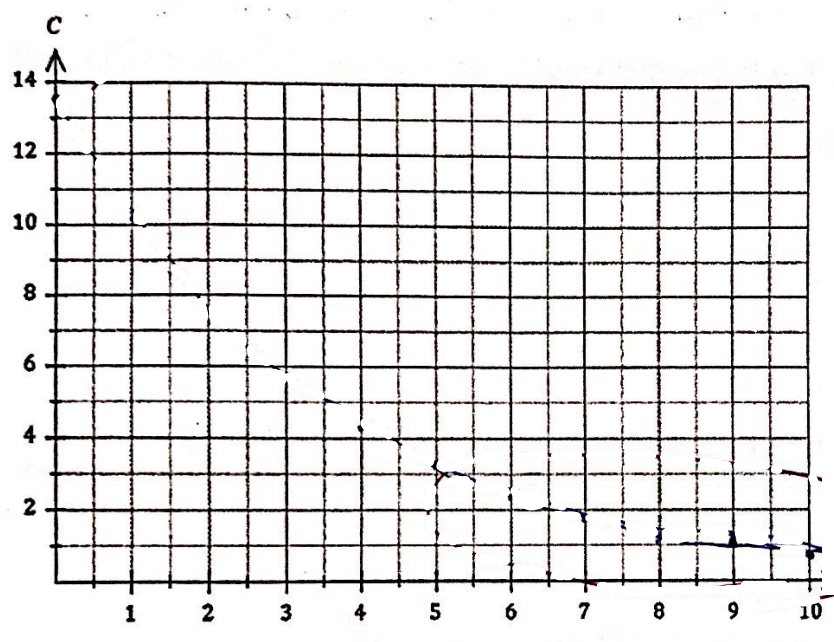
The cost,  $C$  dollars, for a gigabyte of computer memory between the end of year 2005 ( $t = 0$ ) and the end of year 2015 ( $t = 10$ ) can be modelled by the equation  $C = 13.5(0.75)^t$ .

(a) Calculate  $C$  at the end of year 2010.

**(1 mark)**

(b) Draw the graph of  $C$  against  $t$  on the axes below.

**(3 marks)**



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- (c) Assuming that the model continues to be valid, during which year will the cost of computer memory fall below 20 cents per gigabyte? (2 marks)

**End of section 2**