

PRACTICE EXAM (MID-YEAR) SOLUTIONS

Year 12 Mathematics Methods Exam 1

Part 1

Short-answer questions

Question 1

At $t = 2$, $v = ?$, $a = ?$

$$v = \int a dt = \int 2 dt = 2t + c_1$$

At $t = 0$, $v = 1 \therefore c_1 = 1 \therefore v = 2t + 1$

Similarly,

$$x = \int v dt = \int 2t + 1 dt = t^2 + t + c_2$$

At $t = 0$, $x = 4 \therefore c_2 = 4 \therefore x = t^2 + t + 4$

At $t = 2$, $v = 5$ cm/s and $x = 10$ cm

[2 marks]
Question 2

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{x} dx = \frac{2}{3} \left[\sqrt{x^3} \right]_0^1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

[1 mark]
Question 3

$$\text{a } P(\text{win}) = \frac{1}{{}^{40}C_6} = \frac{6! \times 34!}{40!}$$

[1 mark]

$$\text{b } P(\text{at least two of the six winning numbers}) = 1 - \frac{{}^{34}C_6}{{}^{40}C_6} - \frac{{}^{34}C_5 \times {}^6C_1}{{}^{40}C_6}$$

[1 mark]
Question 4

$$y = \frac{x^3}{3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2$$

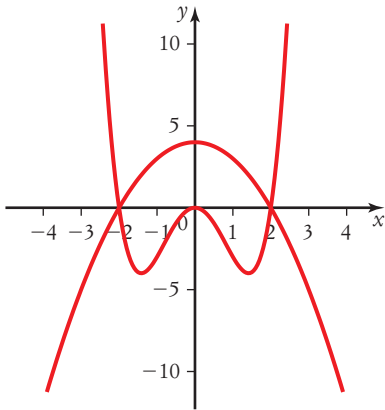
$$\frac{dy}{dx} \approx \frac{\delta y}{\delta x}$$

$$\delta y \approx \frac{dy}{dx} \times \delta x$$

At $x = 2$ and $\delta x = 0.01$

$$\delta y \approx 2^2 \times 0.01$$

$$\delta y \approx 0.04$$

Question 5


Points of intersection are $(-2, 0)$ and $(2, 0)$.

$$\text{Area} = \int_{-2}^2 (4 - x^2) - (x^2(x^2 - 4)) dx \text{ or}$$

$$\text{Area} = 2 \times \int_0^2 (4 - x^2) - (x^2(x^2 - 4)) dx$$

[2 marks]

Question 6

$$y = \tan(x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)}$$

$$\text{At } x = 0, \frac{dy}{dx} = 1$$

$$\therefore y = 1 \times x + c$$

$$\text{If } x = 0, y = \tan(0) = 0 \therefore c = 0$$

Equation of tangent line is $y = x$.

[1 mark]

Question 7

$$y = 3 \sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi.$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3 \cos\left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\text{At } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0, \left(x - \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} \therefore x = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

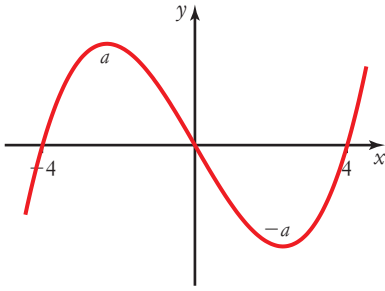
$$\therefore \text{Point is } \left(\frac{5\pi}{6}, 3\right)$$

[2 marks]

Question 8

$$P(3 \leq x \leq 4) = 0.25$$

[1 mark]

Question 9

[2 marks]
Question 10

$$f(x) = e^{-3x^2} \text{ so } f'(x) = -6xe^{-3x^2}$$

$$e^{-3x^2} > 0 \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{So } f'(x) < 0 \text{ for } x > 0$$

[1 mark]

Part 2

Extended-answer questions

Question 1

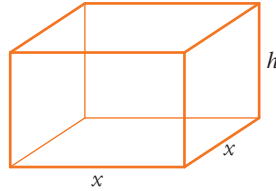
a $V = x^2h = 4$

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

$$SA = 2x^2 + 4xh$$

$$\therefore SA = 2x^2 + 4x \times \frac{4}{x^2}$$

$$\therefore SA = \frac{16}{x} + 2x^2$$



b Min SA when $\frac{dSA}{dx} = 0$ and $\frac{d^2SA}{dx^2} > 0$

$$\frac{dSA}{dx} = \frac{16}{x^2} + 4x$$

$$\frac{d^2SA}{dx^2} = \frac{32}{x^3} + 4$$

If $\frac{dSA}{dx} = 0$, then $\frac{16}{x^2} = 4x$

$$x^3 = 4$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{4}$$

Max or min?

$$\frac{d^2SA}{dx^2} = \frac{32}{\sqrt[3]{4}} + 4 > 0 \therefore \text{min.}$$

If $x = \sqrt[3]{4}$, $h = ?$

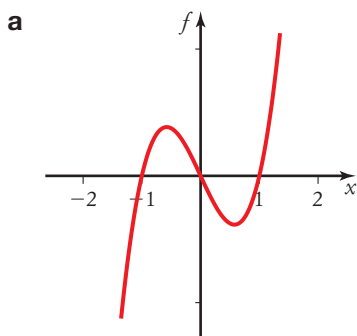
Use $x^2h = 4 \Rightarrow h = \sqrt[3]{4}$

For minimum surface area, $x = \sqrt[3]{4}$, $h = \sqrt[3]{4}$ ($x = h = 1.59$)

[4 marks]

Question 2

$$f(x) = x(x-1)(x+1) = x^3 - x$$



b $\int_{-1}^1 (x^3 - x) dx = \left[\frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^1 = \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = 0$

The areas above and below the axis are equal but as signed areas one is positive and one negative; hence, the sum is zero.

c The area between the function f and the x -axis $= 2 \times \left| \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right| = \frac{1}{2}$ units²

[4 marks]
Question 3

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Let x be the amount won rolling the two spinners.

Sum x	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Payout x	\$1	-\$1	-\$1	\$1	-\$1	-\$1	\$1
$P(x)$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{2}{16}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{4}{16}$	$\frac{3}{16}$	$\frac{2}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$

a $E(x) = \frac{1}{16} \times \$1 + \frac{2}{16} \times -\$1 + \frac{3}{16} \times -\$1 + \frac{4}{16} \times \$1 + \frac{3}{16} \times -\$1 + \frac{2}{16} \times -\$1 + \frac{1}{16} \times \1
 $E(x) = -\$4$

b To make the game fair, \$3 could be paid on the total of 5.

i.e. $E(x) = \frac{1}{16} \times \$1 + \frac{2}{16} \times -\$1 + \frac{3}{16} \times -\$1 + \frac{4}{16} \times \$2 + \frac{3}{16} \times -\$1 + \frac{2}{16} \times -\$1 + \frac{1}{16} \times \1
 $E(x) = \$0$

Answers will vary.

[5 marks]
Question 4

a $\int \frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = \int 1 - x^{-\frac{1}{2}} dx$
 $= x - 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} + c$
 $= x - 2\sqrt{x} + c$

b $\int_1^4 \frac{\sqrt{x}-1}{\sqrt{x}} dx = [x - 2\sqrt{x}]_1^4 = (4 - 4) - (1 - 2) = 1$

[4 marks]

Question 5

$$y = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x+1}}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x\sqrt{x+1} - \frac{1}{2}(x+1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}x^2}{x+1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{x+1} \left(2\sqrt{x+1} - \frac{x}{2\sqrt{x+1}} \right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x}{x+1} \left(\frac{4(x+1) - x}{2\sqrt{x+1}} \right)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x(3x+4)}{2(x+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\text{At } x = 0, \frac{dy}{dx} = 0, y = 0$$

So the equation of the tangent is $y = 0$

[4 marks]

Question 6

$$P(x) = -25x^2 + 300x$$

- a** Max P when $P'(x) = 0$ and $P''(x) < 0$

$$P'(x) = -50x + 300$$

$$P''(x) = -50 \text{ (so max. at any turning point)}$$

$$\text{If } P'(x) = 0, \text{ then } x = 6$$

The local manager should employ 6 checkout workers.

- b** $P(6) = 900$

The maximum profit is \$900.

[4 marks]