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COLLEGE



**MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT**  
**Year 12 MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST**

**TEST 2: VECTORS**

DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Reading Time:** 3 minutes

**SECTION ONE: CALCULATOR FREE**

TOTAL: 25 marks

EQUIPMENT: Pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, highlighter, eraser, ruler, SCSA formula sheet.

WORKING TIME: 25 minutes (maximum)

**SECTION TWO: CALCULATOR ASSUMED**

TOTAL: 28 marks

EQUIPMENT: Pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, highlighter, eraser, ruler, drawing instruments, templates, up to 3 Calculators,

1 A4 page of notes (one side only), SCSA formula sheet.

WORKING TIME: 25 minutes (minimum)

| SECTION 1<br>Question | Marks<br>available | Marks<br>awarded | SECTION 2<br>Question | Marks<br>available | Marks<br>awarded |
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| 1                     | 5                  |                  | 6                     | 9                  |                  |
| 2                     | 6                  |                  | 7                     | 7                  |                  |
| 3                     | 4                  |                  | 8                     | 12                 |                  |
| 4                     | 6                  |                  |                       |                    |                  |
| 5                     | 4                  |                  |                       |                    |                  |
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| <b>Total</b>          | <b>25</b>          |                  |                       | <b>28</b>          |                  |

**Section One: Calculator-free****[25 marks]**

This section has **five (5)** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided

**Question 1 [5 marks]**

A straight line passes through the points  $P(2, -3)$  and  $Q(5, 3)$ .

- (a) Find the vector equation of the line in the form  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda\mathbf{b}$ . [2]

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$
$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{OR Suitable alternative} \quad (1)$$

- (b) Find the equation of the line through  $P$  and  $Q$  in parametric form. [1]

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 5 + \lambda \\ y &= 3 + 2\lambda \end{aligned} \quad \text{OR Suitable alternative} \quad (1)$$

- (c) Find the equation of the line through  $P$  and  $Q$  in Cartesian form. [2]

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= x - 5 \\ \lambda &= \frac{y - 3}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$
$$\Rightarrow x - 5 = \frac{y - 3}{2} \quad \Rightarrow y = 2x - 7 \quad (1)$$

**Question 2 [6 marks]**

The point A lies on the line with equation  $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$  and the point B has position vector  $4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$ . Use a method involving a dot product to determine the position vector of A so that the distance from A to B is a minimum. [6]

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+2\lambda \\ 1-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad {}_A\mathbf{r}_B = \begin{pmatrix} 2\lambda-2 \\ 6-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

At point of closest approach

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2\lambda-2 \\ 6-\lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 4\lambda - 4 - 6 + \lambda = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \lambda = 2 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2+2 \times 2 \\ 1-2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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**Question 3 [4 marks]**

Point  $A$  has position vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and point  $B$  has position vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find the

position vector of the point  $P$  that divides  $AB$  internally in the ratio  $2 : 3$ .

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\overrightarrow{AP} = \frac{2}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\overrightarrow{OP} = \overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{AP} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1) \quad (1)$$

**Question 4 [6 marks]**

(a) Find a vector perpendicular to the two vectors:

$$\vec{OP} = \vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$$

$$\vec{OQ} = -2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}$$

[3]

$$\vec{OP} \times \vec{OQ} = \mathbf{i}(1) - \mathbf{j}(-3) + \mathbf{k}(-5) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

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(b) If  $\vec{OP}$  and  $\vec{OQ}$  are position vectors for the points  $P$  and  $Q$ , use your answer to part (a), or otherwise, to find the area of the triangle  $OPQ$ .

[3]

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} |\vec{OP}| \times |\vec{OQ}| \times \sin(\theta) \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} |\vec{OP} \times \vec{OQ}| = \frac{1}{2} \left| \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -3 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \frac{\sqrt{35}}{2} \text{ units}^2.$$

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**Question 5 [4 marks]**

Points  $P$  and  $Q$  have coordinates  $(3, 1, -2)$  and  $(4, 2, -1)$  respectively.

- (a) Write a vector equation for the line passing through  $P$  and  $Q$ . [2]

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$
$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

- (b) Show that the vector  $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  is perpendicular to the line through  $P$  and  $Q$ . [1]

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 2 - 1 - 1 = 0 \quad (1)$$
$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \perp \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (c) Write down a vector equation of the plane containing  $P$  and  $Q$  with  $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  as its normal vector. [1]

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = 7 \quad (1)$$

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**Section Two: Calculator-assumed**

**[25 marks]**

This section has **three (3)** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided

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**Question 6 [9 marks]**

Two rockets are fired from different positions at the same time. Rocket 1 leaves from position  $-7\mathbf{i} + 9\mathbf{j} - 5\mathbf{k}$  km at a velocity of  $5\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$  km/min and Rocket 2 leaves from position  $-6\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$  km at a velocity of  $9\mathbf{i} + 6\mathbf{j} - 3\mathbf{k}$  km/min. Each rocket leaves a trail of smoke and, although the rockets do not collide, their smoke trails do intersect.

- (a) Find the coordinates of the point at which the smoke trails intersect. [4]

$$\text{Rocket 1: } \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 9 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Rocket 2: } \mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} -6 \\ -5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{At point of intersection: } -7 + 5\lambda = -6 + 9\mu \text{ and } 9 - 4\lambda = -5 + 6\mu \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2, \mu = 1 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{This result for } \lambda \text{ and } \mu \text{ gives the same z-component of } -1. \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Thus, point of intersection is } (3, 1, -1) \quad (1)$$

- (b) Find the position of Rocket 1 three minutes after firing. [1]

$$\text{For Rocket 1: } \mathbf{r}(3) = \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 9 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} + 3 \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

- (c) Find the shortest distance of Rocket 1 from the smoke trail of Rocket 2, three minutes after firing. Give your answer to the nearest metre. [4]

For Rocket 1 at  $(8, -3, 1)$ ,

$$\overrightarrow{R_2R_1} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 9\mu - 6 \\ 6\mu - 5 \\ 3 - 3\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 14 - 9\mu \\ 2 - 6\mu \\ 3\mu - 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Using CAS,  $\left| \overrightarrow{R_2R_1} \right|_{MIN} = 6.574 \text{ km}$  at  $t = 1.119$   $t = 1.119$  minutes.  
(1) (1)

Thus, shortest distance is 6 574 m. (1)

(Can use dot product also, for same result)



**Question 7 [7 marks]**

- (a) The equation of a sphere is given by  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 6x + 4y + 8z = 153$ . Determine the vector equation of the sphere. [3]

$$(x-3)^2 + (y+2)^2 + (z+4)^2 = 153 + 9 + 16 + 4 = 182 \quad (1)$$
$$\Rightarrow \text{Equation of sphere is } \left| r - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \sqrt{182}. \quad (1)$$

- (b) Determine the position vector(s) of the points of intersection between the sphere and the line  $r = -3i + 5j + k + \lambda(-2i + j - 2k)$ . [4]

At point of intersection:

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} -3-2\lambda \\ 5+\lambda \\ 1-2\lambda \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} \right| = \sqrt{182} \quad (1)$$
$$\Rightarrow (-6-2\lambda)^2 + (7+\lambda)^2 + (5-2\lambda)^2 = 182 \quad (1)$$
$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -4, 2 \quad (1)$$
$$\Rightarrow \text{Position vectors of points of intersection are: } \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \\ 9 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ 7 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

**Question 8 [12 marks]**

Let  $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2t+5 \\ -2t-1 \\ t \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , be an equation of line  $L$ .

The plane  $P$  has a normal vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and passes through the point  $A(-1, 0, 4)$ .

(a) Show that the point  $B(9, -5, 2)$  lies on the line  $L$ . [2]

$$2t+5=9 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t=2 \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{r}(2) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \times 2 + 5 \\ -2 \times 2 - 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 \\ -5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow B(9, -5, 2) \text{ lies on the line } L \quad (1)$$

(b) Give the normal vector equation of the plane  $P$ . [2]

$$\mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -7 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Normal vector equation of } P \text{ is } \mathbf{r} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -7 \quad (1)$$

(c) Find the shortest distance that plane  $P$  is from the origin. [2]

$$|\mathbf{n}| = \sqrt{26} \quad \Rightarrow \quad d = \frac{7}{\sqrt{26}}$$

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- (d) Show that the line  $L$  meets the plane  $P$  at the point  $C(1, 3, -2)$ . [3]

$$\text{At point of intersection, } \begin{pmatrix} 2t+5 \\ -2t-1 \\ t \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = -7 \quad (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 6t + 15 + 8t + 4 - t = -7$$

$$\Rightarrow t = -2 \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{r}(-2) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \times -2 + 5 \\ -2 \times -2 - 1 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

- (e) Find the angle between the line  $L$  and the plane  $P$ . (Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.) [3]

$$\text{Direction of } L \text{ is } \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Direction of normal is } \mathbf{n} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Angle between } L \text{ and } \mathbf{n} \text{ is } 31.8^\circ \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Angle between } L \text{ and } P \text{ is } 90^\circ - 31.8^\circ = 58.2^\circ \quad (1)$$

END OF QUESTIONS