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ANDRE TUTORING SAMPLE EXAM

Mathematics Advanced

General Instructions

- Reading time – 10 minutes
- Working time – 3 hours
- Write using black pen
- Calculators approved by NESA may be used
- A reference sheet is provided at the back of this paper
- For questions in Section II, show relevant mathematical reasoning and/or calculations
- Write your Centre Number and Student Number at the top of this page

Total marks: 100

Section I – 10 marks (pages 2–7)

- Attempt Questions 1–10
- Allow about 15 minutes for this section

Section II – 60 marks (pages 9–36)

- Attempt Questions 11–29
- Allow about 2 hours and 45 minutes for this section

Section I

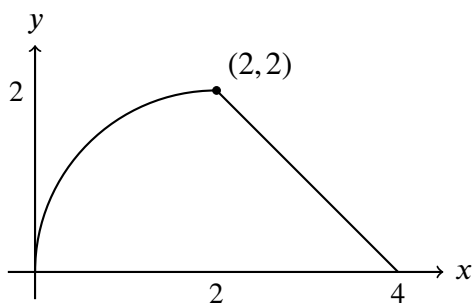
10 marks

Attempt Questions 1–10

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Use the multiple-choice answer sheet for Questions 1–10.

- 1 For what real values of k will the quadratic inequality $x^2 - 2(k - 1)x + (k + 5) > 0$ hold true for all real values of x ?
- A. $-1 < k < 4$
- B. $k < -1$ or $k > 4$
- C. $-2 < k < 4$
- D. $k < -2$ or $k > 4$
- 2 The graph below tracks a continuous function $y = f(x)$ defined on the domain $0 \leq x \leq 4$. The curve consists of a quarter-circle of radius 2 centered at $(2, 0)$, connected to a straight line.



Find the exact value of the definite integral $\int_0^4 f(x) dx$.

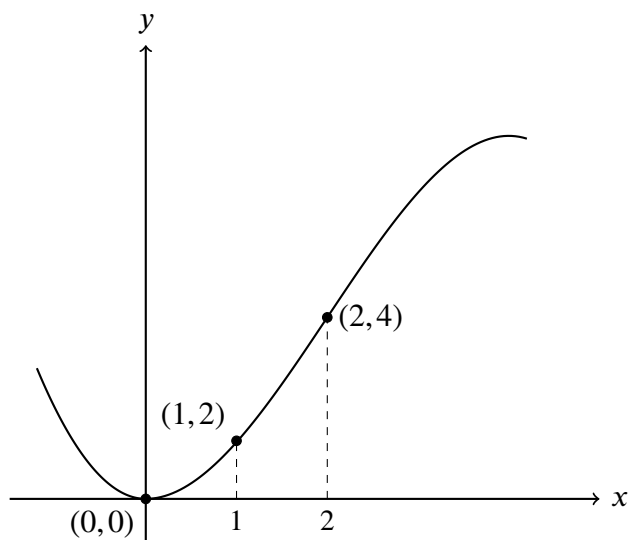
- A. $\pi - 2$
- B. $\pi + 2$
- C. $2\pi - 2$
- D. $2\pi + 2$

- 3 Consider a geometric sequence where the sum of the first two terms is 15, and the sum of the next two terms is 60. Given that the common ratio r is negative, determine the exact value of the first term a .
- A. -15
- B. -5
- C. 5
- D. 15
- 4 Consider the quadratic function $f(x) = x^2 - 3x$. Which of the following expressions represents the equation of the tangent line to the curve at the point where $x = p$?
- A. $y = (2p - 3)x - p^2$
- B. $y = (2p - 3)x + p^2$
- C. $y = (2p - 3)x - p^2 + 3p$
- D. $y = 2px - p^2 - 3$
- 5 Let A , B , and C be three events such that $P(A) = P(B) = P(C) = \frac{1}{3}$. It is known that the events are pairwise independent, meaning $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$, $P(B \cap C) = P(B)P(C)$, and $P(A \cap C) = P(A)P(C)$.

If the probability of the mutual intersection of all three events is zero, determine the exact value of the probability of the union of these three events, $P(A \cup B \cup C)$.

- A. $\frac{1}{3}$
- B. $\frac{4}{9}$
- C. $\frac{2}{3}$
- D. 1

- 6 The graph of a continuous, twice-differentiable function $y = f(x)$ is shown below for the domain $-1.5 \leq x \leq 4.5$. The curve has a sharp local minimum turning point at $(0,0)$, an inflection point at $(1,2)$, and a local maximum turning point at $(3,4)$.



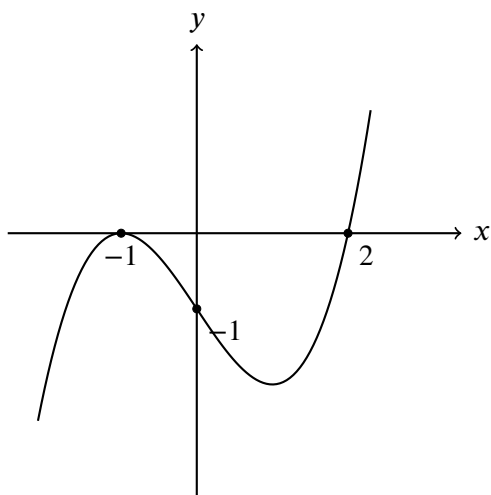
Which of the following inequality sets correctly describes the values of the function and its respective derivatives evaluated precisely at the coordinate position $x = 1$?

- A. $f''(1) < f'(1) < f(1)$
 B. $f'(1) < f''(1) < f(1)$
 C. $f''(1) < f(1) < f'(1)$
 D. $f(1) < f'(1) < f''(1)$
- 7 Let $f(x)$ be a differentiable function defined for all real numbers such that $f(1) = 2$ and $f(4) = 8$. Evaluate the exact value of the following definite integral:

$$\int_1^2 \frac{xf'(x^2)}{f(x^2)} dx$$

- A. $\ln 8$
 B. $\ln 4$
 C. $\frac{1}{2} \ln 2$
 D. $\ln 2$

- 8 The graph of a polynomial function $y = P(x)$ is shown below:



Which of the following equations best matches the graph displayed?

- A. $y = \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2(x+2)$
- B. $y = \frac{1}{2}(x+1)(x-2)^2$
- C. $y = \frac{1}{2}(x+1)^2(x-2)$
- D. $y = (x+1)^2(x-2)$
- 9 The population P of a bacterial culture at time t hours is modeled by the function:

$$P(t) = 500 + 200 \cdot t \cdot e^{-\frac{t}{4}}$$

Determine the exact rate of change of the population with respect to time at the instant when $t = 4$ hours.

- A. 0
- B. $\frac{200}{e}$
- C. $-\frac{200}{e}$
- D. $500 + \frac{800}{e}$

- 10 Let X be a continuous random variable that follows a perfect normal distribution centered at a mean of μ . If it is known that $P(X > \mu + 2) = p$, which of the following expressions represents the exact value of the conditional probability $P(X < \mu + 2 \mid X > \mu - 2)$?

A. $\frac{1-p}{1+p}$

B. $\frac{1-2p}{1-p}$

C. $\frac{p}{1-p}$

D. $\frac{2p}{1-p}$

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Section II Answer Booklet

90 marks

Attempt Questions 11–29

Allow about 2 hours and 45 minutes for this section

Instructions

- Write your Centre Number and Student Number at the top of this page.
 - Answer the questions in the spaces provided. These spaces provide guidance for the expected length of response.
 - Your responses should include relevant mathematical reasoning and/or calculations.
 - Extra writing space is provided at the back of this booklet. If you use this space, clearly indicate which question you are answering.
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Question 11 (6 marks)

A particle moves in a straight line so that its velocity v metres per second at time t seconds ($t \geq 0$) is given by:

$$v = \frac{40t}{(2t^2 + 5)^2}$$

Initially, the particle is located 3 metres to the right of a fixed origin O .

- (a) Find an expression for the position x of the particle relative to O at any time t . 2

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- (b) Determine the maximum velocity achieved by the particle. 3

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- (c) Describe the limiting behaviour of the position of the particle as $t \rightarrow \infty$. 1

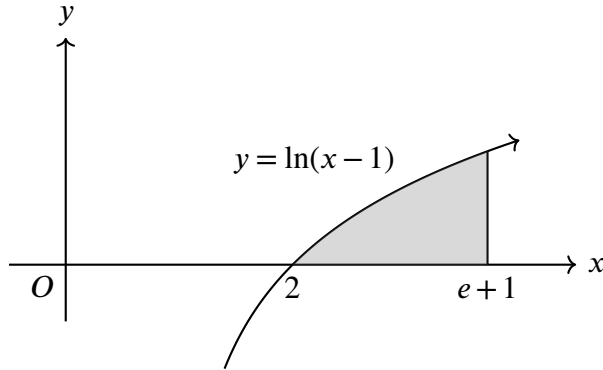
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Question 12 (4 marks)

The diagram below shows the region bounded by the curve $y = \ln(x - 1)$, the x -axis, and the vertical line $x = e + 1$.



- (a) By integrating with respect to the y -axis, or otherwise, calculate the exact area of the shaded region. **3**

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- (b) A student uses the trapezoidal rule with three function values to approximate the area of the same shaded region. **1**

Without performing any calculations, state whether this approximation will be an underestimate or an overestimate of the true area.

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Question 13 (5 marks)

A continuous random variable X has a probability density function given by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ke^{-2x} & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Where k is a positive constant.

- (a) Show that $k = 2$. 1

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- (b) Find the exact value of the median of X . 2

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- (c) Calculate the probability $P(X \leq 1 \mid X \geq 0.5)$, giving your answer correct to three decimal places. 2

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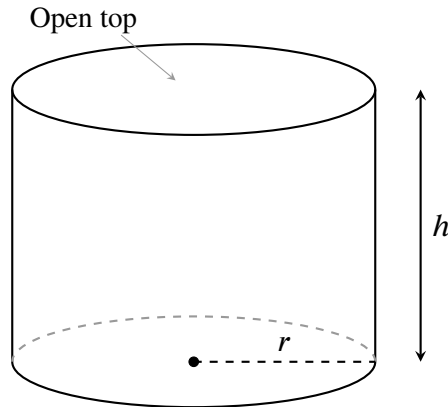
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Question 14 (6 marks)

An open cylindrical waste bin of radius r cm and height h cm is manufactured such that the base and the curved vertical wall have an area of exactly 1200π cm².



- (a) Show that the volume V cm³ of the waste bin is given by $V = 600\pi r - \frac{1}{2}\pi r^3$. 2

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- (b) Find the dimensions r and h that will maximize the volume of the bin. Justify that your solution yields a maximum volume. 4

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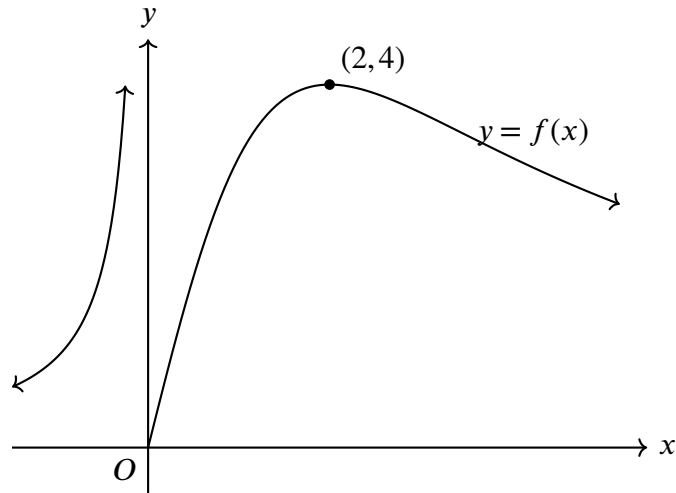
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Question 15 (5 marks)

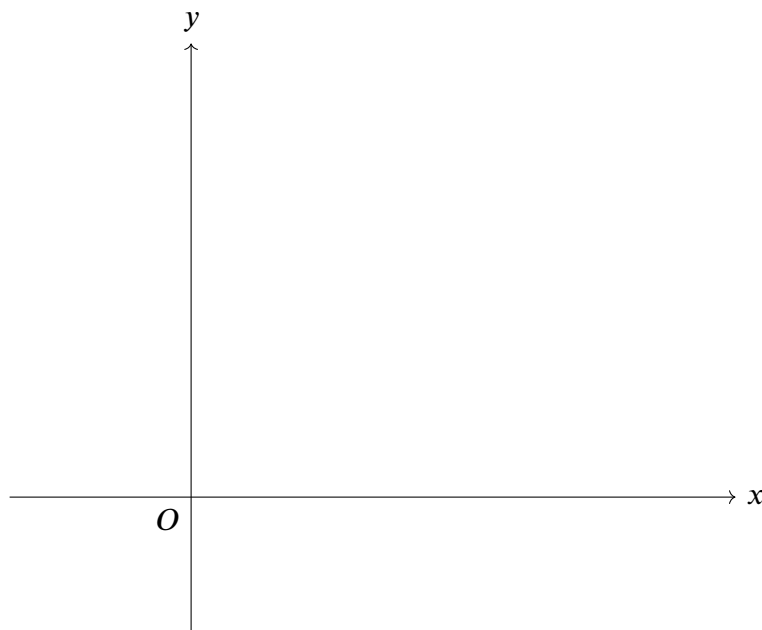
The diagram below shows the graph of a function $y = f(x)$. The graph has a horizontal asymptote at $y = 0$, a vertical asymptote at $x = 0$, and a local maximum turning point at $(2, 4)$.



- (a) On the axes provided below, sketch the graph of $y = 2f(x) - 1$.

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Clearly label the coordinates of the new turning point and the equations of any new asymptotes.



Question 15 continues on next page

- (b) State the domain and range of the transformed function $y = 2f(x) - 1$, given that $f(x) > 0$ for all x , has one turning point and is continuous for all values other than $x = 0$. 2

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Question 16 (5 marks)

A company manufactures designer water bottles. The marginal revenue, R , in dollars per bottle, obtained by selling x bottles is given by the derivative function:

$$\frac{dR}{dx} = 150 - 0.4x$$

The marginal cost, C , in dollars per bottle, to manufacture x bottles is given by:

$$\frac{dC}{dx} = 0.2x + 30$$

The company's fixed costs before any bottles are produced are \$5000.

- (a) Find the number of bottles, x , that must be produced and sold each week to maximize total profit. 2

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- (b) Determine the maximum weekly profit achievable by the company. 3

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Question 17 (6 marks)

An financial analyst models the balance of an investment portfolio using a geometric sequence. A client invests \$2000 at the start of every year into an account that pays a fixed compound interest rate of 4% per annum, with interest paid at the end of each year.

Let A_n be the total value of the investment at the end of the n -th year, immediately after interest has been paid.

- (a) Show that the total value of the investment at the end of 3 years is given by: 2

$$A_3 = 2000(1.04) + 2000(1.04)^2 + 2000(1.04)^3$$

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- (b) Hence, derive an expression for A_n and calculate the total amount in the investment account at the end of 25 years, rounding your final answer to the nearest dollar. 4

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Question 18 (4 marks)

Consider the function given by $f(x) = x\sqrt{4-x^2}$ for $-2 \leq x \leq 2$.

- (a) Show that the derivative of $f(x)$ is given by $f'(x) = \frac{4-2x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$. 2

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- (b) Hence, find the exact value of $\int_0^1 \frac{x^2-2x-2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} dx$. 2

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Question 19 (4 marks)

A high-tech manufacturing company produces smartphone screens. The thickness of these screens is normally distributed with a mean μ of 0.400 mm and a standard deviation σ of 0.015 mm.

Any screen with a thickness less than 0.370 mm or greater than 0.415 mm is considered defective and cannot be sold.

- (a) Using the empirical rule, calculate the percentage of manufactured screens that are expected to be defective. 2

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- (b) The engineering team introduces a new calibration method that keeps the mean thickness at 0.400 mm but decreases the standard deviation to a new value, σ . 2

If the company requires that exactly 97.5% of all produced screens must now meet the criteria to be non-defective, find the value of σ assuming the upper threshold of 0.425 mm determines this boundary.

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Question 20 (5 marks)

An infinite geometric series is given by:

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} \sec\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \frac{1}{4} \sec^2\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \frac{1}{8} \sec^3\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) + \dots$$

Where x is restricted to the interval $0 \leq x \leq \pi$.

- (a) Find all values of x within the interval $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ for which this geometric series has a limiting sum. **3**

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- (b) Hence, determine the exact value of x in the interval $0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ such that the limiting sum of the series is exactly equal to $\frac{4}{4 - \sqrt{2}}$. **2**

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Question 21 (7 marks)

Biologists monitor the population dynamics between a native bird species and an invasive cicada population on an isolated island.

The bird population, $B(t)$, and the cicada population, $C(t)$ (measured in thousands), are modelled over a continuous time period by the following trigonometric functions:

$$B(t) = 500 + 150 \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{6}\right)$$
$$C(t) = 80 + 40 \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{6} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

where t is the time in months ($0 \leq t \leq 12$), with $t = 0$ representing the beginning of January.

- (a) Determine the time lag, in months, between the cicada population reaching its absolute maximum and the bird population reaching its absolute maximum. 2

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- (b) Calculate the exact rate of change of the cicada population at the precise moment when the bird population is decreasing at its absolute maximum rate. Include appropriate units. 3

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- (c) On the single set of axes, sketch the graphs of both $y = B(t)$ and $y = C(t)$ for the interval $0 \leq t \leq 12$. 2



Question 22 (2 marks)

Find all exact solutions to the equation: 2

$$\tan 2\theta + \cot 2\theta = 4$$

For the interval $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$.

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Question 23 (5 marks)

Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x^2}$ defined for $x > 0$.

- (a) Find the exact coordinates of the stationary point of $y = f(x)$ and determine its nature.

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- (b) Find the coordinates of the point of inflection of the curve.

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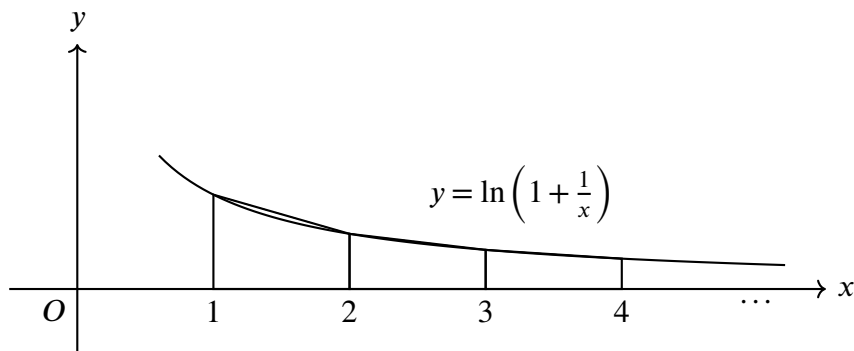
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Question 24 (6 marks)

An environmental scientist wants to approximate the area under the curve $y = \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)$ from $x = 1$ to $x = n + 1$, where n is a positive integer.

Instead of using regular intervals, the scientist divides the domain into n unequal subintervals where the vertical grid lines are placed at successive integer values $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n, n + 1$, forming a series of trapeziums.



- (a) Show that the area of the single trapezium formed between $x = k$ and $x = k + 1$ is given by: **1**

$$A_k = \frac{1}{2} \left[\ln\left(\frac{k+1}{k}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{k+2}{k+1}\right) \right]$$

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- (b) By summing the areas of all n trapeziums, show that the total approximated area simplifies to: **3**

$$A_{\text{total}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\ln\left(\frac{n+2}{2}\right) + \ln(n+1) \right]$$

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(c) Find the value of the approximated area when $n = 62$, expressing your answer in the form $\ln(p)$. 2

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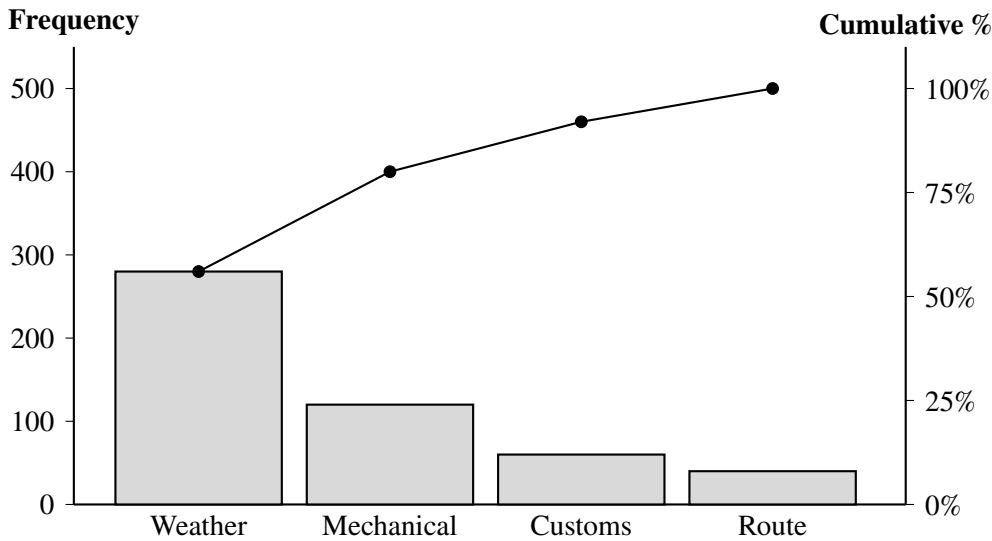
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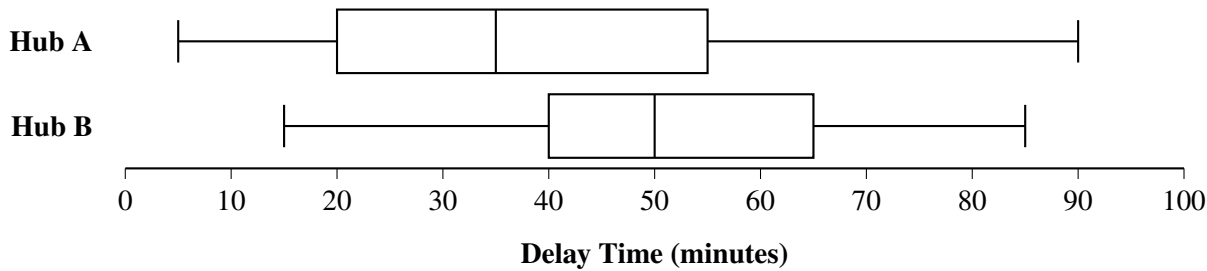
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Question 25 (5 marks)

A logistics firm analyses transit delays across two transport hubs, Hub A and Hub B. The Pareto chart below highlights the frequency and cumulative percentage of specific categories of delays recorded at Hub A over a three-month observation window.



In addition, the parallel box-and-whisker plots below illustrate the overall transit delay times (in minutes) recorded for shipments passing through Hub A and Hub B.



- (a) Using the Pareto chart, identify the categories of delays that constitute the standard 80% threshold of transit problems at Hub A. 1

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- (b) Calculate and compare the delay times between Hub A and Hub B. What does this reveal about the consistency of delays at both hubs? 2

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- (c) An analyst reviews the raw data from the Pareto chart and notes that Hub A recorded a total of 500 delays. The data reveals that: 2

- 25% of *Mechanical* delays exceed 55 minutes
- 5% of *Customs* and *Route* delays combined exceed 55 minutes.
- However, the record for the percentage of *Weather* delays exceeding 55 minutes is missing.

Hence, approximate the percentage of *Weather* delays that must have exceeded 55 minutes.

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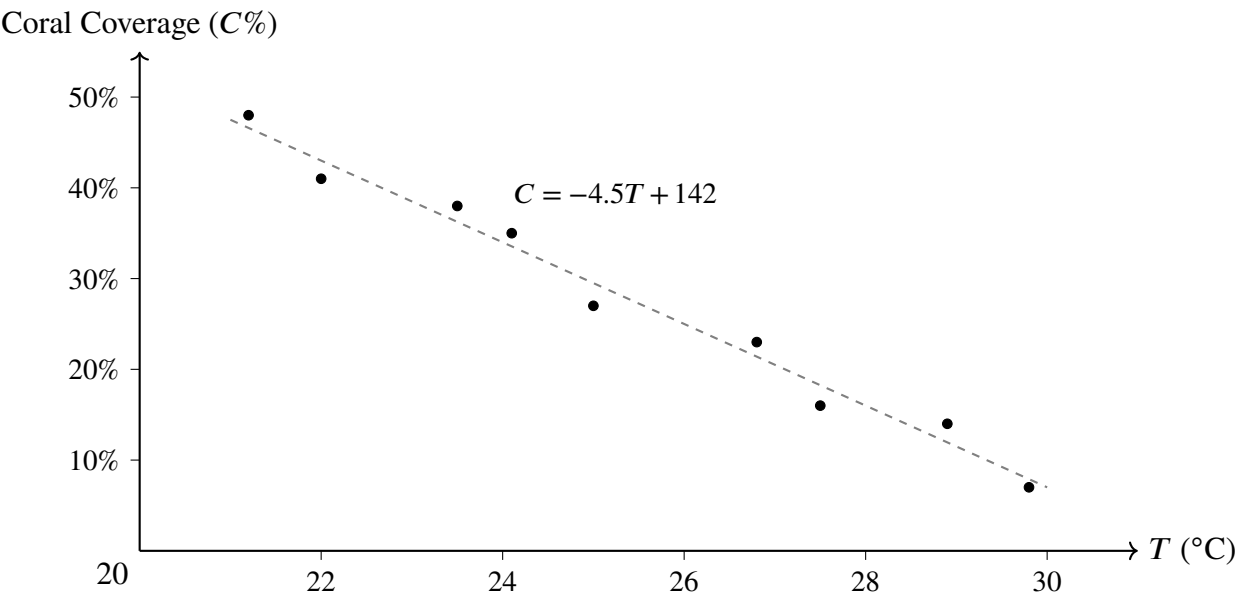
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Question 26 (3 marks)

A marine biologist monitors the coral coverage percentage (C) at a local reef as a function of the average surface water temperature (T , in $^{\circ}\text{C}$).

Over several months of data tracking, the biologist records the scatter plot below and computes a linear line of best fit. The Pearson's correlation coefficient for this dataset is calculated to be $r = -0.87$.



- (a) Interpret the meaning of both the gradient and the Pearson's correlation coefficient in the context of this biological scenario. 2

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- (b) At a monitored temperature of 24°C , the actual observed coral coverage is found to be 35%. Calculate the exact difference between this observed value and the value predicted by the linear model. 1

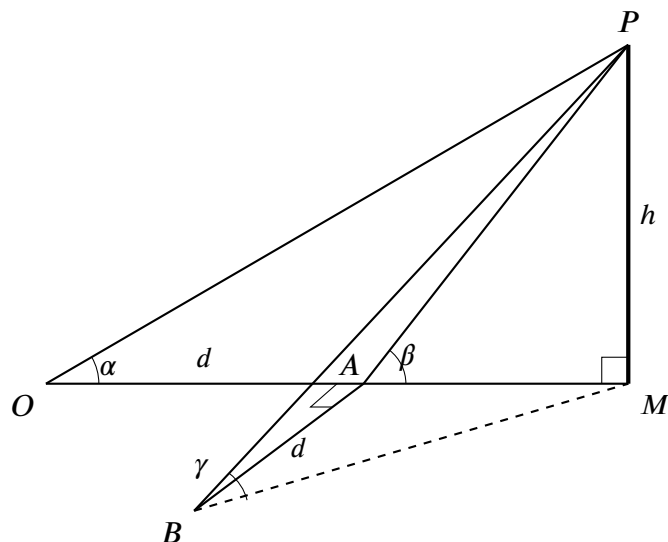
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Question 27 (4 marks)

A surveyor at O on a flat plain observes a vertical peak P at an angle of elevation α . The surveyor walks d metres directly towards the mountain base to A , where the angle of elevation is β . From A , the surveyor turns 90° left and walks d metres to B . At B , the angle of elevation to P is γ .



- (a) Let h represent the vertical height of the peak P above its base M . Show that the horizontal distance from A to M is $h \cot \beta$.

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- (b) Hence, prove that:

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$$\cot^2 \gamma = \cot^2 \beta + (\cot \alpha - \cot \beta)^2$$

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Question 28 (3 marks)

A discrete random variable X has the probability distribution shown below, where $E(X)$ represents the expected value of the distribution: **3**

x	1	2	3	4	5
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{a}{E(X)}$	$\frac{a}{E(X)}$	$\frac{a}{E(X)}$	$\frac{2a}{E(X)}$	$\frac{a}{2E(X)}$

Determine the exact value of the constant parameter a .

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Question 29 (5 marks)

Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{x^2 \cos x}{1 + e^x}$ defined over the domain $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

It is known that $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = \int_{-a}^a f(-x) dx$.

Let I represent the definite integral:

$$I = \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{x^2 \cos x}{1 + e^x} dx$$

- (a) Hence, show that $I = \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \cos x dx$

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- (b) By considering the graph of $f(x) = x^2 \cos x$, over the interval $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

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Justify why the calculated area I must be strictly less than $\frac{\pi^3}{24}$.

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Marking Guidelines

Section I

Multiple-choice Answer Key

Question	Answer
1	A
2	B
3	A
4	A
5	C
6	A
7	D
8	C
9	A
10	B

Section II

Question 11 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Correctly integrates the velocity expression and solves for the constant	2
• Finds the correct primitive integration form, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

$$x(t) = \int \frac{40t}{(2t^2 + 5)^2} dt$$

$$x(t) = 10 \int \frac{4t}{(2t^2 + 5)^2} dt$$

$$= -\frac{10}{2t^2 + 5} + C$$

$$3 = -\frac{10}{2(0)^2 + 5} + C$$

$$3 = -2 + C$$

$$C = 5$$

$$x(t) = 5 - \frac{10}{2t^2 + 5}$$

Question 11 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Determines the correct exact maximum velocity value	3
• Solves for stationary point condition time t value	2
• Differentiates $v(t)$ correctly using calculus quotient rules	1

Sample answer:

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{40(2t^2 + 5)^2 - 40t \cdot 2(2t^2 + 5)(4t)}{(2t^2 + 5)^4}$$

$$= \frac{40(2t^2 + 5) - 320t^2}{(2t^2 + 5)^3}$$

$$= \frac{200 - 240t^2}{(2t^2 + 5)^3}$$

$$0 = \frac{200 - 240t^2}{(2t^2 + 5)^3}$$

$$0 = 200 - 240t^2$$

$$t^2 = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{5}{6}} \text{ seconds}$$

$$v_{\max} = \frac{40\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}}}{\left(2\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) + 5\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{40\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}}}{\left(\frac{20}{3}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{9\sqrt{30}}{20} \text{ m/s}$$

Question 11 (c)

Criteria	Marks
• Correctly describes the limiting asymptotic horizontal position	1

Sample answer:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(5 - \frac{10}{2t^2 + 5} \right)$$

$$= 5 - 0$$

$$= 5$$

$\therefore$ The particle approaches a position 5 metres to the right of origin O .

Question 12 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Provides the correct exact area value	3
• Evaluates boundaries correctly and forms the inverse variable function	2
• Formulates the correct template layout for bounding integration	1

Sample answer:

$$y = \ln(x - 1)$$

$$e^y = x - 1$$

$$x = e^y + 1$$

$$A = \int_0^1 [(e + 1) - (e^y + 1)] dy$$

$$= \int_0^1 (e - e^y) dy$$

$$= [ey - e^y]_0^1$$

$$= (e - e) - (0 - 1)$$

$$A = 1$$

Question 12 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• States correct approximation nature with sound geometric curvature justifications	1

Sample answer:

Because the curve $y = \ln(x - 1)$ is strictly concave down $\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} < 0\right)$, any secant line

connecting two points on the curve lies below the true graph, meaning the trapeziums

will underestimate the area under the curve.

Question 13 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Successfully verifies normalization total area criteria conditions	1

Sample answer:

$$\int_0^{\infty} k e^{-2x} dx = 1$$

$$\left[-\frac{k}{2} e^{-2x}\right]_0^{\infty} = 1$$

$$0 - \left(-\frac{k}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$\frac{k}{2} = 1$$

$$k = 2$$

Question 13 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Finds correct exact value expression for the distribution median	2
• Sets up the proper definite probability integral equal to 0.5	1

Sample answer:

$$\int_0^m 2e^{-2x} dx = 0.5$$

$$\left[-e^{-2x}\right]_0^m = 0.5$$

$$-e^{-2m} + 1 = 0.5$$

$$e^{-2m} = 0.5$$

$$-2m = \ln(0.5)$$

$$m = \frac{\ln 2}{2}$$

Question 13 (c)

Criteria	Marks
• Provides the correct conditional value evaluated to three decimals	2
• Uses conditional probability equation	1

Sample answer:

$$P(X \leq 1 \mid X \geq 0.5) = \frac{P(0.5 \leq X \leq 1)}{P(X \geq 0.5)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 0.5) &= \int_{0.5}^{\infty} 2e^{-2x} dx \\ &= e^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(0.5 \leq X \leq 1) &= \int_{0.5}^1 2e^{-2x} dx \\ &= e^{-1} - e^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Probability} &= \frac{e^{-1} - e^{-2}}{e^{-1}} \\ &= 1 - e^{-1} \\ &\approx 0.632 \end{aligned}$$

Question 14 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Successfully derives the given volume formula expression statement	2
• Expresses height parameters correctly utilizing open cylinder surface dimensions	1

Sample answer:

$$A = \pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$$

$$1200\pi = \pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$$

$$h = \frac{1200 - r^2}{2r}$$

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

$$= \pi r^2 \left(\frac{1200 - r^2}{2r} \right)$$

$$V = 600\pi r - \frac{1}{2}\pi r^3$$

Question 14 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Provides all correct dimensions and completes secondary verification paths perfectly	4
• Finds correct solutions for both radius and height measurements	3
• Evaluates first derivatives equal to zero to identify critical root locations	2
• Calculates the accurate derivative mapping function expression form	1

Sample answer:

$$\frac{dV}{dr} = 600\pi - \frac{3}{2}\pi r^2$$

$$0 = 600\pi - \frac{3}{2}\pi r^2$$

$$r^2 = 400$$

$$r = 20 \text{ cm}$$

$$h = \frac{1200 - 20^2}{2(20)}$$

$$= 20 \text{ cm}$$

$$\frac{d^2V}{dr^2} = -3\pi r$$

$$\frac{d^2V}{dr^2} = -60\pi$$

$$-60\pi < 0 \implies \text{Max Volume}$$

Question 15 (a)

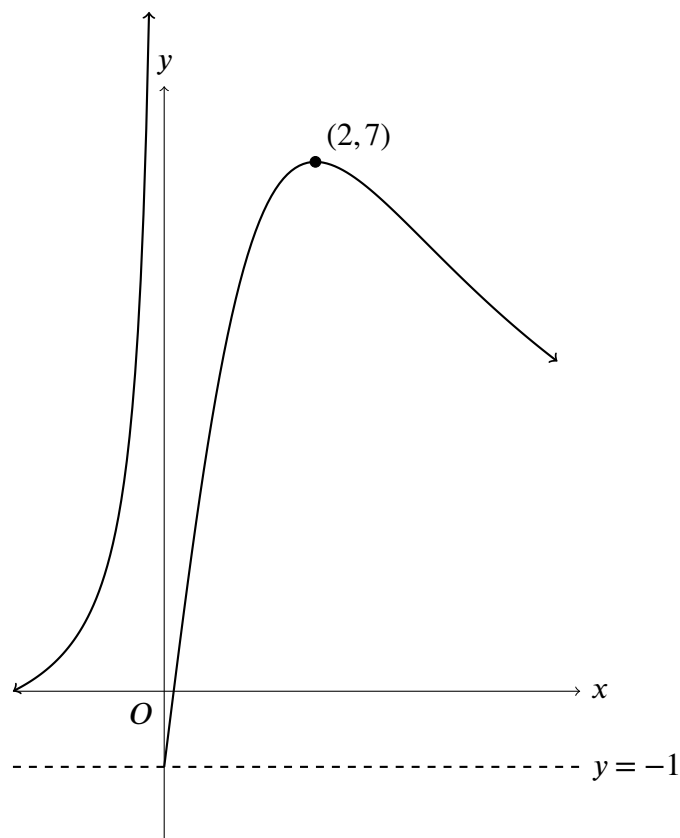
Criteria	Marks
• Correctly sketches the graph with all updated key features labeled explicitly	3
• Labels updated horizontal asymptotes and shifts critical turning boundaries	2
• Incorporates uniform vertical scaling expansions, or equivalent merit	1

Sample answer:

Turning Point: $(2, 4) \rightarrow (2, 2 \times 4 - 1) \Rightarrow (2, 7)$

Vertical Asymptote: $x = 0$

Horizontal Asymptote: $y = 0 \rightarrow y = -1$



Question 15 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Outlines correct intervals for both domain and range definitions	2
• Identifies valid boundary limits for one structural scope definition	1

Sample answer:

Domain: $x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0$

Range: $y > -1$

Question 16 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Provides the correct volume quantity of bottles required	2
• Equates marginal revenue statements directly against marginal cost paths	1

Sample answer:

$$\frac{dR}{dx} = \frac{dC}{dx}$$

$$150 - 0.4x = 0.2x + 30$$

$$120 = 0.6x$$

$$x = 200 \text{ bottles}$$

Question 16 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Calculates the accurate peak financial profit balance achieved	3
• Formulates constant parameter factors using provided fixed cost structures	2
• Integrates net revenue operational models correctly to produce initial polynomials	1

Sample answer:

$$P(x) = \int \left(\frac{dR}{dx} - \frac{dC}{dx} \right) dx$$

$$= \int (120 - 0.6x) dx$$

$$= 120x - 0.3x^2 + K$$

$$-5000 = 120(0) - 0.3(0)^2 + K \implies K = -5000$$

$$P(200) = 120(200) - 0.3(200)^2 - 5000$$

$$= 24000 - 12000 - 5000$$

$$= \$7,000$$

Question 17 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Successfully demonstrates chronological compounding progression patterns clearly	2
• Charts matching baseline compound expressions over individual sub-intervals	1

Sample answer:

$$A_1 = 2000(1.04)$$

$$A_2 = 2000(1.04) + 2000(1.04)^2$$

$$A_3 = 2000(1.04) + 2000(1.04)^2 + 2000(1.04)^3$$

Question 17 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Provides the correct final financial balance rounded to nearest dollar unit	4
• Correctly evaluates the parameterized geometric system components	3
• Forms the proper generalized summation formatting expression structure	2
• Recognizes standard geometric properties from sequence structures	1

Sample answer:

$$A_n = 2000(1.04) + \cdots + 2000(1.04)^n$$

$$= \frac{2000(1.04)[(1.04)^n - 1]}{1.04 - 1}$$

$$A_{25} = \frac{2080[(1.04)^{25} - 1]}{0.04}$$

$$\approx \$86,631$$

Question 18 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Successfully derives the targeted derivative expression form	2
• Applies product or chain operations correctly onto composite targets	1

Sample answer:

$$f'(x) = 1 \cdot \sqrt{4-x^2} + x \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}(4-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (-2x) \right)$$

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

$$= \frac{(4-x^2) - x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{4-2x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

Question 18 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Provides the correct exact evaluation constant value	2
• Deconstructs the integrand algebraically into the derivative part and a standard form	1

Sample answer:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x^2 - 2x - 2}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{4 - 2x^2}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}} \right) - \frac{2x}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} f'(x) - 2x(4 - x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 \frac{x^2 - 2x - 2}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}} dx &= \left[-\frac{1}{2} x \sqrt{4 - x^2} + 2 \sqrt{4 - x^2} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \left[\frac{4 - x}{2} \sqrt{4 - x^2} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \left(\frac{3}{2} \sqrt{3} \right) - \left(\frac{4}{2} \sqrt{4} \right) \\ &= \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} - 4\end{aligned}$$

Question 19 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Provides the correct total defective percentage using the empirical rule	2
• Calculates standard deviation distance thresholds (z-scores) for boundaries	1

Sample answer:

$$\text{Lower Boundary Deviation} = \frac{0.370 - 0.400}{0.015}$$

$$= -2\sigma$$

$$\text{Upper Boundary Deviation} = \frac{0.415 - 0.400}{0.015}$$

$$= +1\sigma$$

$$\text{Percentage between } -2\sigma \text{ and } +1\sigma = \frac{0.95}{2} + \frac{0.68}{2}$$

$$= 0.475 + 0.340$$

$$= 81.5\% \quad (\text{non-defective rate})$$

$$\text{Defective Percentage} = 100\% - 81.5\%$$

$$= 18.5\%$$

Question 19 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Calculates the accurate updated standard deviation parameter value	2
• Links percentage requirements correctly to standard empirical score positions	1

Sample answer:

$z = 2$ (maps from non-defective rate threshold)

$$2 = \frac{0.425 - 0.400}{\sigma}$$

$$2\sigma = 0.025$$

$$\sigma = 0.0125 \text{ mm}$$

Question 20 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Determines the complete correct solution ranges for parameter x	3
• Expresses the baseline absolute trigonometric restriction statement properly	2
• Recalls proper limiting sum convergence rules based on standard ratios	1

Sample answer:

$$|r| < 1$$

$$\left| \frac{1}{2} \sec \left(2x - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right| < 1$$

$$\left| \cos \left(2x - \frac{\pi}{6} \right) \right| > \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Let } \theta = 2x - \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \text{where } -\frac{\pi}{6} \leq \theta \leq \frac{11\pi}{6} \implies -\frac{\pi}{3} < \theta < \frac{\pi}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{2\pi}{3} < \theta < \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

$$-\frac{\pi}{3} < 2x - \frac{\pi}{6} < \frac{\pi}{3} \implies -\frac{\pi}{6} < 2x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\implies -\frac{\pi}{12} < x < \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{3} < 2x - \frac{\pi}{6} < \frac{\pi}{3} \implies \frac{5\pi}{6} < 2x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\implies \frac{5\pi}{12} < x < \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

Apply domain restriction $0 \leq x \leq \pi$:

$$\therefore 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{5\pi}{12} < x < \frac{3\pi}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{11\pi}{12} < x \leq \pi$$

Question 20 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Resolves exact angles correctly satisfying interval boundaries	2
• Simplifies operational limiting sum equations down to base cosines	1

Sample answer:

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2} \sec\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right)} = \frac{4}{4 - \sqrt{2}}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{2} \sec\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$\cos\left(2x - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$2x - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$2x = \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

$$x = \frac{5\pi}{24}$$

Question 21 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Outlines the accurate time delay metric in monthly units	2
• Identifies absolute maximized index milestones for individual components	1

Sample answer:

$$\frac{\pi t_B}{6} = \frac{\pi}{2} \implies t_B = 3$$

$$\frac{\pi t_C}{6} - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2} \implies t_C = 4.5$$

$$\text{Time lag} = t_C - t_B$$

$$= 4.5 - 3$$

$$= 1.5 \text{ months}$$

Question 21 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Provides correct exact numeric evaluation alongside operational context units	3
• Substitutes targeting indices correctly into companion rate equations	2
• Differentiates tracking populations successfully using basic rules	1

Sample answer:

$$t = 6 \quad (\text{inflection point layout milestone})$$

$$C'(t) = 40 \left(\frac{\pi}{6} \right) \cos \left(\frac{\pi t}{6} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

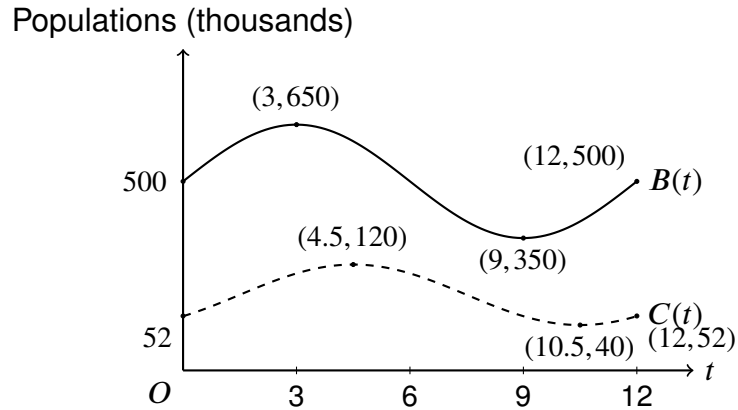
$$C'(6) = \frac{20\pi}{3} \cos \left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

$$= -\frac{10\sqrt{2}\pi}{3} \text{ thousand cicadas/month}$$

Question 21 (c)

Criteria	Marks
• Correctly sketches both population tracking paths showing appropriate phase steps	2
• Sketches one valid periodic function path layout across limits	1

Sample answer:



Question 22

Criteria	Marks
• Identifies all correct exact angle roots inside targeted intervals	2
• Expresses the trigonometric identity structural layout into standard quadratic setups	1

Sample answer:

$$\tan 2\theta + \frac{1}{\tan 2\theta} = 4$$

$$\tan^2 2\theta - 4\tan 2\theta + 1 = 0$$

$$\tan 2\theta = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2}$$

$$= 2 \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$2\theta = \frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{13\pi}{12}, \frac{17\pi}{12}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{24}, \frac{5\pi}{24}, \frac{13\pi}{24}, \frac{17\pi}{24}$$

Question 23 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Provides accurate exact coordinates and verifies stationary natures seamlessly	3
• Isolates critical functional roots from candidate numerator terms	2
• Differentiates given terms correctly via quotient configuration templates	1

Sample answer:

$$f'(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{x}(x^2) - 2x \ln x}{x^4}$$

$$= \frac{1 - 2 \ln x}{x^3}$$

$$0 = 1 - 2 \ln x$$

$$\ln x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \sqrt{e}$$

$$y = \frac{\ln(\sqrt{e})}{(\sqrt{e})^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2e}$$

x	1	$\sqrt{e} \approx 1.65$	2
$f'(x)$	1	0	≈ -0.05
Slope	Increasing (/)	Horizontal (—)	Decreasing (\)

$\therefore$ Local Maximum at $\left(\sqrt{e}, \frac{1}{2e}\right)$

Question 23 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Pinpoints accurate exact analytical coordinates for inflection points	2
• Evaluates secondary derivative equations equal to zero structures	1

Sample answer:

$$f''(x) = \frac{-\frac{2}{x}(x^3) - 3x^2(1 - 2\ln x)}{x^6}$$

$$= \frac{6\ln x - 5}{x^4}$$

$$0 = \frac{6\ln x - 5}{x^4}$$

$$0 = 6\ln x - 5$$

$$\ln x = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$x = e^{\frac{5}{6}}$$

$$y = \frac{5}{6e^{5/3}}$$

Coordinate: $\left(e^{\frac{5}{6}}, \frac{5}{6e^{5/3}}\right)$

Question 24 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Demonstrates single segment trapezoidal expansion patterns properly	1

Sample answer:

$$\begin{aligned}A_k &= \frac{1}{2}(1)[f(k) + f(k+1)] \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left[\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{k} \right) + \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{k+1} \right) \right] \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left[\ln \left(\frac{k+1}{k} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{k+2}{k+1} \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Question 24 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Proves total collection structure using telescoping summation expansions	3
• Organizes logarithmic pairs correctly highlighting cancelation tracks	2
• Synthesizes complete structural sigma layout sequences effectively	1

Sample answer:

$$\begin{aligned}A_{\text{total}} &= \sum_{k=1}^n A_k \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{k=1}^n \ln \left(\frac{k+1}{k} \right) + \sum_{k=1}^n \ln \left(\frac{k+2}{k+1} \right) \right] \\&= \frac{1}{2} [\ln(n+1) - \ln 1 + \ln(n+2) - \ln 2] \\&= \frac{1}{2} \left[\ln(n+1) + \ln \left(\frac{n+2}{2} \right) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Question 24 (c)

Criteria	Marks
• Expresses the correct simplified form constant inside logarithm terms	2
• Substitutes designated integer counts accurately into operational formulas	1

Sample answer:

$$\begin{aligned}A &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\ln(63) + \ln\left(\frac{64}{2}\right) \right] \\&= \frac{1}{2} [\ln 63 + \ln 32] \\&= \frac{1}{2} \ln(2016) \\&= \ln(\sqrt{2016})\end{aligned}$$

Question 25 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Points out proper core problem divisions using Pareto thresholds	1

Sample answer:

Classifications tracking directly to standard thresholds:

Weather and Mechanical Delays

Question 25 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Evaluates metrics accurately and concludes structural consistency statements safely	2
• Extracts appropriate range or median numbers from standard box plots	1

Sample answer:

$$\text{IQR}_A = 55 - 20$$

$$= 35 \text{ minutes}$$

$$\text{IQR}_B = 65 - 40$$

$$= 25 \text{ minutes}$$

Hub B displays a lower IQR, establishing greater consistency in delays.

Question 25 (c)

Criteria	Marks
• Solves for accurate percentage rates relating to the targeted condition	2
• Accounts for single component raw volume attributes correctly from tables	1

Sample answer:

$$\text{Total over 55 mins} = 0.25 \times 500$$

$$= 125$$

$$\text{Mechanical} = 120 \times 0.25$$

$$= 30$$

$$\text{Customs/Route} = 100 \times 0.05$$

$$= 5$$

$$\text{Weather over 55 mins} = 125 - 30 - 5$$

$$= 90$$

$$\text{Percentage Rate} = \frac{90}{280} \times 100\%$$

$$\approx 32.14\%$$

Question 26 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Explains biological meanings perfectly for both slope parameters and correlation indices	2
• Provides appropriate description for one tracking indicator	1

Sample answer:

Gradient (-4.5) : Each 1°C temperature increase reduces average coverage by 4.5%.

Correlation (-0.87) : Indicates a strong negative linear association between variables.

Question 26 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Calculates accurate localized residual system metrics	1

Sample answer:

$$\text{Predicted coverage} = -4.5(24) + 142$$

$$= 34\%$$

$$\text{Residual difference} = 35\% - 34\%$$

$$= 1\%$$

Question 27 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Verifies single baseline dimension segments correctly via trigonometry links	1

Sample answer:

$$\tan \beta = \frac{h}{AM}$$

$$AM = \frac{h}{\tan \beta}$$

$$AM = h \cot \beta$$

Question 27 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Successfully links 3D spatial dimensions perfectly to prove targeted structures	3
• Introduces Pythagoras configurations accurately matching baseline path maps	2
• Represents horizontal length segments properly via compound variables	1

Sample answer:

$$OM = h \cot \alpha$$

$$d + h \cot \beta = h \cot \alpha$$

$$d = h(\cot \alpha - \cot \beta)$$

$$BM^2 = AB^2 + AM^2$$

$$(h \cot \gamma)^2 = d^2 + (h \cot \beta)^2$$

$$h^2 \cot^2 \gamma = h^2(\cot \alpha - \cot \beta)^2 + h^2 \cot^2 \beta$$

$$\cot^2 \gamma = \cot^2 \beta + (\cot \alpha - \cot \beta)^2$$

Question 28

Criteria	Marks
• Provides the correct exact evaluation for constant parameter a	3
• Formulates secondary matching models based on expectation conditions	2
• Applies regular normalization unity rules across total distributions	1

Sample answer:

$$\sum P(x) = 1$$

$$\frac{5.5a}{E(X)} = 1$$

$$E(X) = 5.5a \quad \text{— (Equation 1)}$$

$$E(X) = \sum x \cdot P(x)$$

$$= 1 \left(\frac{a}{E(X)} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{a}{E(X)} \right) + 3 \left(\frac{a}{E(X)} \right) + 4 \left(\frac{2a}{E(X)} \right) + 5 \left(\frac{a}{2E(X)} \right)$$

$$E(X) = \frac{a + 2a + 3a + 8a + 2.5a}{E(X)}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{16.5a}{E(X)}$$

$$E(X)^2 = 16.5a \quad \text{— (Equation 2)}$$

Substitute Equation 1 into Equation 2:

$$(5.5a)^2 = 16.5a$$

$$30.25a^2 = 16.5a$$

$$30.25a = 16.5 \quad (\text{since } a > 0)$$

$$a = \frac{16.5}{30.25}$$

$$a = \frac{6}{11}$$

Question 29 (a)

Criteria	Marks
• Establishes targeted simplified integral statements correctly via transformations	2
• Introduces symmetric functional operations appropriately onto limits	1

Sample answer:

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{x^2 \cos x}{1 + e^x} dx \\ &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(-x)^2 \cos(-x)}{1 + e^{-x}} dx \\ &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{e^x x^2 \cos x}{1 + e^x} dx \\ 2I &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{(1 + e^x) x^2 \cos x}{1 + e^x} dx \\ &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \cos x dx \\ I &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2 \cos x dx \end{aligned}$$

Question 29 (b)

Criteria	Marks
• Justifies bounding inequality positions perfectly via standard function comparisons	3
• Integrates upper bounding tracking shapes correctly over boundaries	2
• Recognizes trigonometric coordinate boundaries across domains	1

Sample answer:

$$\cos x \leq 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} I &< \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x^2(1) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\pi^3}{24} - \left(-\frac{\pi^3}{24} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{\pi^3}{24} \end{aligned}$$

Since $\cos x < 1$ everywhere else on domain, $I < \frac{\pi^3}{24}$.