

Methodist College  
First Mock Examination, 2022 – 2023

F.6 Mathematics

Paper 1 **Marking Scheme**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Marks: \_\_\_\_\_ / 105

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Class No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 20 October 2022

Time: 8:30 – 10:45 (2 hr. 15 min.)

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. This paper consists of THREE sections, A(1), A(2) and B.
2. Attempt ALL questions in this paper.  
Write your answers in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer Book.
3. Unless otherwise specified, all working must be clearly shown.
4. Unless otherwise specified, numerical answers should be either exact or correct to 3 significant figures.
5. The diagrams in this paper are not necessarily drawn to scale.
6. Students are allowed to use the calculator.

**SECTION A(1)** (35 marks)

1. Simplify  $\frac{a^6b^{-4}}{(a^{-5}b^2)^3}$  and express your answer with positive indices. [index] (3 marks)

**Solution.**

$$\frac{a^6b^{-4}}{(a^{-5}b^2)^3}$$

$$= \frac{a^6b^{-4}}{a^{-15}b^6}$$

1A+1A

$$= \frac{a^{21}}{b^{10}}$$

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2. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be two numbers. The sum of  $x$  and  $y$  is 567 while the product of 8 and  $x$  is  $y$ . Find  $y$ .  
[equations] (3 marks)

**Solution.**

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 567 \dots (1) \\ 8x = y \dots (2) \end{cases}$$

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Sub. (2) into (1),

$$x + 8y = 567$$

1M

$$x = 63$$

$$y = 504$$

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3. Simplify  $\frac{4}{m+8} - \frac{3}{5m+6}$ . [polynomials]

(3 marks)

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{4}{m+8} - \frac{3}{5m+6} \\ = & \frac{4(5m+6) - 3(m+8)}{(m+8)(5m+6)} \\ = & \frac{20m+24-3m-24}{(m+8)(5m+6)} \\ = & \frac{17m}{(m+8)(5m+6)} \end{aligned}$$

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4. Factorize [factorization]

(a)  $p^2 - 4pq + 4q^2$ ,

(b)  $(2p+1)^2 - p^2 + 4pq - 4q^2$ .

(4 marks)

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & p^2 - 4pq + 4q^2 \\ & = (p - 2q)^2 \end{aligned}$$

1A

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad & (2p+1)^2 - p^2 + 4pq - 4q^2 \\ & = (2p+1)^2 - (p^2 - 4pq + 4q^2) \\ & = (2p+1)^2 - (p-2q)^2 \\ & = [(2p+1) - (p-2q)][(2p+1) + (p-2q)] \\ & = (2p+1-p+2q)(2p+1+p-2q) \\ & = (p+2q+1)(3p-2q+1) \end{aligned}$$

1M

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5. A clock is sold at a discount of 35% on its marked price. After selling the clock, the loss is \$110 and the percentage loss is 22%. Find the marked price of the clock. [percentage] (4 marks)

**Solution.**

$C \times 22\% = 110$	1M
$C = 500$	
$S = 500 - 110 = 390$	1A
$390 = M(1 - 35\%)$	1M
$M = \$600$	1A

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6. Consider the compound inequality  
 $-3(2x - 1) > x + 10$  or  $3x + 9 \leq 0$ ..... (\*).  
 (a) Solve (\*).  
 (b) Write down the greatest integer satisfying (\*).

[inequalities] (4 marks)

**Solution.**

(a) $-3(2x - 1) > x + 10$	or $3x + 9 \leq 0$	
$-6x + 3 > x + 10$	or $3x \leq -9$	
$-7x > 7$	or $x \leq -3$	
$x < -1$	or $x \leq -3$	1A+1A
$\therefore x < -1$		1A
(b) -2		1A

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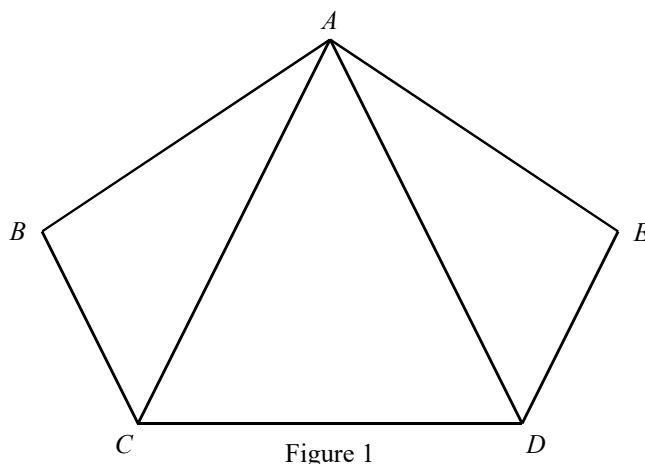
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8. In Figure 1,  $ABCDE$  is a pentagon.  $AC \parallel ED$  and  $AD \parallel BC$ . It is given that  $\angle ABC = \angle AED$  and  $AB = AE$ . [plane geometry]



- (a) Prove that  $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle AED$ .  
 (b) If  $\angle ABC = 78^\circ$  and  $\angle DAE = 39^\circ$ , find  $\angle ACD$ .

(5 marks)

**Solution.**

(a)	$AB = AE$	(given)	
	$\angle ABC = \angle AED$	(given)	
	$\angle ACB = \angle CAD$	(alt. $\angle$ s, $AC \parallel ED$ )	
	$\angle ADE = \angle CAD$	(alt. $\angle$ s, $AD \parallel BC$ )	1A (either one)
	$\therefore \angle ACB = \angle ADE$		
	$\triangle ABC \cong \triangle AED$	(A.A.S.)	1
(b)	$\angle BAC = \angle DAE = 39^\circ$	(cor. $\angle$ s, $\cong \Delta$ )	
	$\angle ACB = 180^\circ - \angle ABC - \angle BAC$	( $\angle$ sum of $\Delta$ )	
	$\angle ACB = 180^\circ - 78^\circ - 39^\circ = 63^\circ$		1A
	$AC = AD$	(cor. sides, $\cong \Delta$ )	
	$\angle ACD = \angle ADC$	(base $\angle$ s, isos. $\Delta$ )	1M
	$\angle ACB + \angle ACD + \angle ADC = 180^\circ$	(int. $\angle$ s, $AD \parallel BC$ )	
	$63^\circ + 2\angle ACD = 180^\circ$		
	$\angle ACD = 58.5^\circ$		1A







11. The stem-and-leaf diagram below shows the distribution of the weights (kg) of the members of a drama club. [statistics]

Stem (tens)	Leaf (units)
5	4 6 7
6	0 <i>a a</i> 7 7 8
7	<i>b b</i> 4 4 5 5 5 5 6 8
8	3

The inter-quartile range and the median of the distribution are 14 kg and 71 kg respectively.

- (a) Find *a* and *b*. (3 marks)
- (b) A new member now joins the drama club.
- (i) Is there any change in the median of the distribution due to the joining of the new member?
- (ii) If the range of the distribution is increased by 1, find the greatest possible standard deviation of the distribution.

(4 marks)

**Solution.**

- (a)  $75 - (60 + a) = 14$  1A  
 $a = 1$  1A  
 $70 + b = 71$   
 $b = 1$  1A
- (b) (i) No 1A  
(ii) Range increased by 1. Weight of new member must be 53 kg or 84 kg. 1M  
Standard deviation  
= 8.52 or 8.45 1A (either one)  
Greatest possible standard deviation is 8.52. 1A

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12. The equation of the circle  $C$  is  $x^2 + y^2 - 30x - 40y + 369 = 0$ . Denote the centre of  $C$  by  $G$ . The coordinates of the point  $H$  are  $(45, 36)$ . [equations of circles]

(a) Find the distance between  $G$  and  $H$ . (3 marks)

(b) Let  $P$  be a moving point on  $C$ . When the  $\angle GHP$  is the greatest,

(i) describe the geometric relationship between  $HP$  and  $GP$ ;

(ii) find the area of  $\triangle GHP$ .

(4 marks)

Solution.

(a) Centre =  $(15, 20)$  1A

$$GH^2 = (45 - 15)^2 + (36 - 20)^2 \quad 1M$$

$$GH = 34 \quad 1A$$

(b) (i)  $HP$  is perpendicular to  $GP$ . 1A

(ii)  $GP = \text{radius} = \sqrt{15^2 + 20^2 - 369} = 16$  1A

$$HP^2 + GP^2 = GH^2$$

$$HP = 30 \quad 1A$$

Area of  $\triangle GHP$

$$= \frac{16 \times 30}{2}$$

$$= 240 \quad 1A$$

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13. There are three solid metal spheres  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$ .  $X$  is the smallest while  $Z$  is the largest. The ratio of the surface areas of  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  is  $1 : 4 : 9$ . The radius of  $X$  is  $3$  cm. [mensuration]
- (a) Express, in terms of  $\pi$ , the volume of  $Z$ . (3 marks)
- (b) These three spheres are melted and recast into two solid right circular cones. Denote these two circular cones by  $A$  and  $B$ . It is given that the height and the base radius of  $A$  are  $12$  cm and  $6$  cm respectively. A student finds that the base radius of  $B$  is  $12$  cm. The student claims that  $A$  and  $B$  are similar. Is the claim correct? Explain your answer. (4 marks)

**Solution.**

- (a) Ratio of surface areas of  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  is  $1 : 4 : 9$ .

Ratio of radii of  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  is  $1 : 2 : 3$ .

Radius of  $X$  is  $3$  cm.

Radius of  $Z$  is  $9$  cm. 1A

Volume of  $Z$

$$= \frac{4}{3} \pi (9 \text{ cm})^3$$
1M

$$= 972\pi \text{ cm}^3$$
1A

- (b) Radius of  $Y$  is  $6$  cm.

$$\frac{1}{3} \pi (6)^2 (12) + \frac{1}{3} \pi (12)^2 h = \frac{4}{3} \pi (3)^3 + \frac{4}{3} \pi (6)^3 + 972\pi$$
1M

$$144\pi + 48\pi h = 36\pi + 288\pi + 972\pi$$

$$h = 24 \text{ cm}$$
1A

Ratio of radius of  $A$  to radius of  $B = 6 \text{ cm} : 12 \text{ cm} = 1 : 2$

Ratio of height of  $A$  to height of  $B = 12 \text{ cm} : 24 \text{ cm} = 1 : 2$

The two ratios are the same. 1M

Yes, the claim is agreed. 1A

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14. Let  $p(x) = 3x^3 + ax^2 + bx - 10$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants. When  $p(x)$  is divided by  $x^2 - 2x + 2$ , the remainder is  $-x - 2$ . [polynomials]
- (a) Find  $a$  and  $b$ . (3 marks)
- (b) Is  $x - 2$  a factor of  $p(x)$ ? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
- (c) Someone claims that the equation  $p(x) = 0$  has two irrational roots. Do you agree? Explain your answer. (3 marks)

**Solution.**

- (a) Let  $3x^3 + ax^2 + bx - 10 = (mx + n)(x^2 - 2x + 2) - x - 2$  1M
- $$3x^3 + ax^2 + bx - 10 = mx^3 + nx^2 - 2mx^2 - 2nx + 2mx + 2n - x - 2$$
- $$3 = m, a = n - 2m, b = -2n + 2m - 1, -10 = 2n - 2$$
- 1A
- $$m = 3, n = -4, a = -10, b = 13$$
- 1A
- (b)  $f(2) = 3(2)^3 - 10(2)^2 + 13(2) - 10 = 0$  1M
- $(x - 2)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$  1A
- (c)  $p(x) = 0$
- $$(x - 2)(3x^2 - 4x + 5) = 0$$
- 1A
- $$x = 2 \text{ or } 3x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$$
- $$\Delta = (-4)^2 - 4(3)(5) = -44 < 0$$
- 1M
- There are no real roots for the equation  $3x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$ .
- The claim is disagreed. 1A

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**SECTION B** (35 marks)

15. There are 14 girls and 16 boys in a class. If 4 students are randomly selected from the class to form a debate team, find the probability that **[counting and probabilities]**

(a) there are 1 girl and 3 boys in the debate team; (2 marks)

(b) the number of girls is not less than the number of boys in the debate team. (2 marks)

Solution.

(a)  $\frac{C_1^{14} \times C_3^{16}}{C_4^{14+16}}$  1M

=  $\frac{224}{783}$  1A

(b)  $1 - \frac{224}{783} - \frac{C_0^{14} \times C_4^{16}}{C_4^{14+16}}$  1M

=  $\frac{169}{261}$  1A

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16. Let  $g(x) = 2x^2 + 12kx + 20k^2 + 8$ , where  $k$  is a non-zero real constant. [quadratic functions and graphs]
- (a) Using the method of completing the square, express, in terms of  $k$ , the coordinates of the vertex of the graph of  $y = g(x)$ . (2 marks)
- (b) On the same rectangular coordinates system, denote the vertex of the graph of  $y = g(x)$  and the vertex of the graph of  $y = g(-x) + 3$  by  $A$  and  $B$  respectively. Let  $M$  be a point lying on  $AB$  such that the  $x$ -coordinate of  $M$  is  $k$ .
- (i) Find the ratio  $AM : BM$ .
- (ii) Find the  $y$ -coordinate of  $M$ . (3 marks)

**Solution.**

$$(a) \quad 2x^2 + 12kx + 20k^2 + 8$$

$$= 2(x^2 + 6kx) + 20k^2 + 8$$

$$= 2(x^2 + 6kx + 9k^2 - 9k^2) + 20k^2 + 8 \qquad 1M$$

$$= 2[(x + 3k)^2 - 9k^2] + 20k^2 + 8$$

$$= 2(x + 3k)^2 + 2k^2 + 8$$

$$\text{Vertex} = (-3k, 2k^2 + 8) \qquad 1A$$

$$(b) \quad A = (-3k, 2k^2 + 8), B = (3k, 2k^2 + 11) \qquad 1A$$

$$(i) \quad AM : BM = k - (-3k) : 3k - k = 2 : 1 \qquad 1A$$

$$(ii) \quad y = \frac{(2k^2 + 8) + 2(2k^2 + 11)}{2 + 1} = 2k^2 + 10 \qquad 1A$$

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17. Let  $k$  be a real constant. The roots of the equation  $x^2 - kx + 10 = 0$  are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . [sequences]
- (a) Express  $(\alpha - \beta)^2$  in terms of  $k$ . (3 marks)
- (b) The 1st term, the 2nd term and the 3rd term of an arithmetic sequence are  $(\alpha - \beta)^2$ ,  $k^2$  and 121 respectively. Find the least value of  $n$  such that the sum of the first  $n$  terms of the sequence is greater than  $2 \times 10^6$ . (4 marks)

**Solution.**

(a)  $(\alpha - \beta)^2$

$$= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta \quad \text{1M}$$

$$= k^2 - 4(10) \quad \text{1A}$$

$$= k^2 - 40 \quad \text{1A}$$

(b)  $d = k^2 - (\alpha - \beta)^2 = 40 \quad \text{1A}$

$$a = 121 - 2(40) = 41 \quad \text{1A}$$

Consider

$$\frac{n}{2} [2(41) + (n - 1)(40)] > 2 \times 10^6 \quad \text{1M}$$

$$41n + 20n(n - 1) > 2 \times 10^6$$

$$20n^2 + 21n - 2 \times 10^6 > 0$$

$$n < -316.8 \text{ or } n > 315.7$$

The least value of  $n$  is 316. 1A

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18. In Figure 2, the triangle paper card  $PQR$  is held such that  $PQ$  lies on the horizontal ground. It is given that  $PQ = 30$  cm,  $\angle PQR = 40^\circ$  and  $\angle QPR = 95^\circ$ . [application of trigonometry]

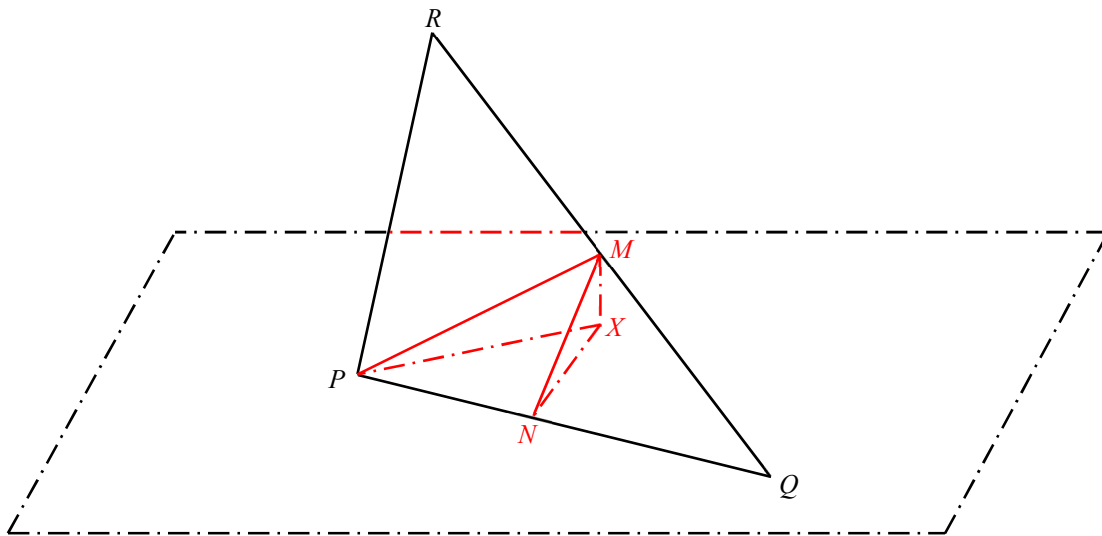


Figure 2

- (a) Find the length of  $QR$ . (2 marks)
- (b) Let  $M$  be the mid-point of  $QR$ . Find the length of  $PM$ . (2 marks)
- (c) A craftsman finds that the angle between the plane  $PQR$  and the horizontal ground is  $70^\circ$ . The craftsman claims that the angle between  $PM$  and the horizontal ground exceeds  $40^\circ$ . Is the claim correct? Explain your answer. (3 marks)

**Solution.**

$$(a) \frac{QR}{\sin 95^\circ} = \frac{30}{\sin(180^\circ - 95^\circ - 40^\circ)} \quad 1M$$

$$QR = 42.26496158 = 42.3 \text{ cm} \quad 1A$$

$$(b) MQ = \frac{1}{2}QR = 21.13248079$$

$$PM^2 = PQ^2 + MQ^2 - 2(PQ)(MQ)\cos 40^\circ \quad 1M$$

$$PM = 19.37205657 = 19.4 \text{ cm} \quad 1A$$

- (c) Let  $N$  a point on  $PQ$  such that  $MN \perp PQ$ .

$$\sin 40^\circ = \frac{MN}{MQ}$$

$$MN = 13.58369682 \quad 1A$$

$$\sin 70^\circ = \frac{MX}{MN}$$

$$MX = 12.76449966 \quad 1A$$

$$\sin \angle MPX = \frac{MX}{MP}$$

$$\angle MPX = 41.2^\circ$$

Yes. The claim is agreed. 1A





19. The centre of the circle  $C$  is the point  $G(83, 112)$ . It is found that the point  $A(158, 12)$  lies outside  $C$ .  $AP$  and  $AQ$  are the tangents to  $C$  at the points  $P$  and  $Q$  respectively. It is given that  $C$  passes through the point  $(23, 67)$ . [equations of circles]
- (a) Find  $AG$ . (2 marks)
- (b) Show that  $APGQ$  is a cyclic quadrilateral. Hence, find the equation of the circumcircle of  $\triangle APQ$ . (4 marks)
- (c) Find the equation of the straight line passing through  $P$  and  $Q$ . (4 marks)
- (d) Someone claims that the circumcenter of  $\triangle APQ$  lies outside the circle  $C$ . Do you agree? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

**Solution.**

(a)  $AG^2 = (158 - 83)^2 + (12 - 112)^2$  1M

$AG = 125$  1A

(b)  $AP \perp GP$  and  $AQ \perp GQ$

$\angle APG + \angle AQG = 180^\circ$

$APGQ$  is a cyclic quadrilateral. 1A

Note that  $AG$  is a diameter of the circumcircle of  $\triangle APQ$ . 1A

Equation of circumcircle of  $\triangle APQ$  is

$\frac{y-12}{x-158} \times \frac{y-112}{x-83} = -1$  1A

$x^2 + y^2 - 241x - 124y + 14458 = 0$  1A

(c) Let the intersection of  $AG$  and  $PQ$  be  $X$ .

$GP = \sqrt{(23-83)^2 + (67-112)^2} = 75$  1A

$\frac{GX}{GP} = \frac{GP}{AG}$

$GX = \frac{75^2}{125} = 45$  1A

$X = \left( \frac{(125-45)(83) + 45(158)}{125}, \frac{(125-45)(112) + 45(12)}{125} \right) = (110, 76)$  1A

Equation of  $PQ$  is

$\frac{y-76}{x-110} \times \frac{112-12}{83-158} = -1$

$3x - 4y - 26 = 0$  1A

(d) Distance of circumcenter of  $\triangle APQ$  from  $G$  is  $\frac{AG}{2} = 62.5$  1A

Radius of  $C = GP = 75 > 62.5$

No, the claim is disagreed. 1A



Lined area for writing answers, consisting of multiple horizontal lines.

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