

**2019-2020 F6 Math (Core) Paper 2 – Detail Solution**

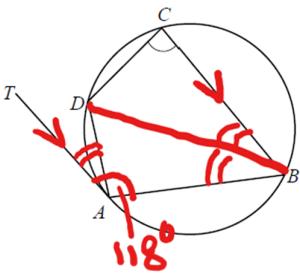
Qn	Ans.	Solution
1	C	0.0259198 = 0.03 (correct to 2 decimal places). or = 0.0259 (correct to 3 significant figures). or = 0.0259 (correct to 4 decimal places). or = 0.025920 (correct to 5 significant figures).
2	B	$\frac{a^{6a}a^6}{8a^3} = \frac{a^{3+6a}}{8}$
3	A	$a_2 = a_3 - a_1 = 10 - a_1 \text{ ---(1)}$ $a_3 = a_4 - a_2 \text{ ---(2)}$ <p>Sub (1) into (2), <math>10 = a_4 - 10 + a_1</math></p> $a_4 = 20 - a_1 \text{ ---(3)}$ $a_4 = a_5 - a_3 \text{ ---(4)}$ <p>Sub (3) into (4), <math>20 - a_1 = a_5 - 10</math></p> $a_5 = 30 - a_1 \text{ ---(5)}$ $a_5 = a_6 - a_4 \text{ ---(6)}$ <p>Sub (3) &amp; (5) into (6), <math>30 - a_1 = 44 - 20 + a_1</math></p> $a_1 = 3$
4	C	$x - \frac{x-1}{2} \leq 2 - \frac{2x-1}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad 4x - 5 > 7 - 2x$ $12x - 6x + 6 \leq 24 - 4x + 2 \quad \quad \quad 4x + 2x > 7 + 5$ $x \leq 2 \quad \quad \quad x > 2$ <p>Combined solution: All real numbers</p>
5	C	<p>The graph opens downward. <math>\therefore a &lt; 0</math> i.e. I is correct.  When <math>x = 0</math>, <math>y - \text{int} = -c &gt; 0</math>, <math>\therefore c &lt; 0</math> i.e. II is wrong.</p> <p>As the graph with two <math>x</math>-intercepts, <math>\Delta = (-1)^2 - 4a(-c) &gt; 0</math></p> $ac > -\frac{1}{4} \quad \text{i.e. III correct}$
6	D	$(a+b)^2 - 4(a-b)^2 = ((a+b) + 2(a-b))((a+b) - 2(a-b))$ $= (3a-b)(3b-a)$
7	C	$(x-h)^2 + k(x-1) \equiv x(x+h) - k + 1$ $LHS = (x-h)^2 + k(x-1) \quad \quad \quad RHS = x(x+h) - k + 1$ $= x^2 + (k-2h)x + h^2 - k \quad \quad \quad = x^2 + hx - k + 1$ <p>Compare both sides, <math>h^2 - k = -k + 1</math> i.e. <math>h = 1</math> or <math>-1</math> (rej)  When <math>h = 1</math>, <math>k - 2h = h</math> i.e. <math>k = 3h = 3(1) = 3</math></p>
8	C	$\frac{\alpha}{x\beta} + \alpha = \frac{1}{\beta}$ <p>Multiply both sides by <math>x\beta</math>,</p> $\alpha + \alpha x\beta = x$ $\alpha x\beta = x - \alpha$ $\beta = \frac{x - \alpha}{\alpha x}$

9	D	$\begin{cases} 15t + 24s = 27 - (1) \\ 2t + 5s = 27 - (2) \end{cases}$ $(1) \times 2 - (2) \times 15:$ $2(15t + 24s) - 15(2t + 5s) = 27 \times 2 - 27 \times 15$ $48s - 75s = -351 \quad \text{i.e. } s = 13$ $\therefore 15t + 24(13) = 27 \quad \text{i.e. } t = -19$ $\therefore s - t = 13 - (-19) = 32$
10	D	$2x = 3y = 4z \quad \text{i.e. } \frac{x}{y} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{y}{z} = \frac{4}{3}$ <p>Let <math>x = 3k</math>, <math>y = 2k</math>, <math>z = 1.5k</math></p> $\therefore (x+y):(y+z) = 5k : 3.5k = 10 : 7$
11	B	$a = k_1 + k_2 b^2 \quad \text{i.e. } \begin{cases} k_1 + 4k_2 = 17 - (1) \\ k_1 + 9k_2 = 42 - (2) \end{cases}$ $(2) - (1): 5k_2 = 25 \quad \text{i.e. } k_2 = 5 \quad \therefore k_1 = 17 - 4(5) = -3$ <p>When <math>b = 3</math>, <math>a = -3 + 5(3)^2 = 42</math></p> <p>When <math>b = 3(1 + 20\%) = 3.6</math>, <math>a = -3 + 5(3.6)^2 = 61.8</math></p> <p>% change in <math>a = \frac{61.8 - 42}{42} \times 100\% = 47.1428571\%</math></p>
12	B	$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x + 2 &= (x^2 + 3x + k)(2x + h) \\ &= 2x^3 + 6x^2 + 2kx + hx^2 + 3hx + kh \\ &= 2x^3 + (6+h)x^2 + (2k+3h)x + kh \end{aligned}$ <p>Compare the coefficient of <math>x^2</math> on both sides, <math>6 + h = 5 \quad \therefore h = -1</math></p> <p>Compare the constant term on both sides, <math>2 = kh = k(-1) \quad \therefore k = -2</math></p>
13	D	Interest = $\$127000(1.0025^{60} - 1) \approx \$20530$
14	A	<p>Since the cross section is a kite, the two diagonals are <math>\perp</math>. Let <math>x = 5k</math> and <math>y = 16k</math></p> $6.25^2 - (5k)^2 = 13^2 - (16k)^2 \Rightarrow k = 0.75 \Rightarrow x = 3.75 \text{ & } y = 12$ <p>Length of prism = <math>1575 \div [(3.75 + 12) \times 10 \times 0.5] = 20 \text{ cm}</math></p> <p>Total surface area = <math>(6.25 + 13) \times 2 \times 20 + 1575 \div 20 \times 2 = 927.5 \text{ cm}^2</math></p>
15	D	<p>Let K be the centre of the bigger circle.</p> <p>Consider <math>\triangle AKO</math>. <math>AK = KO = 3</math> and <math>OA = 1</math>.</p> $\angle AKB = \sin^{-1}(0.5 \div 3) \times 2 \times 2 = 38.37627291^\circ$ $\angle AOB = 2 \times \cos^{-1}(0.5 \div 3) = 160.8118635^\circ$ <p>Area of shaded region = <math>\pi 3^2 \times (38.37627291^\circ \div 360^\circ) - 0.5 \times 3^2 \sin(38.37627291^\circ) + \pi 1^2 \times (160.8118635^\circ \div 360^\circ) - 0.5 \times 1^2 \sin(160.8118635^\circ)</math>  <math display="block">\approx 1.46 \text{ cm}^2</math></p>
16	B	$\Delta ABC \sim \Delta ZYX, \angle ABC = b \text{ and } \angle ACB = a.$ <p>Height = <math>AB \sin b</math> and <math>AC = AB \sin b \div (\sin a)</math></p>
17	C	<p><math>AB:HF = AE:EF = 3:2 \Rightarrow HD:DF:FC = 1:1:2</math></p> <p><math>AG:GD = AB:HD = 3:1 \Rightarrow AG:AD = 3:4</math>. Together with <math>AE:AF = 3:5</math>, we have</p> <p>Area AGE : Area ADF = <math>3 \times 3 : 4 \times 5 = 9:20</math></p> <p>Area DFEG : Area ADF = <math>11:20 \Rightarrow</math> Area ADF = 40</p> <p><math>DF:AB = 1:3 \Rightarrow</math> Area ABF = <math>40 \times 3 = 120</math></p> <p><math>AE:EF = 3:2 \Rightarrow</math> Area ABE = <math>120 \times \frac{3}{5} = 72</math></p>

18	C	$\begin{aligned}0.5 \div (1-\cos\theta) - 0.5 \div (1+\cos\theta) \\= 0.5 \times [1+\cos\theta - 1-\cos\theta] \div (1-\cos^2\theta) \\= \cos\theta \div \sin^2\theta = \frac{1}{\sin\theta \tan\theta}\end{aligned}$
19	C	$\begin{aligned}\because AB = AC \Rightarrow \angle ABC = \angle ACB = 80^\circ \text{ (base } \angle \text{s, isos } \Delta) \\ \because CB = CE \Rightarrow \angle CEB = \angle CBE = 80^\circ \text{ (base } \angle \text{s, isos } \Delta) \\ \angle ECB = 180^\circ - 80^\circ - 80^\circ = 20^\circ \text{ (\angle sum of } \Delta \text{) and } \angle ECF = 80^\circ - 20^\circ = 60^\circ \\ \because CE = EF \Rightarrow \angle EFC = \angle ECF = 60^\circ \text{ (base } \angle \text{s, isos } \Delta) \\ \angle CEF = 180^\circ - 60^\circ - 60^\circ = 60^\circ \text{ (\angle sum of } \Delta \text{)} \\ \text{Therefore, I is true.} \\ \angle DEF = 180^\circ - 80^\circ - 60^\circ = 40^\circ \text{ (adj. } \angle \text{s on st. line)} \\ \because EF = FD \Rightarrow \angle EDF = \angle DEF = 40^\circ \text{ (base } \angle \text{s, isos. } \Delta) \\ \angle AFD = 40^\circ - 20^\circ = 20^\circ \text{ (ext. } \angle \text{ of } \Delta) \\ AD = FD \text{ (sides opp. eq. } \angle \text{s) and } FD = BC \text{ (given)} \Rightarrow AD = BC. \\ \text{Therefore, II is not true and III is true.}\end{aligned}$
20	C	$\begin{aligned}\angle CAB = \angle DBC \text{ (given)} \\ \angle ABC = \angle BCD \text{ (alt. } \angle \text{s, } AB \parallel CD) \\ \Delta ABC \sim \Delta BCD \\ \frac{AB}{BC} = \frac{BC}{CD} \text{ (corr. sides, } \sim \Delta \text{s)} \\ \therefore BC = \sqrt{3 \times 12} = 6 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$
21	D	$\begin{aligned}(n-2) \times 180^\circ = 2340^\circ \\ n = 15 \\ \text{Each exterior angle} = \frac{360^\circ}{15} = 24^\circ \\ \text{There is a unique line of symmetry through each vertex.} \\ \text{Therefore, I, II and III are true.}\end{aligned}$
22	D	$\begin{aligned}\angle OBC = 180^\circ - 104^\circ - 20^\circ = 56^\circ \text{ (\angle sum of } \Delta) \\ \text{Join OC, } \angle OCB = \angle OBC = 56^\circ \text{ (base } \angle \text{s, isos. } \Delta) \\ \angle OCD = 104^\circ - 56^\circ = 48^\circ \\ \angle CDO = \angle OCD = 48^\circ \text{ (base } \angle \text{s, isos. } \Delta)\end{aligned}$
23	A	$\begin{array}{lll}\text{Slope} & x\text{-intercept} & y\text{-intercept} \\ L_1 & -\frac{5}{a} & \frac{b}{5} \\ & & \frac{b}{a} \\ L_2 & -c & \frac{d}{c} \\ & & d\end{array}$ <p>By comparing the slopes, <math>-c &gt; -\frac{5}{a} &gt; 0</math></p> $\therefore c < 0, a < 0 \text{ and } c < \frac{5}{a} \Rightarrow ac > 5 \quad (\because a < 0) \text{ So, I is not true.}$ <p>By comparing the y-intercepts, <math>d &gt; \frac{b}{a} \Rightarrow ad &lt; b \quad (\because a &lt; 0)</math> So, II is true.</p> <p>By comparing the x-intercepts, <math>\frac{b}{5} &lt; \frac{d}{c} \Rightarrow bc &gt; 5d \quad (\because c &lt; 0)</math> So, III is not true.</p>
24	A	$\begin{aligned}\text{The required locus:} \\ x^2 + (y-a)^2 = (y+10)^2 \\ \text{Sub (4,-5), } 4^2 + (-5-a)^2 = 5^2 \\ a^2 + 10a + 16 = 0 \\ \therefore a = -2 \text{ or } -8\end{aligned}$

25	B	<p>Let <math>O</math> be the pole.  <math>\angle POQ = 300^\circ - 150^\circ = 150^\circ</math> and <math>\angle QOR = 330^\circ - 300^\circ = 30^\circ</math>  <math>P, O, R</math> is a straight line and Let <math>N</math> be the foot of perpendicular of <math>Q</math> to <math>PR</math>.  Shortest distance = <math>QN = 6 \sin 30^\circ = 3</math></p>
26	B	$3x^2 + 3y^2 - 6x + 24y + 32 = 0$ $x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 8y + \frac{32}{3} = 0$ $\text{Centre} = \left( -\frac{-2}{2}, -\frac{8}{2} \right) = (1, -4)$ $\text{Radius} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{D^2 + E^2 - 4F} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (8)^2 - 4\left(\frac{32}{3}\right)} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{76}{3}} \neq 11$ <p>Distance of <math>(0, -8)</math> from centre <math>(1, -4)</math>  <math>= \sqrt{(1-0)^2 + (-4+8)^2} = \sqrt{17} &gt; \text{radius}</math> .</p> <p>Therefore, only II is true.</p>
27	B	<p>Use (a, b) to represent an outcome where <math>a</math> is the value of the first chosen coin and <math>b</math> is the value of the second chosen coin.</p> <p>The possible outcomes are:  <math>(10, 5), (10, 5), (10, 2), (5, 10), (5, 5), (5, 2), (5, 10), (5, 5), (5, 2), (2, 10), (2, 5), (2, 5)</math>, i.e. 12 possible outcomes in total</p> <p>Counting those with total not less than 10, prob. = <math>\frac{8}{12} = \frac{2}{3}</math></p>
28	D	<p>Since the respective total numbers of banknotes John and Mary each have are unknown, both options A and B may not be true.</p> $k = 100 - 35 - 20 - 25 = 20$ $\theta = 360^\circ - 125^\circ - 72^\circ - 90^\circ = 73^\circ$
29	A	<p>Before: range = <math>163 - 139 = 24</math> min, inter-quartile range = <math>158 - 142 = 16</math> min  After: range = <math>158 - 131 = 27</math> min, inter-quartile range = <math>150 - 134 = 16</math> min  Hence, both I and II are true.</p> <p>Upper quartile (after the marathon) = median (before the marathon) &gt; min and lower quartile (before the marathon), hence III may not be true.</p>
30	A	<p>For any value of <math>m</math> (i.e. <math>m = 5, 6, 7</math> or <math>8</math>), we have:</p> <p>(1) The mode is 8, i.e. <math>b = 8</math>.</p> <p>(2) The median is <math>m</math>, i.e. <math>c = m</math>.</p> <p>Case 1: <math>m = 5</math>  <math>a = 6, b = 8</math> and <math>c = 5</math></p> <p>Case 2: <math>m = 6</math>  <math>a = 6.076\ 923\ 077\dots, b = 8</math> and <math>c = 6</math></p> <p>Case 3: <math>m = 7</math>  <math>a = 6.153\ 846\ 154\dots, b = 8</math> and <math>c = 7</math>  <math>\therefore</math> II is not always true.</p> <p>Case 4: <math>m = 8</math>  <math>a = 6.230\ 769\ 231\dots, b = 8</math> and <math>c = 8</math>  <math>\therefore</math> III is not always true.</p>

31	D	$\frac{1-\log x+1}{\log x-1} = \frac{4\log x-17}{11\log x+5}$ $(2-\log x)(11\log x+5) = (4\log x-17)(\log x-1)$ $-11(\log x)^2 + 17\log x + 10 = 4(\log x)^2 - 21\log x + 17$ $15(\log x)^2 - 38\log x + 7 = 0$ $(3\log x - 7)(5\log x - 1) = 0$ $\log x = \frac{7}{3} \text{ or } \frac{1}{5}$ $\therefore \log \frac{1}{x^2} = \log x^{-2} = -2\log x = -2\left(\frac{7}{3}\right) \text{ or } -2\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = -\frac{14}{3} \text{ or } -\frac{2}{5}$
32	C	$2^{10} + (-1+5) \times 2^7 + (-2+3) \times 2^2 + 2$ $= 2^{10} + 4 \times 2^7 + 2^2 + 2$ $= 2^{10} + 2^9 + 2^2 + 2^1 = 11000000110_2$
33	D	<p>Given <math>a_2 = a_1 r &gt; 0</math> and <math>\frac{a_1}{1-r} = -3</math> i.e. <math>a_1 = -3 + 3r</math></p> <p>Combine together result <math>(-3 + 3r)r &gt; 0 \therefore r &lt; 0</math> or <math>r &gt; 1</math> (rej)</p> <p>As <math>S_\infty</math> exist, <math>-1 &lt; r &lt; 0</math> i.e. I correct</p> <p>Since <math>a_1 = -3 + 3r</math> and <math>-1 &lt; r &lt; 0</math></p> $-3 < 3r < 0$ $-6 < -3 + 3r < -3 \text{ i.e. } -6 < a_1 < -3 \text{ i.e. II correct}$ $S_{2k} = \frac{a_1(1-r^{2k})}{1-r} = \frac{-3(1-r)(1-r^{2k})}{(1-r)} = -3 + 3r^{2k}$ $\therefore 3r^{2k} = 3(r^k)^2 > 0 \therefore S_{2k} = -3 + 3r^{2k} > -3 \text{ i.e. III correct}$
34	D	$\frac{y^{\frac{1}{3}}}{2} + \frac{x}{1} = 1$ $y^{\frac{1}{3}} + 2x = 2$ $y^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2 - 2x$ $y = (2 - 2x)^3 = -8x^3 + 24x^2 - 24x + 8$
35	A	<p>Sketch for the solution region (shaded area):</p> <p><math>A(0,5)</math></p> <p>When <math>y=1</math>, <math>2x+1=5</math> i.e. <math>x=2 \therefore B(2,1)</math></p>

		<p>When <math>y=1</math>, <math>4x+1=41</math> i.e. <math>x=10 \therefore C(10,1)</math></p> $\begin{cases} 4x+y=41 \\ x-2y+10=0 \end{cases} \text{ i.e. } D(8,9)$ <p>For A(0,5), <math>75-4(0)-3(5)=60</math></p> <p>For B(2,1), <math>75-4(2)-3(1)=64</math></p> <p>For C(10,1), <math>75-4(10)-3(1)=32</math></p> <p>For D(8,9), <math>75-4(8)-3(9)=16</math> i.e. Least value is 16</p>
36	A	<p><math>a, b</math> are roots of the equation <math>3x^2 - 6x - 2c = 0</math></p> $a+b = \frac{-(-6)}{3} = 2, \quad ab = \frac{-2c}{3}$ $a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$ $= (a+b)((a+b)^2 - 3ab)$ $= 2(2^2 - 3(\frac{-2c}{3})) = 2(4+2c) = 8+4c$
37	C	$\frac{i^{23} + i^{24}}{i+k} - ki^{22} = \frac{-i+1}{i+k} - k(-1) = \frac{1-i}{k+i} \left( \frac{k-i}{k-i} \right) + k = \frac{(1-i)(k-i)}{k^2+1} + k$ $= \frac{(k-1)-(k+1)i}{k^2+1} + k$ $\therefore \text{Real part} = \frac{k-1}{k^2+1} + k = \frac{k-1+k(k^2+1)}{k^2+1} = \frac{k^3+2k-1}{k^2+1}$
38	D	<p>Distance = VB.</p> <p>Let VB = <math>x</math>. AB = <math>x</math> and BC = <math>x/\sqrt{3}</math></p> $1 \div 3 \times x \times x \times (x \div \sqrt{3}) \times \sin 135^\circ \times 0.5 = 48\sqrt{6} \Rightarrow x^3 = 1728 \Rightarrow x = 12$
39	B	$\tan \angle GFD = 10 \div (10-5) \Rightarrow \angle GFD = 63.43494882^\circ$ and $\angle FHD = 180^\circ - \angle GFD - 30^\circ = 86.56505118^\circ$ $EH = 10 - 8 \div \sin 86.56505118^\circ \times \sin 63.43494882^\circ = 2.831704393$ $\angle KGC = 180^\circ - 63.43494882^\circ = 116.5650512^\circ$ $\angle GKC = 180^\circ - \angle KGC - 30^\circ = 33.43494882^\circ$ $EK = 10 - 3 \div \sin 33.43494882^\circ \times \sin 116.5650512^\circ = 5.130070966$ $HK^2 = 2.831704393^2 + 5.130070966^2 - 2(2.831704393)(5.130070966)\cos 60^\circ$ $HK = 4.45 \text{ cm}$
40	C	 <p><math>AD = CD \Rightarrow \angle CBD = \angle ABD = x</math> (eq. chords, eq. <math>\angle</math>s)</p> <p><math>TA</math> is a tangent <math>\Rightarrow \angle TAD = \angle ABD = x</math> (<math>\angle</math> in alt. segment)</p> <p><math>118^\circ + 2x = 180^\circ</math> (int. <math>\angle</math>s, <math>TA \parallel CB</math>)</p> <p><math>x = 31^\circ</math></p> <p><math>\angle DAB = 118^\circ - 31^\circ = 87^\circ</math></p> <p><math>\angle BCD = 180^\circ - 87^\circ = 93^\circ</math> (opp <math>\angle</math>s, cyclic quad.)</p>

41	B	<p>Let <math>G</math> be the orthocentre.</p> <p>The coordinates of <math>P = \left(\frac{a}{4}, 0\right)</math> and <math>Q = \left(0, \frac{a}{3}\right)</math></p> $m_{PQ} = \frac{\frac{a}{3} - 0}{0 - \frac{a}{4}} = -\frac{4}{3}$ $\text{and } m_{RG} = \frac{y - 0}{0 - 12} = -\frac{y}{12}$ $m_{PQ} \times m_{RG} = -1$ $-\frac{4}{3} \times \left(-\frac{y}{12}\right) = -1 \quad \therefore y = -9$
42	C	No. of ways = $P_2^6 \times 5!$ or $7! - 6! \times 2 = 3600$
43	D	<p>Let <math>p</math> be the probability that Mary can solve the problem.</p> $1 - (1 - p)(0.2)(0.3) = 0.976 \quad \therefore p = 0.6$ <p>required prob. = <math>(0.8)(0.3)(0.4) + (0.2)(0.7)(0.4) + (0.2)(0.3)(0.6) = 0.188</math></p>
44	A	<p>Let <math>s</math> be the standard deviation.</p> $\frac{78 - 57}{s} = 3 \quad \therefore s = 7 \quad \text{Hence, I is true.}$ <p>Standard score of Chris = <math>\frac{45 - 57}{7} = -1\frac{5}{7} &gt; -2</math> Hence, II is true.</p> <p>If a student's score is <math>x</math> and <math>50 \leq x \leq 56</math>, then the student passes the test but <math>x &lt; \text{mean} = 57</math> which implies that the standard score is negative.</p> <p>Hence, III may not be true.</p>
45	B	$a_{91} = a_1 + 90d = a_1 + 180, a_{92} = a_1 + 91d = a_2 + 90d = a_2 + 180,$ <p>Similarly, <math>a_{93} = a_3 + 180, \dots, a_{100} = a_{10} + 180</math>.</p> $\therefore \text{Variance of } 2a_{91}, 2a_{92}, 2a_{93}, \dots, 2a_{100}$ $= 2^2 \times \text{variance of } a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{10} = 4(33) = 132$