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MATHEMATICS - HIGHER LEVEL - PAPER I (300 marks)

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Attempt SIX QUESTIONS (50 marks each).

Marks may be lost if necessary work is not clearly shown or you do not indicate where a calculator has been used.

1. (a) Show that $\frac{-1+\sqrt{3}}{1+\sqrt{3}} = 2-\sqrt{3}$.

(b) Solve for x

$$\frac{4x-1}{x-3} < 2, \quad x \in \mathbf{R} \text{ and } x \neq 3.$$

(c) $x^2 + bx + c$ is a factor of $x^3 - p$.

Show that

(i) $b^3 = p$

(ii) $c^3 = p^2$.

2. (a) Solve the simultaneous equations

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 1 \\ x^2 + y^2 &= 25. \end{aligned}$$

(b) If for all integers n ,

$$u_n = 2^{2n-1} + 2^{n-1},$$

show that

$$u_{n+1} - 2u_n - 2^{2n} = 0.$$

(c) Let a, b, c be positive unequal real numbers.

Using the results $a^2 + b^2 > 2ab$, $b^2 + c^2 > 2bc$ and $c^2 + a^2 > 2ac$,

(i) deduce that $a^2 - ab + b^2 > ab$

(ii) deduce that $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 > bc + ca + ab$

(iii) show that $a^3 + b^3 > ab(a + b)$.

3. (a) If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$, find A^{-1} .

(b) (i) Find a quadratic equation whose roots are $3 + i$ and $3 - i$, where $i^2 = -1$.

(ii) Let $P(z) = z^3 - kz^2 + 22z - 20$, $k \in \mathbf{R}$.

$3 + i$ is a root of the equation $P(z) = 0$.

Find the value of k .

Find the other two roots of the equation $P(z) = 0$.

(c) (i) Solve for w

$$\sqrt{5}|w| + iw = 3 + i.$$

Write your answers in the form $u + iv$, $u, v \in \mathbf{R}$.

(ii) Use De Moivre's theorem to find three roots of the equation

$$z^6 - 1 = 0.$$

4. (a) Solve $\binom{n+4}{2} = 91$, for $n \in \mathbf{N}$.

(b) (i) The n th term of an arithmetic series is $3n + 2$.
Find S_n , the sum of the first n terms, in terms of n .

(ii) Evaluate, in terms of n , $\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{k+1} \right)$.

(c) Let $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q^{n-1} x^n$, where $|x| < 1$ and $0 < q < 1$.

Show that $f(x) = \frac{x}{1-qx}$.

If $g(x) = \frac{1}{1-(1-q)f(x)}$, show that $g(x) = \frac{1-qx}{1-x}$.

5. (a) Find the coefficient of a^3 in the expansion of $(2 + a)^5$.

(b) (i) Solve the equation

$$\sqrt{2x+7} = 2 + \sqrt{x}.$$

(ii) If $x > 0$ and $x \neq 1$, show that

$$\frac{1}{\log_2 x} + \frac{1}{\log_3 x} + \frac{1}{\log_5 x} = \frac{1}{\log_{30} x}.$$

Note: $\log_b a = \frac{\log_c a}{\log_c b}$.

(c) Prove by induction that $\sum_{r=1}^n r^2 = \frac{n}{6}(n+1)(2n+1)$.

6. (a) Differentiate

$$(3 - 4x)^5$$

with respect to x .

(b) Find from first principles the derivative of $\sin x$ with respect to x .

(c) Let $f(x) = xe^{-ax}$, $x \in \mathbf{R}$, a constant and $a > 0$.

Show that $f(x)$ has a local maximum and express the coordinates of this local maximum point in terms of a .

Find, in terms of a , the coordinates of the point at which the second derivative of $f(x)$ is zero.

7. (a) Find the derivative of $\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$.

(b) (i) Let $x = t - \sin t \cos t$ and $y = 4 \cos t$, $0 < t < \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{2}{\sin t}$.

(ii) Find the slope of the tangent to the curve

$$x^2 - y^2 - x = 1$$

at the point (2, 1).

(c) Let $f(x) = x^3 + kx^2 - 4$, $x \in \mathbf{R}$ and $k > 0$.

Show that the coordinates of the local minimum and local maximum of $f(x)$ are (0, -4) and

$\left(\frac{-2k}{3}, \frac{4k^3 - 108}{27}\right)$, respectively.

Find,

(i) the range of values of k for which $f(x) = 0$ has three real roots

(ii) the value of k for which $f(x) = 0$ has three roots, two of which are equal.

8. (a) Find $\int \left(4x + 1 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right) dx$.

(b) Evaluate (i) $\int_0^{\pi/6} 2 \cos 4\theta \cos 2\theta d\theta$ (ii) $\int_{-3}^0 (x+3)e^{x(x+6)} dx$.

(c) Evaluate $\int_0^{\sqrt{3}} \sqrt{4-x^2} dx$.

Hint: let $x = 2 \sin \theta$.