

## Paper I (Set 1) Suggested solution

1.

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{-3}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{-4}{2} = -2$$

$$(a) \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{1-\beta}\right)\left(\frac{\beta^2}{1-\alpha}\right) = \frac{\alpha^2\beta^2}{(1-\beta)(1-\alpha)} = \frac{(\alpha\beta)^2}{1-(\alpha+\beta)+\alpha\beta} = \frac{(-2)^2}{1-(\frac{3}{2})+(-2)} = -\frac{8}{5}$$

$$(b) \alpha - \beta = \sqrt{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 4(-2)} = \sqrt{\frac{41}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{41}}{2}$$

$$(c) 2\alpha^2 - 3\alpha = 2\alpha^2 - 2(\alpha + \beta)\alpha = 2\alpha^2 - 2\alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta = -2\alpha\beta = -2(-2) = 4$$

2.

Put  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0^2 + 3(0) + 18 = 18$ , so  $C = (0, 18)$

. Put  $y = 0$ ,  $0 = -x^2 + 3x + 18 \Rightarrow x = -3$  or  $x = 6$

So  $A = (-3, 0)$ ,  $B = (6, 0)$

3.

$$(a) f(-1) = (-1)^2 - 4(-1) + 8 = 13$$

$$(b) f(x+1) - f(x) = [(x+1)^2 - 4(x+1) + 8] - [x^2 - 4x + 8] \\ = x^2 + 2x + 1 - 4x - 4 + 8 - x^2 + 4x - 8 = 2x - 3$$

$$(c) f(k) = 13, k^2 - 4k + 8 = 13, k^2 - 4k - 5 = 0, (k-5)(k+1) = 0, k = 5 \text{ or } -1$$

4.

(a)  $3x^2 + 4x + k = 0$  has real roots  $\Rightarrow \Delta \geq 0$

$$4^2 - 4(3)(k) \geq 0$$

$$16 - 12k \geq 0$$

$$k \leq \frac{4}{3}$$

(b) As  $k$  is a positive integer,  $k = 1$  only.

5.

Method 1:

$$x + 2\sqrt{x-1} - 1 = 0$$

$$(x-1) + 2\sqrt{x-1} = 0$$

Let  $y = \sqrt{x-1}$ , then

$$y^2 + 2y = 0$$

$$y(y+2) = 0$$

$$y = 0 \text{ or } y = -2$$

$$\sqrt{x-1} = 0 \text{ or } \sqrt{x-1} = -2(\text{rejected})$$

So  $x = 1$ .

Method 2:

$$x + 2\sqrt{x-1} - 1 = 0$$

$$2\sqrt{x-1} = 1 - x$$

$$4(x-1) = (1-x)^2$$

$$4 - 4x = 1 - 2x + x^2$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 5 = 0$$

$$(x-1)(x-5) = 0$$

$$x = 1 \text{ or } x = 5(\text{rejected})$$

6.

$$f(x) = g(x) + (f(x))^2 + 1$$

$$f(x) = -f(x) + (f(x))^2 + 1$$

$$(f(x))^2 - 2f(x) + 1 = 0$$

$$(f(x) - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$f(x) = 1$$

7.

$$2x^4 - 5x^2 - 12 = 0$$

Let  $y = x^2$ , then

$$2y^2 - 5y - 12 = 0$$

$$(2y+3)(y-4) = 0$$

$$y = 4 \text{ or } y = -\frac{3}{2} \text{ (rejected)}$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

8.

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{k+2}{2}, \quad \alpha\beta = \frac{-2}{2} = -1$$

$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = -\frac{17}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{17}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta}{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{17}{4}$$

$$\frac{\left(-\frac{k+2}{2}\right)^2 - 2(-1)}{-1} = -\frac{17}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{k^2 + 4k + 4}{4} + 2 = \frac{17}{4}$$

$$k^2 + 4k + 4 + 8 = 17$$

$$k^2 + 4k - 5 = 0$$

$$(k-1)(k+5) = 0$$

$$k = 1 \text{ or } -5$$

9.

$$x^2 - (a+1)x + a^2 - 6a + 5 = 0$$

Let the two roots be  $\alpha$ ,  $3\alpha$

$$\alpha + 3\alpha = -\frac{-(a+1)}{1} \Rightarrow 4\alpha = a+1 \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\alpha(3\alpha) = \frac{a^2 - 6a + 5}{1} \Rightarrow 3\alpha^2 = a^2 - 6a + 5 \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$\text{From (1), } \alpha = \frac{(a+1)}{4} \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

Put (3) into (2),

$$3\left[\frac{(a+1)}{4}\right]^2 = a^2 - 6a + 5$$

$$\frac{3(a^2 + 2a + 1)}{16} = a^2 - 6a + 5$$

$$3a^2 + 6a + 3 = 16a^2 - 96a + 80$$

$$13a^2 - 102a + 77 = 0$$

$$(13a - 11)(a - 7) = 0$$

$$a = \frac{11}{13} \text{ or } 7$$

10. (a)

Let the coordinates of  $P$  be  $(x, y)$ .

$$\frac{2(x) + 3(4)}{2 + 3} = 6 \Rightarrow x = 9$$

$$\frac{2(y) + 3(5)}{2 + 3} = 9 \Rightarrow y = 15$$

The coordinates of  $P$  is  $(9, 15)$ .

(b)

$$\text{Distance of } AP = \sqrt{(9-4)^2 + (15-5)^2} = \sqrt{125} = 5\sqrt{5}$$

11. (a)

Let the mid-point of  $AB$  be  $M$ .

$$\text{The coordinate of } M = \left( \frac{-3+9}{2}, \frac{4+8}{2} \right) = (3, 6)$$

$$\text{Slope of } AB = \frac{8-4}{9-(-3)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Slope of } M = -1 \div \frac{1}{3} = -3$$

$$\therefore \text{Equation of } L: \frac{y-6}{x-3} = -3 \Rightarrow 3x + y - 15 = 0$$

(b)

Put  $y = 0$  into  $3x + y - 15 = 0$ ,

$$3x + 0 - 15 = 0$$

$$x = 5$$

$\therefore$  The coordinates of  $C$  is  $(5, 0)$ .

12.

(a) Axis of symmetry :  $x = 5$

(b) As  $(h,k)$  in the equation  $y=a(x-h)^2+k$  represents the vertex.

Clearly  $h=5$  by (a)

Put  $(3,10)$  and  $(6,16)$ :

$$\begin{cases} 10 = a(3-5)^2 + k \\ 16 = a(6-5)^2 + k \end{cases}$$

. On solving , we get  $a = -2, k = 18$

So the equation is :  $y = -2(x-5)^2 + 18$

(c) Maximum value of  $y$  is 18.

13.

(a)  $h = -2t^2 + 8t + 1$

$$h = -2(t^2 - 4t + 2^2) + 1 + 2(2^2)$$

$$h = -2(t-2)^2 + 9$$

so at  $t = 2$  seconds, he will reach the maximum height

(b) By (a), his maximum height is 9 , so Faye Faye will not collide with it.

(c) When  $t=1$ ,  $h=7$ .

When  $t=4$ ,  $h=1$ .

So at the time interval  $1 \leq t \leq 4$ , the minimum height is 1.

14.

$$(a) \Delta=49 \Rightarrow k^2 - 4(-1)(10) = 49$$

$$k^2 = 9$$

$$k = 3, \text{ or } -3(\text{rejected})$$

$$(b) \text{ Put } y = 0, \quad -x^2 + 3x + 10 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0$$

$$(x - 5)(x + 2) = 0$$

$$x = 5 \text{ or } x = -2$$

$$\text{so } A = (-2, 0), B = (5, 0)$$

$$y = -x^2 + 3x + 10$$

$$= -(x^2 - 3x + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2) + 10 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2$$

$$= -\left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{49}{4}$$

$$\text{As } C \text{ is the vertex, so } C = \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{49}{4}\right)$$

$$(c) \text{ When } y = 6, \text{ we have } 6 = -x^2 + 3x + 10$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 4)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$\text{so } x = 4 \text{ or } x = -1$$

$$\text{Hence } E = (-1, 6), F = (4, 6)$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle CEF: \frac{1}{2}(1+4)\left(\frac{49}{4} - 6\right) = \frac{125}{8}$$

$$\text{Area of trapezium: } \frac{1}{2}(4+5)(6) = 27$$

$$\text{Area of OECFD: } \frac{125}{8} + 27 = 42.625 \text{ (sq. units)}$$

## Paper I (Set 2) Suggested solution

1. (a)  $p^2 - 36q^2 = p^2 - (6q)^2$

$$= (p + 6q)(p - 6q)$$

(b)  $p^2 - 36q^2 + 5p + 30q = (p + 6q)(p - 6q) + 5p + 30q$  By (a)

$$= (p + 6q)(p - 6q) + 5(p + 6q)$$

$$= (p + 6q)(p - 6q + 5)$$

2.  $x = \angle ABD = 40^\circ$  (base  $\angle$ , isos  $\Delta$ )

$$z = x = 40^\circ \quad (\text{alt } \angle\text{s, } AE // BD)$$

$$\angle CAD = x = 40^\circ \quad (\text{base } \angle, \text{ isos } \Delta)$$

$$\angle BAE + \angle ABD = 180^\circ \quad (\text{int } \angle\text{s, } AE // BD)$$

$$(40^\circ + 40^\circ + y) + 40^\circ = 180^\circ$$

$$y = 60^\circ$$

3. (a)  $\angle EAF = \angle DAC$  (Common)

$\angle AEF = \angle ACD$  (corr  $\angle$ s, DC//EB)

$\angle AFE = \angle ACD$  ( $\angle$  sum of  $\Delta$ )

$\therefore \triangle AEF \sim \triangle ADC$  (A.A.A.)

$\angle EAF = \angle CBF$  (Given)

$\angle AFE = \angle BFC$  (Vert. oppo.  $\angle$ )

$\angle FEA = \angle FCB$  ( $\angle$  sum of  $\Delta$ )

$\therefore \triangle AEF \sim \triangle BCF$  (A.A.A.)

$\therefore \triangle AEF \sim \triangle ADC \sim \triangle BCF$  (A.A.A.)

(b)  $\therefore \triangle AEF \sim \triangle ADC \sim \triangle BCF$  (Proved)

$\frac{AE}{AD} = \frac{AF}{AC}$  (corr. sides,  $\sim \Delta$ )

$$\frac{AE}{AE+3} = \frac{6}{6+4}$$

$$5AE = 3AE + 9$$

$$AE = 4.5$$

$\frac{AE}{BC} = \frac{EF}{CF}$  (corr. sides,  $\sim \Delta$ )

$$\frac{4.5}{6} = \frac{EF}{4}$$

$$EF = 3$$

$\frac{AF}{BF} = \frac{EF}{CF}$  (corr. sides,  $\sim \Delta$ )

$$\frac{6}{BF} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$BF = 8$$

$$\therefore BE = EF + BF = 3 + 8 = 11$$

$$4. \quad BC^2 = 7^2 + 11^2$$

$$BC = \sqrt{170}$$

$$BK = AK = \frac{BC}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{170}}{2}$$

By cosine formula

$$\cos \theta = \frac{AK^2 + BK^2 - AB^2}{2(AK)(BK)}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\frac{170}{4} + \frac{170}{4} - 7^2}{2\left(\frac{170}{4}\right)}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{36}{85}$$

$$\theta = 64.9^\circ \text{ (1 d. p.)}$$

5. (a)  $f(-k) = -k$

$$(2-k)(-k-k) + k = -k$$

$$-4k + 2k^2 + k = -k$$

$$2k^2 - 2k = 0$$

$$k(k-1) = 0$$

$$k = 0 \text{ or } k = 1$$

(b)  $k = 0$

$$f(x) = x(x+2)$$

$$f(x) = x^2 + 2x$$

∴ The constant term is 0 and the coefficient of x is 2.

(c)  $k = 2$

$$f(x) = (x+2)(x-2) + 2$$

$$f(x) = x^2 - 2$$

$$x^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 2$$

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

6. (a)  $2x^2 + x - 2 = 0$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(2)(-2)}}{2(2)} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4}$$

(b)  $2\cos^2 \theta - \sin \theta = 0$

$$2(1 - \sin^2 \theta) - \sin \theta = 0$$

$$2 - 2\sin^2 \theta - \sin \theta = 0$$

$$2\sin^2 \theta + \sin \theta - 2 = 0$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{17}}{4} \quad (\text{by (a)})$$

$$\theta = 51.3^\circ \quad \text{or} \quad \theta = 128.7^\circ$$

7. (a)  $f(-4) = 0$

$$3(-4)^3 + 14(-4)^2 + k = 0$$

$$k = -32$$

(b)  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 14x^2 - 32$

$$f(x) = (x + 4)(3x^2 + 2x - 8)$$

$$f(x) = (x + 4)(3x - 4)(x + 2)$$

8. Sub (0, 2) into  $y = A + B \sin x^\circ$

$$2 = A + B \sin 0^\circ \Rightarrow 2 = A$$

$$\therefore y = 2 + B \sin x^\circ$$

Sub (90, 5) into  $y = 2 + B \sin x^\circ$

$$5 = 2 + B \sin 90^\circ$$

$$B = 3$$

9. (a)  $\log 14 = \log(2 \times 7) = \log 2 + \log 7 = a + c$

(b)  $\log 24 = \log(2^3 \times 3) = \log 2^3 + \log 3 = 3\log 2 + \log 3 = 3a + b$

(c)  $\log \frac{49}{12} = \log 7^2 - \log(2^2 \times 3) = 2\log 7 - 2\log 2 - \log 3 = 2c - 2a - b$

10.  $\frac{(a^{-2}b)^2}{a^4} = \frac{a^{-4}b^2}{a^4} = a^{-8}b^2 = \frac{b^2}{a^8}$

11. 
$$\begin{cases} 3^{x+y} = 27 = 3^3 \\ 3^{x-2y} = 1 = 3^0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x + y = 3 \text{ --- (1)} \\ x - 2y = 0 \text{ --- (2)} \end{cases}$$

On solving (1) and (2),  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 1$