Pearson Edexcel AS Mathematics 8MA0

Unit Test 6 Differentiation

Time allowed: 50 minutes

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1. Prove, from first principles, that the derivative of $5x^3$ is $15x^2$.

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Find the set of values of x for which f(x) is increasing.

[5]



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3. A curve C has equation $y = x^3 - x^2 - x + 2$.	
The point P has x -coordinate 2.	
(a) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in terms of x .	[2]
(b) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve C at the point P .	[4]
(c) The normal to C at P intersects the x-axis at A .	[4]
Find the coordinates of A .	
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4. f(x) = x³ - 7x² - 24x + 18. Sketch the graph of the gradient function, y = f'(x). Use algebraic [9] methods to determine any points where the graph cuts the coordinate axes and mark these on the graph.

Using calculus, find the coordinates of any turning points on the graph.



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- 5. A fish tank in the shape of a cuboid is to be made from 1600 cm^2 of glass. The fish tank will have a square base of side length x cm, and no lid. No glass is wasted. The glass can be assumed to be very thin.
 - (a) Show that the volume, $V \text{ cm}^3$, of the fish tank is given by $V = 400x \frac{x^3}{4}$. [5]
 - (b) Given that x can vary, use differentiation to find the maximum or minimum value of V. [4]
 - (c) Justify that the value of V you found in part **b** is a maximum.

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[2]



6. Figure below shows the plan of a school running track. It consists of two straight sections, which are the opposite sides of a rectangle, and two semicircular sections, each of radius r m. The length of the track is 300 m and it can be assumed to be very narrow.



- (a) Show that the internal area, $A m^2$, is given by the formula $A = 300r \pi r^2$. [5]
- (b) Hence find in terms of π the maximum value of the internal area. You do not have to justify [6] that the value is a maximum.

Total: 11

