

**Pearson Edexcel**

**A Level Mathematics 9MA0**

**Unit Test**

**8 Differentiation**

**Time allowed: 50 minutes**

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1. (a) Given that  $f(x) = \sin(x)$ , show that

[4]

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \left( \frac{\cos(h) - 1}{h} \right) \sin(x) + \frac{\sin(h)}{h} \cos(x) \right)$$

(b) Hence prove that  $f'(x) = \cos(x)$ .

[2]

Total: 6



2. A toy soldier is connected to a parachute. The soldier is thrown into the air from ground level. The height, in metres, of the soldier above the ground can be modelled by the equation

$$H = \frac{4t^{\frac{2}{3}}}{t^2 + 1} \quad 0 \leq t \leq 6s$$

where  $H$  is height of the soldier above the ground and  $t$  is the time since the soldier was thrown.

- (a) Show that

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = \frac{8(1 - 2t^2)}{3\sqrt[3]{t}(t^2 + 1)^2} \quad [4]$$

- (b) Using the differentiated function, explain whether the soldier was increasing or decreasing in height after 2 seconds. [2]

- (c) Find the exact time when the soldier reaches a maximum height. [2]

Total: 8



3. A curve has the equation

[6]

$$y = \ln(3x) - e^{-2x}$$

Show that the equation of the tangent at the point with an  $x$ -coordinate of 1 is

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



4. Given that  $x = \sec(4y)$ , find

(a)  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in terms of  $y$ .

[2]

(b) Show that

[3]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{k}{x\sqrt{x^2 - 1}}$$

where  $k$  is a constant which should be found.

Total: 5



5. A curve  $C$  has equation  $4^x = 2xy$  for  $x > 0$ .

[5]

Find the exact value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at the point  $C$  with coordinates  $(2, 4)$ .



6. A curve has parametric equations

$$x = \cos(2t), \quad \text{and} \quad y = \sin(t), \quad -\pi \leq t \leq \pi.$$

(a) Find an expression for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  in terms of  $t$ . [3]

Leave your answer as a single trigonometric ratio.

(b) Find an equation of the normal to the curve at the point  $A$  where  $t = -\frac{5\pi}{6}$ . [5]

Total: 8



7. The curve  $C$  has equation  $y = x^3 + 6x^2 - 12x + 6$ .

(a) Show that  $C$  is concave on the interval  $[-5, -3]$ .

[3]

(b) Find the coordinates of the point of inflection.

[3]

Total: 6



8. In a rainforest, the area covered by trees,  $F$ , has been measured every year since 1990. [2]
- It was found that the rate of loss of trees is proportional to the remaining area covered by trees.
- Write down a differential equation relating  $F$  to  $t$ , where  $t$  is the numbers of years since 1990.



9. The volume of a sphere  $V \text{ cm}^3$  is related to its radius  $r \text{ cm}$  by the formula  $V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ . [4]

The surface area of the sphere is also related to the radius by the formula  $S = 4\pi r^2$ .

Given that the rate of decrease in surface area, in  $\text{cm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ , is  $\frac{dS}{dt} = -12$ , find the rate of decrease of volume  $\frac{dV}{dt}$ .

