

Solomon Practice Paper

Pure Mathematics 3E

Time allowed: 90 minutes

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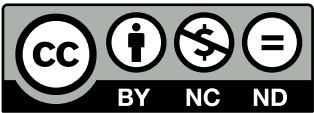
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1. (a) Expand

[4]

$$\left(1 + \frac{2}{3}x\right)^{-2}$$

in ascending powers of x as far as the term in x^3 .

(b) State the set of values of x for which your expansion is valid.

[1]

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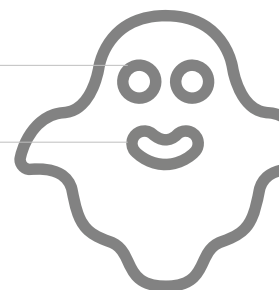


2. Given that $y = -1$ when $x = 1$, solve the differential equation

[6]

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y^2}{x^3},$$

giving your answer in the form $y = f(x)$.



3.

$$f(x) \equiv x^3 + ax^2 + bx - 3.$$

Given that when $f(x)$ is divided by $(x + 1)$ the remainder is 2,

(a) find a linear relationship between a and b .

[2]

Given also that $(3x - 2)$ is a factor of $f'(x)$,

(b) find the values of a and b .

[5]

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4.

$$f(x) \equiv \frac{3x^2 - 4x - 1}{(x - 2)(x + 1)}.$$

(a) Express $f(x)$ in the form

[4]

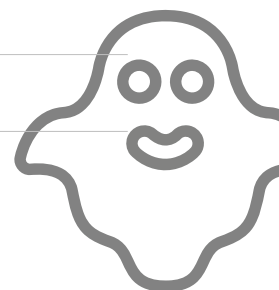
$$A + \frac{B}{x - 2} + \frac{C}{x + 1}.$$

(b) Show that

[5]

$$\int_3^5 f(x) \, dx = 6 + \ln \left(\frac{4}{3} \right).$$

Total: 9



5. A circle has the equation

$$x^2 + y^2 + 3x - 6y + 5 = 0.$$

(a) Find the distance of the centre of the circle from the origin in the form $k\sqrt{5}$ where k is an exact fraction. [5]

(b) Show that the line with equation [5]

$$3x - 4y + 4 = 0$$

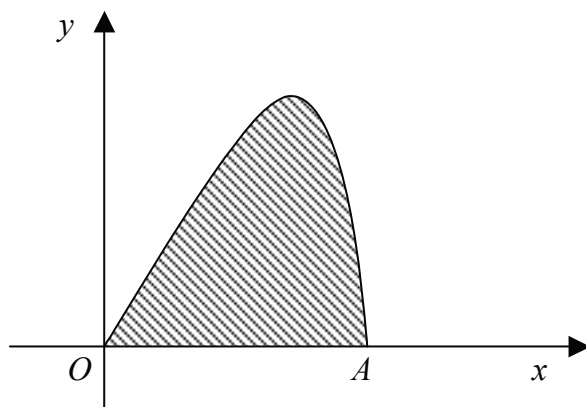
is a tangent to the circle.

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6. Figure shows the curve with parametric equations

$$x = \cos(t), \quad \text{and} \quad y = 3 \sin(2t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$



The curve meets the x -axis at the origin, O , and at the point A with coordinates $(1, 0)$.

(a) Find the value of the parameter t at the points O and A .

[3]

(b) Find the area of the shaded region enclosed by the curve and the x -axis.

[8]

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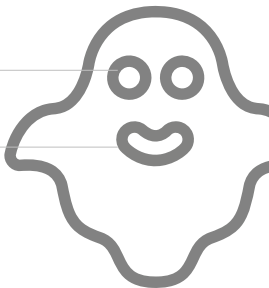


7. A curve is given by the equation

$$y = 4e^{2x} + e^{-x}.$$

- (a) Find in exact form the coordinates of the stationary point on the curve. [9]
- (b) Sketch the curve, labelling the coordinates of any points of intersection with the coordinate axes. [3]

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8. The lines l_1 and l_2 are given by

$$l_1 : \mathbf{r} = 4\mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} - 9\mathbf{k} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}),$$

$$l_2 : \mathbf{r} = 9\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{k} + \mu(\mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j} + 7\mathbf{k}).$$

(a) Show that the lines l_1 and l_2 intersect and find the position vector of their point of intersection, P . [5]

(b) Show that the acute angle, θ , between lines l_1 and l_2 satisfies [4]

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{6}.$$

The point Q lies in the plane containing lines l_1 and l_2 and has position vector $(4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$.

(c) Find $\cos(\alpha)$, where α is the acute angle between PQ and line l_1 . [3]

(d) By finding $\cos(2\theta)$, prove that $\alpha = 2\theta$. [3]

Total: 15

