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GRADE 11

TECHNICAL MATHEMATICS  
PAST PAPER QUESTIONS &  
MEMORANDUM

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## QUESTION 1

Simplify the following expressions:

1.1.1  $\log_5 \frac{125}{5}$  (3)

1.1.2  $\left(\sqrt[3]{64a^6} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\sqrt[2]{144} \cdot a^2\right)^0$  (3)

1.1.3  $\frac{4^x + 2^{2x+1}}{(2^x)^2 + 2^{x+3} \cdot 2^x}$  (5)

1.1.4  $\log_5 \frac{1}{5} + \log_2 \frac{1}{2} - \log \frac{1}{100} + \log_3 1$  (3)

1.1.5 Show that  $\frac{\log_a 27 - \log_a 125}{\log_a 3 - \log_a 5} = 3$  (3)

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## QUESTION 2

2.1 Solve for  $x$

2.1.1  $3 \times 2^{x-2} = 48$  (3)

2.1.2  $3^x = 12$  (2)

2.1.3  $\log_2(x+3) + \log_2(x-4) = 3$  (7)

2.1.4  $4x^2 - 5x + 1 \geq 0$  (4)

If  $i\left(R + \frac{m}{m}\right) = nE$ , Make  $m$  the subject of the formula. (3)

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### QUESTION 3

3.1 Solve for  $x$

3.1.1  $x(x - 2) = 15$  (3)

3.1.2  $3x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$ , correct to 1 decimal place. (4)

3.2 Solve for  $x$  and  $y$  simultaneously:

$$y - x = -3$$

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

(6)

3.3 Determine the nature of the roots of the equation :  $2x^2 - 3x - 1 = 0$  (5)

3.4 A rectangular piece needs to be cut from a large flat piece of sheet metal.

The length of the cut piece is to be 18,3cm longer than the width, and the piece must be 5,5 m<sup>2</sup>.

Calculate:

3.5 3.5.1 the length of the cut piece. (5)


3.5.2 the width of the cut piece. (1)

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QUESTION 1		
1.1		Simplify the following expressions:
	1.1.1	$\log_5 \frac{125}{5}$ $= \log_5 25$ $= \log_5 5^2$ $= 2 \log_5 5$ $= 2$
		$\log_5 5^2 \checkmark$ $2 \log_5 5 \checkmark$ Answer $\checkmark$
	1.1.2	$\left(\sqrt[3]{64a^6} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \times (\sqrt[2]{144} \cdot a^2)^0$ $= \left(4a^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \times 1$ $= 4a^4$
		$\left(4a^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \times 1 \checkmark \checkmark$ $4a^4 \checkmark$
	1.1.3	$\frac{4^x + 2^{2x+1}}{(2^x)^2 + 2^{x+3} \cdot 2^x}$ $= \frac{2^{2x} + 2^{2x} \cdot 2^1}{2^{2x} + 2^{2x} \cdot 2^3}$ $= \frac{2^{2x}(1+2)}{2^{2x}(1+8)}$ $= \frac{3}{9}$ $= \frac{1}{3}$
		Simplifying the numerator $\checkmark$ Simplifying the denominator $\checkmark$ Common factor in the numerator $\checkmark$ Common factor in the denominator $\checkmark$ answer $\checkmark$
	1.1.4	$\log_5 \frac{1}{5} + \log_2 \frac{1}{2} - \log \frac{1}{100} + \log_3 1$ $= \log_5 5^{-1} + \log_2 2^{-1} - \log 10^{-2} + 0$ $= -\log_5 5 - \log_2 2 + \log 10$ $= -1 - 1 + 1 = -1$
		$\log_5 5^{-1} + \log_2 2^{-1} - \log 10^{-2} + 0 \checkmark$ $-\log_5 5 - \log_2 2 + \log 10 \checkmark$ $-1 \checkmark$

	1.1.5	Show that $\frac{\log_a 27 - \log_a 125}{\log_a 3 - \log_a 5} = 3$ $= \frac{\log_a 3^3 - \log_a 5^3}{\log_a 3 - \log_a 5}$ $= \frac{3 \log_a 3 - 3 \log_a 5}{\log_a 3 - \log_a 5}$ $= \frac{3(\log_a 3 - \log_a 5)}{\log_a 3 - \log_a 5}$ $= 3$	(3) $\log_a 3^3 - \log_a 5^3 \checkmark$ $3 \log_a 3 - 3 \log_a 5 \checkmark$ $3(\text{must be a product of the calculations above}) \checkmark$
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		<b>QUESTION 2</b>	
2.1		Solve for $x$	
	2.1.1	$3 \times 2^{x-2} = 48$ $2^{x-2} = 16$ $2^{x-2} = 2^4$ $x - 2 = 4$ $x = 6$	(3) $2^{x-2} = 16 \checkmark$ $2^{x-2} = 2^4 \checkmark$ $x = 4 \checkmark$
	2.1.2	$3^x = 12$ $x = \log_3 12$ $x = 2,26$  OR  $\log 3^x = \log 12$ $x \log 3 = \log 12$ $x = \frac{\log 12}{\log 3}$ $x = 2,26$	(2) $x = \log_3 12 \checkmark$ $x = 2,26 \checkmark$  $x \log 3 = \log 12$ $x = \frac{\log 12}{\log 3} \checkmark$ $x = 2,26 \checkmark$

	<p>2.1.3</p> $\log_2(x+3) + \log_2(x-4) = 3$ $x+3 > 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x-4 > 0$ $x > -3 \quad \text{or} \quad x > 4$ $\therefore x > 4$ $\log_2(x+3)(x-4) = 3$ $(x+3)(x-4) = 8$ $x^2 - x - 20 = 0$ $(x-5)(x+4) = 0$ $x = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -4$ $\therefore x = 5$	<p>(7)</p> $x > -3 \quad \text{or} \quad x > 4 \checkmark$ $x > 4 \checkmark$ $\log_2(x+3)(x-4) = 3 \checkmark$ $x^2 - x - 20 = 0 \checkmark$ $(x-5)(x+4) = 0 \checkmark$ $x = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -4 \checkmark$ $\therefore x = 5 \checkmark$
	<p>2.1.4</p> $4x^2 - 5x + 1 \geq 0$ $(4x-1)(x-1) \geq 0$ <p>CV: <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> &amp; 1</p>  $x \leq \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{or} \quad x \geq 1$	<p>(4)</p> $(4x-1)(x-1) \checkmark$ <p>CV: <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> &amp; 1 <math>\checkmark</math></p> $x \leq \frac{1}{4} \checkmark$ $x \geq 1 \checkmark$
2.2	$i\left(R + \frac{nr}{m}\right) = nE,$ $\left(R + \frac{nr}{m}\right) = \frac{nE}{i}$ $\frac{nr}{m} = \frac{nE}{i} - R$ $nr = \left(\frac{nE}{i} - R\right)m$ $m = \frac{nr}{\left(\frac{nE}{i} - R\right)}$	<p>(3)</p> $\left(R + \frac{nr}{m}\right) = \frac{nE}{i} \checkmark$ $nr = \left(\frac{nE}{i} - R\right)m \checkmark$ $m = \frac{\left(\frac{nE}{i} - R\right)}{nr} \checkmark$
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**QUESTION 3**

3.1	$x(x - 2) = 15$ $x^2 - 2x - 15 = 0$ $(x + 3)(x - 5) = 0$ $x = 3 \text{ or } x = -5$	<p style="text-align: right;">(3)</p> $x^2 - 2x - 15 \checkmark \text{ standard form}$ $(x - 3)(x + 5) \checkmark \text{ factors}$ $x = 3 \text{ or } x = -5 \checkmark, \text{ both answers}$
3.2	$3x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$ $a = 3 \quad b = -5 \quad c = 1$ $x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 1}}{2 \cdot 3}$ $x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 12}}{6}$ $x = 1,4 \text{ or } x = 0,2$	<p style="text-align: right;">(4)</p> $\frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 1}}{2 \cdot 3} \checkmark \checkmark, \text{ correct substitution in a}$ <p>correct formula</p> $x = 1,4 \checkmark \text{ or } x = 0,2 \checkmark$

3.3	$y - x = -3$ $y + 2x = x^2 - 3$ $y = x - 3 \text{ ----- (1a)}$ $\text{Subs. } y = x - 3 \text{ in } y + 2x = x^2 - 3$ $(x - 3) + 2x = x^2 - 3$ $x - 3 + 2x = x^2 - 3$ $x^2 - 3x = 0$ $x(x - 3) = 0$ $x = 0 \text{ or } x = 3$ <p>for <math>x = 0</math></p> $y = x - 3$ $y = (0) - 3$ $y = -3$ $(0; -3)$ <p>for <math>x = 3</math></p> $y = (3) - 3$ $y = 0$ $(3; 0)$	<p style="text-align: right;">(6)</p> $\checkmark, \text{ making } y \text{ the subject of the formula}$ $\checkmark, \text{ substitution}$ $\checkmark, \text{ standard form}$ $\checkmark, \text{ factorisation}$ $x = 0 \text{ or } x = 3 \checkmark, \text{ both answers}$ $y = -3 \text{ or } y = 0 \checkmark, \text{ both answers}$
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3.4	Determine the nature of the roots of the equation: $2x^2 - 3x - 1 = 0$ $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ $\Delta = (-3)^2 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot -1$ $\Delta = 9 + 8$ $\Delta = 17$ Roots are real, irrational and unequal	$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$  $\Delta = 17$ real ✓, irrational ✓ and unequal ✓ (5)
3.5	3.5.1 $x(x + 18,3) = 55000$ $x^2 + 18,3x - 55000 = 0$ $a = 1 \quad b = 18,3 \quad c = -550$ $x = \frac{(-18,3) \pm \sqrt{(18,3)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot -55000}}{2 \cdot 1}$ $x = \frac{-18,3 \pm \sqrt{334,89 + 2200}}{2}$ $= \frac{-18,3 \pm \sqrt{2534,89}}{2}$ $x = 225,55 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -243,84$ $x \neq -243,84$ $\therefore$ The length of the cut piece is 18,3 $+ 225,84 = 244,14\text{cm}$	$\frac{(-18,3) \pm \sqrt{(18,3)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot -55000}}{2 \cdot 1}$ ✓✓ correct substitution in a correct formula  $x = 225,55 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -243,84$ ✓, both answers  $x \neq -243,84$ ✓, one of the two representations $x = 225,55$ 244,14cm ✓ (5)
	3.5.2 The width of the cut piece is 225,84cm	225,84cm ✓ (1)
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