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**Friday 14 June 2024 – Afternoon**

**AS Level Further Mathematics B (MEI)**

**Y414/01 Numerical Methods**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the Printed Answer Booklet
- the Formulae Booklet for Further Mathematics B (MEI)
- a scientific or graphical calculator

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- Use black ink. You can use an HB pencil, but only for graphs and diagrams.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided in the **Printed Answer Booklet**. If you need extra space use the lined pages at the end of the Printed Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Printed Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Where appropriate, your answer should be supported with working. Marks might be given for using a correct method, even if your answer is wrong.
- Give your final answers to a degree of accuracy that is appropriate to the context.
- Do **not** send this Question Paper for marking. Keep it in the centre or recycle it.

**INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **60**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- This document has **8** pages.

**ADVICE**

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

- 1 The difference table shows some values of  $x$  and the associated values of  $y$ .

$x$	$y$	$\Delta y$	$\Delta^2 y$	$\Delta^3 y$
0	0.8			
1	0.7			
2	0.1			
3	11.3			
4	70.5			
5	250.6			

- (a) Complete the copy of the difference table in the **Printed Answer Booklet**. [2]
- (b) Explain whether a cubic polynomial would be suitable to model the relationship between  $y$  and  $x$ . [1]

- 2 A spreadsheet is used to find the approximate value of  $\pi + e$ . The output is shown in the table.

	A	B
1	$\pi$	3.141 593
2	e	2.718 282
3	$\pi + e$	5.859 874

The formula in cell B1 is .

The formula in cell B2 is .

and the formula in cell B3 is .

- (a) Show that the approximations to  $\pi$  and  $e$  displayed in cells B1 and B2 respectively have both been rounded. [1]
- (b) Find the relative error when 3.141 593 is used to approximate  $\pi$ . [2]
- (c) Explain why the value displayed in cell B3 is not equal to  $2.718\,282 + 3.141\,593$ . [2]

- 3** Following an injury a professional footballer has to undergo a rehabilitation programme before she can resume playing. As part of the programme she is required to take weekly fitness tests to assess her progress. When she achieves a score of 95% or over she is deemed fit enough to be part of the match day squad.

The footballer was ill at the end of week 3 and so did not take the fitness test. The percentage score she achieved,  $P$ , at the end of each week,  $w$ , is shown for  $w = 1, 2$  and  $4$  in the table.

$w$	1	2	4
$P$	52.00	62.54	79.90

The medical staff at the footballer's club believe the data may be modelled by a polynomial.

- (a)** Use Lagrange's form of the interpolating polynomial to construct a polynomial of degree 2 to model the relationship between  $P$  and  $w$ . **[4]**

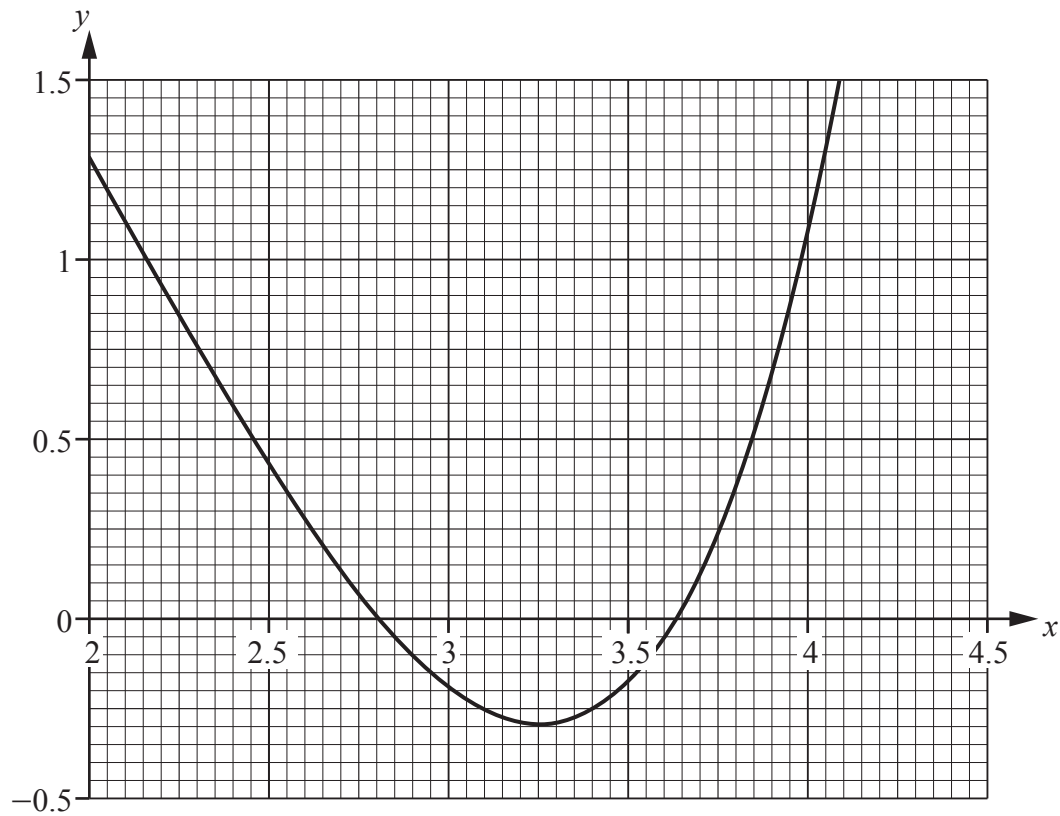
The club are due to play a match at the end of week 6 and another match at the end of week 7.

- (b)** Determine whether, according to the model, the footballer will be available to play in either of these matches. **[3]**

After returning to the match day squad, the medical staff continue to give the footballer a fitness test at the end of each week.

- (c)** Explain why the model is no longer viable from the end of week 9. **[1]**

- 4 The graph shows part of the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .



The equation  $f(x) = 0$  has two positive roots,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , where  $\alpha > \beta$ .

The method of False Position is used to find  $\alpha$ . A spreadsheet is used to find a sequence of approximations to  $\alpha$ . The output is shown in **Table 4.1**.

**Table 4.1**

$r$	V	W	X	Y	Z	AA
3	$a$	$f(a)$	$b$	$f(b)$		
4	3	-0.18289	4	1.11963	3.14041	-0.26707
5	3.14041	-0.26707	4	1.11963	3.30597	-0.28855
6	3.30597	-0.28855	4	1.11963	3.44818	-0.22333
7	3.44818	-0.22333	4	1.11963	3.53995	-0.13196
8	3.53995	-0.13196	4	1.11963	3.58845	-0.06598
9	3.58845	-0.06598	4	1.11963	3.61136	-0.03027
10	3.61136	-0.03027	4	1.11963	3.62159	-0.01334
11	3.62159	-0.01334	4	1.11963	3.62604	-0.00577
12	3.62604	-0.00577	4	1.11963	3.62796	-0.00248

- (a) On the copy of the graph in the **Printed Answer Booklet**, show how the method of False Position works to find the next **two** approximations to  $\alpha$  using starting values of  $x = a = 3$  and  $x = b = 4$ . [2]

The formula in cell W4 is  $= 0.2 * \text{EXP}(V4) - 0.8 * V4^2 + 3$ .

- (b) Write down the equation which is being solved. [2]

The formula in cell V5 is  $= \text{IF}(AA4 < 0, Z4, V4)$ .

- (c) Write down a similar formula for cell X5. [1]

- (d) By considering the output in **Table 4.1**, state the value of  $\alpha$  as accurately as possible. You must justify the precision quoted. [1]

The Newton-Raphson method is used with  $x_0 = 2$  to find a sequence of approximations to  $\beta$ . The associated spreadsheet output is shown in **Table 4.2**.

**Table 4.2**

$r$	$x_r$	difference	ratio of differences
0	2		
1	2.741969	0.741969	
2	2.811136	0.069167	0.09322
3	2.814353	0.003217	0.04651
4	2.814361	7.67E-06	0.00238
5	2.814361	4.38E-11	5.7E-06

- (e) Use the information in **Table 4.2** to state the value of  $\beta$  as accurately as possible. You must justify the precision quoted. [1]
- (f) Explain what the ratios of differences tell you about the order of convergence of the sequence of approximations to  $\beta$ . [2]
- (g) State **two** advantages of using the Newton-Raphson method instead of the method of False Position for finding the roots of an equation. [2]

- 5 **Table 5.1** shows some values of  $x$  and the associated values of  $f(x)$ .

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$x$	5	5.0001	5.001	5.01	5.1
$f(x)$	12.182 494	12.183 103	12.188 587	12.243 559	12.807 104

- (a) Use the forward difference method to obtain four approximations to  $f'(5)$ . Write your answers in the copy of **Table 5.2** in the **Printed Answer Booklet**.

[5]

**Table 5.2**

$h$	approximation to $f'(5)$
0.1	
0.01	
0.001	
0.0001	

- (b) State the value of  $f'(5)$  as accurately as you can. You must justify the precision quoted. [1]

Ali uses a smaller value of  $h$  to find an approximation to  $f'(5)$ . Ali's spreadsheet output is shown in **Table 5.3**.

**Table 5.3**

$h$	approximation to $f'(5)$
1.00E-14	6.039 613

- (c) Explain whether Ali's approximation to  $f'(5)$  is likely to be more accurate or less accurate than your answer to part (b). [2]
- (d) Determine an approximation of the error in using  $f(5)$  to approximate  $f(5.02)$ . [2]

- 6 The equation  $5 \log_3 x - x = 0$  has two roots,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

You are given that  $1 < \alpha < 2$ .

- (a) Use the iterative formula  $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$ , where  $g(x_n) = 3^{\frac{x_n}{5}}$  and  $x_0 = 2$ , to determine the value of  $\alpha$  correct to 6 decimal places. [3]

You are given that  $\beta \approx 10.9$ .

The table shows some approximations to  $g'(10.9)$  found using the central difference method.

$h$	approximation to $g'(10.9)$
0.1	2.410 093
0.01	2.409 901
0.001	2.409 899

- (b) (i) Explain why it is preferable to use the central difference method instead of the forward difference method where possible. [1]

- (ii) Show how the approximation with  $h = 0.1$  is calculated. [2]

- (iii) Write down the value of  $g'(10.9)$  as accurately as you can. You must justify the precision quoted. [1]

- (c) Explain why your answer to part b(iii) suggests that the iterative formula

$$x_{n+1} = g(x_n), \text{ where } g(x_n) = 3^{\frac{x_n}{5}},$$

may not be used to successfully find  $\beta$ , however close the starting value is to  $\beta$ . [1]

- (d) Use the relaxed iteration

$$x_{n+1} = (1 - \lambda)x_n + \lambda g(x_n) \text{ with } \lambda = -0.269 \text{ and } x_0 = 10.9$$

to determine the value of  $\beta$  correct to 6 decimal places. [3]

- 7 A student uses the midpoint rule, the trapezium rule and Simpson's Rule to find a series of approximations to  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$ . The associated spreadsheet output, together with some further analysis, is shown in the table.

$r$	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	$n$	$M_n$	$T_n$	$S_{2n}$	difference	ratio of differences
2	1	0.8660254	0.5	0.74401694		
3	2	0.81484183	0.6830127	0.77089879	0.0268819	
4	4	0.79598231	0.74892727	0.78029729	0.0093985	0.35
5	8	0.78917173	0.77245479	0.78359942	0.0033021	0.351
6	16	0.78673795	0.78081326	0.78476305	0.0011636	0.352
7	32	0.78587285	0.78377561	0.78517377	0.0004107	0.353
8	64	0.78556617	0.78482423	0.78531885	0.0001451	0.353

- (a) Write down a suitable spreadsheet formula for cell I2. [2]

The formula in cell J3 is = I3 – I2 .

- (b) Write down a suitable spreadsheet formula for cell K4. [1]
- (c) By considering the values in column H, explain what may be inferred about the shape of the curve  $y = f(x)$ . [1]
- (d) State the order of convergence of the sequence of values in column K. [1]
- (e) Explain what the values of the ratios of differences tell you about the order of Simpson's Rule in this case. [2]

**In this question you must show detailed reasoning.**

- (f) Determine the value of  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$  as accurately as you can. You must justify the precision quoted. [5]

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