



**Formulae**  
**AS Level Mathematics A (H230)**

**Binomial series**

$$(a+b)^n = a^n + {}^n C_1 a^{n-1} b + {}^n C_2 a^{n-2} b^2 + \dots + {}^n C_r a^{n-r} b^r + \dots + b^n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}),$$

$$\text{where } {}^n C_r = {}_n C_r = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

**Differentiation from first principles**

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

**Standard deviation**

$$\sqrt{\frac{\sum(x-\bar{x})^2}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum x^2}{n} - \bar{x}^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt{\frac{\sum f(x-\bar{x})^2}{\sum f}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum fx^2}{\sum f} - \bar{x}^2}$$

**The binomial distribution**

If  $X \sim B(n, p)$  then  $P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ , mean of  $X$  is  $np$ , variance of  $X$  is  $np(1-p)$

**Kinematics**

$$v = u + at$$

$$s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

$$s = \frac{1}{2}(u+v)t$$

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as$$

$$s = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2$$

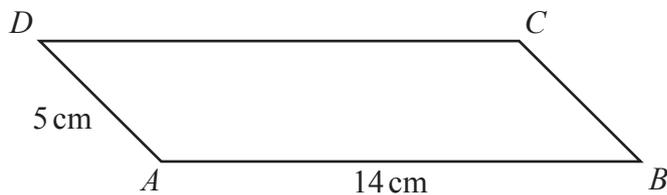
**Section A**  
**Pure Mathematics**

- 1 (a) Write  $3x^2 + 24x + 5$  in the form  $a(x+b)^2 + c$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are constants to be determined. [3]

The finite region  $R$  is enclosed by the curve  $y = 3x^2 + 24x + 5$  and the  $x$ -axis.

- (b) State the inequalities that define  $R$ , including its boundaries. [2]

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The diagram shows a parallelogram  $ABCD$  where  $AB = 14$  cm,  $AD = 5$  cm and angle  $DAB$  is obtuse. The area of  $ABCD$  is  $50$  cm<sup>2</sup>.

- (a) Determine, in degrees, the size of angle  $DAB$ . Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place. [3]
- (b) Find the length, in centimetres, of the diagonal  $BD$ . Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place. [2]
- 3 The quadratic equation  $kx^2 + 2kx + 2k = 3x - 1$ , where  $k$  is a constant, has no real roots.
- (a) Show that  $k$  satisfies the inequality
- $$4k^2 + 16k - 9 > 0. \quad [4]$$
- (b) Hence find the set of possible values of  $k$ . Give your answer in set notation. [2]

- 4 (a) The curve  $y = \sqrt{2x-1}$  is stretched by a scale factor  $\frac{1}{4}$  parallel to the  $x$ -axis.

Find the equation of the curve after it has been stretched. [2]

- (b) The curve  $y = \sqrt{2x-1}$  is translated by the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ , and as a result, the point on the curve where  $x = 5$  is transformed to the point  $P$ .

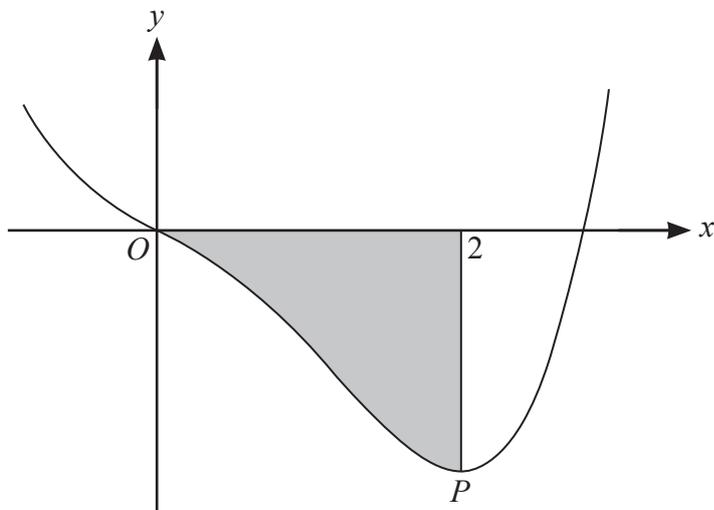
Find the coordinates of  $P$ . [2]

- 5 At the point  $P$  on the curve  $y = e^{3x} - 21x - 8$  the gradient of the tangent is 3.

- (a) Determine the  $x$ -coordinate of  $P$ . Give your answer in the form  $\ln a$ , where  $a$  is an integer to be determined. [4]

- (b) Hence determine the equation of the tangent at  $P$ . Give your answer in the form  $y = 3x + c$  where  $c$  is an exact constant to be determined. [3]

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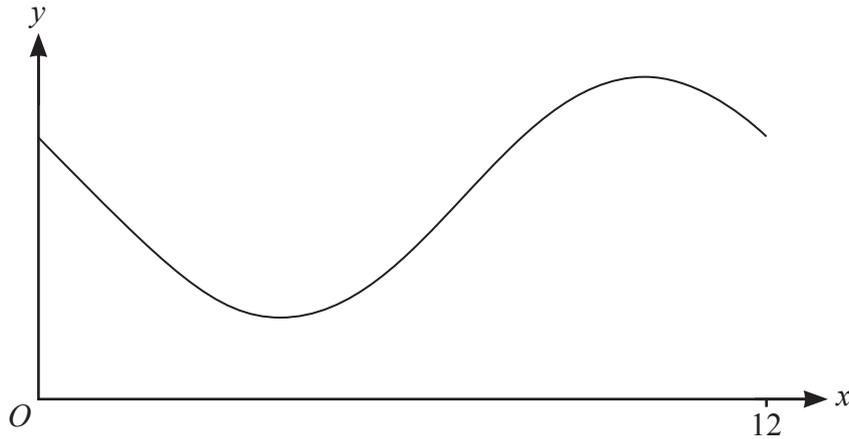


The diagram shows the curve with equation  $y = 5x^4 + ax^3 + bx$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. The curve has a minimum at the point  $P$  where  $x = 2$ .

The shaded region is enclosed by the curve, the  $x$ -axis and the line  $x = 2$ .

Given that the area of the shaded region is 48 units<sup>2</sup>, determine the  $y$ -coordinate of  $P$ . [7]

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The diagram shows the curve with equation  $y = 5 + 3 \cos(30x + 60)^\circ$ , for  $0 \leq x \leq 12$ .

- (a) (i) State the greatest value of  $y$  for points on the curve. [1]
- (ii) Determine the value of  $x$  for which this greatest value of  $y$  occurs. [3]

There are two points on the curve for which the value of  $y$  is 7.

- (b) Determine the values of  $x$  at these two points. [5]

- 8 The points  $A$  and  $B$  have coordinates  $(4, 8)$  and  $(6, p)$  respectively, where  $p$  is a positive constant and  $p \neq 8$ .

- (a) Find, in terms of  $p$ , the coordinates of the midpoint of  $AB$ . [1]
- (b) Find, in terms of  $p$ , the gradient of the line  $AB$ . [1]

The perpendicular bisector of  $AB$  intersects the positive  $x$ -axis at the point where  $x = \frac{7}{5}p$ .

- (c) Determine the  $x$ -coordinate of this point of intersection. [5]

**Section B  
Mechanics**

9 A particle  $P$  of mass 2.5 kg is in equilibrium under the action of three horizontal forces

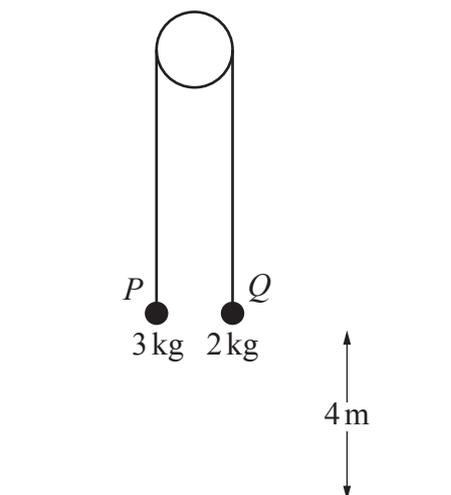
$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix} \text{N}, \mathbf{F}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -5 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix} \text{N} \text{ and } \mathbf{F}_3.$$

(a) Find the force  $\mathbf{F}_3$ . [2]

The force  $\mathbf{F}_3$  is changed to  $\begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{N}$ .

(b) Find the acceleration of  $P$ , giving your answer in column vector form. [2]

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Two small balls  $P$  and  $Q$ , of masses 3 kg and 2 kg respectively, are attached to the ends of a light inextensible string. The string passes over a smooth fixed pulley. The balls are held at a height of 4 m above a horizontal floor, with the string taut. The parts of the string which are not in contact with the pulley are vertical (see diagram).

The system is set in motion in such a way that  $P$  moves vertically downwards.

- (a) Determine the tension in the string immediately after the system is set in motion. [4]

The initial downward speed of  $P$  is  $4.2 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and when  $P$  reaches the floor it is immediately brought to rest. It is given that  $Q$  does not reach the pulley in the subsequent motion.

- (b) Find the speed of  $P$  as it hits the floor. [2]
- (c) Determine the time, after the start of the motion, at which  $Q$  reaches its greatest height above the floor. [4]
- (d) State what it would mean about the accelerations of the balls if the string could not be assumed to be inextensible. [1]

- 11 A man  $P$  runs in a straight line from  $O$  to  $A$ , leaving  $O$  at time  $t = 0$ . At time  $t$  seconds his velocity  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  is given by  $v = 5 + 0.003t^2$ .

Another man  $Q$  runs from  $O$  to  $A$  at a constant speed of  $7.08 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , starting 5 seconds after  $P$ .

- (a) Show that the times  $T$ s when  $P$  and  $Q$  are the same distance from  $O$  satisfy the equation

$$T^3 - 2080T + 35400 = 0. \quad [5]$$

- (b) In this question you must show detailed reasoning.

As they run from  $O$  to  $A$  there are two times at which  $P$  and  $Q$  are the same distance from  $O$ . The second of these is when  $T = 30$ .

Find the acceleration of  $P$  at the first of these times. [5]

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