



SOUTH EAST EDUCATION DIVISION

2024 MALAWI SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION MOCK EXAMINATION

MATHEMATICS

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1. Factorise completely $2x^2 + 4xy - 30y^2$ (3 marks)

$$= 2(x^2 + 2xy - 15y^2) \quad (1)$$

$$= 2[(x^2 - 3xy) + (5xy - 15y^2)]$$

$$= 2[x(x - 3y) + 5y(x - 3y)] \quad (1)$$

$$= 2[(x + 5y)(x - 3y)] \quad (1)$$

2. Evaluate $\log_2[\log_3(\log_5 125)]$ (4 marks)

$$= \log_2[\log_3(\log_5 5^3)] \quad (1)$$

$$= \log_2[\log_3(3\log_5 5)]$$

$$= \log_2[\log_3(3 \times 1)] \quad (1)$$

$$= \log_2[\log_3 3] \quad (1)$$

$$= \log_2 1$$

$$= 0 \quad (1)$$

3. **Figure 1** is a triangle ABC in which angle BAC = 60° , AC = 10cm and the area of the triangle is $5\sqrt{6} \text{ cm}^2$.

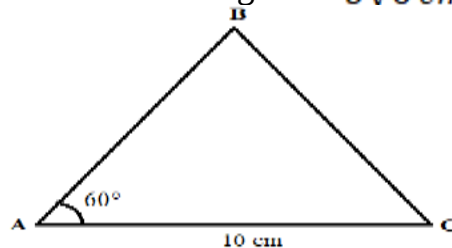


Figure 1

Calculate the length of AB leaving the answer in its simplest surd form.

(6 marks)

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABC = \frac{1}{2} AB \times AC \sin 60^\circ \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{1} = \frac{1}{2} AB \times 10 \sin 60^\circ \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{5\sqrt{6}}{5} = \frac{5AB \sin 60^\circ}{5}$$

$$\sqrt{6} = AB \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$AB = \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (1)$$

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$$= \frac{2\sqrt{18}}{3}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 3\sqrt{2}}{3} \quad (1)$$

$$= 2\sqrt{2} \quad (1)$$

4. Simplify $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (4 marks)

$$= \frac{4 - \sqrt{9}}{2\sqrt{3}} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{4 - 3}{2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2 \times 3} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6} \quad (1)$$

5. Triangle ABC has vertices A (-1, 2), B (3, 3) and C (2, -1).

Show that angle BAC = angle ACB. (5 marks)

$$|AB| = \sqrt{(3 - -1)^2 + (3 - 2)^2} \quad (1)$$

$$= \sqrt{(4)^2 + (1)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{16 + 1}$$

$$= \sqrt{17} \quad (1)$$

$$|BC| = \sqrt{(2 - 3)^2 + (-1 - 3)^2} \quad (1)$$

$$= \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-4)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 + 16}$$

$$= \sqrt{17} \quad (1)$$

Since length AB = BC

$\therefore$ Angle BAC = Angle ACB (1)

6. Simplify $\frac{e^2 - 5e + 6}{e^2 + 2e - 3} \div \frac{3e - 9}{2e^2 + 6e}$. (5 marks)

$$= \frac{e^2 - 5e + 6}{e^2 + 2e - 3} \times \frac{2e^2 + 6e}{3e - 9} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{(e-2)(e-3)}{(e-1)(e+3)} \times \frac{2e(e+3)}{3(e-3)} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{2e(e-2)}{3(e-1)} \quad (1)$$

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7. Given that T and R are two matrices. If $T = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, find $3R - T^2$. (5 marks)

$$= 3 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 \times 2 + 1 \times -1 & 2 \times 1 + 1 \times 3 \\ -1 \times 2 + 3 \times -1 & -1 \times 1 + 3 \times 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ -5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 4 \\ 5 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

8. Given that $\underline{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $\underline{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\underline{c} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$, find $\left| \underline{c} + \underline{a} - \frac{1}{5} \underline{b} \right|$ leaving your answer to 2 decimal places. (6 marks)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{5} \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 15 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{c} + \underline{a} - \frac{1}{5} \underline{b} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{c} + \underline{a} - \frac{1}{5} \underline{b} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = \underline{c} + \underline{a} - \frac{1}{5} \underline{b} \quad (1)$$

$$\left| \underline{c} + \underline{a} - \frac{1}{5} \underline{b} \right| = \sqrt{3^2 + 8^2} \quad (1)$$

$$= \sqrt{9 + 64}$$

$$= \sqrt{73} \quad (1)$$

$$= 8.5440$$

$$= 8.54 \quad (1)$$

9. In **Figure 2**, RD and RE are tangents to a circle PDE at D and E respectively.

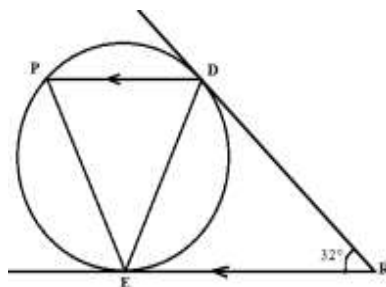


Figure 2

If angle DRE = 32° , calculate angle PED. (5 marks)

$$DR = ER, \text{ (tangents from an ext. pt. are =)} \quad (1)$$

$$\angle DER = \angle CDR, \text{ (base } \angle s) \quad (1)$$

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$$\angle DER = (180^\circ - 32^\circ)/2 \text{ (sum of } \angle s \text{ in a } \Delta) \quad (1)$$

$$= 74^\circ$$

$$\angle PDE = 74^\circ, \text{ (alt. } \angle s) \quad (1)$$

$$\angle DPE = 74^\circ, \text{ (} \angle s \text{ in alt. seg.)}$$

$$\therefore \angle PED = 180^\circ - 74^\circ - 74^\circ, \text{ (sum of } \angle s. \text{ in } \Delta)$$

$$= 32^\circ \quad (1)$$

10. Make x the subject of the formula, $V = w\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}$ **(5 marks)**

$$\frac{V}{w} = \frac{w\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}}{w} \quad (1)$$

$$\left(\frac{V}{w}\right)^2 = (\sqrt{a^2 - x^2})^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{V^2}{w^2} = a^2 - x^2 \quad (1)$$

$$x^2 = a^2 - \frac{V^2}{w^2} \quad (1)$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{a^2 - \frac{V^2}{w^2}} \quad (1)$$

11. Calculate the standard deviation of the following numbers $(t + 5)$, t and $(t - 5)$.

(5 marks)

$$\bar{x} = \frac{(t + 5) + t + (t - 5)}{3}$$

$$= \frac{3t}{3}$$

$$= t \quad (1)$$

X	$\bar{x}$	$x - \bar{x}$	$(x - \bar{x})^2$
$t + 5$	t	5	25
T	t	0	0
$t - 5$	t	-5	25
$\Sigma(x - \bar{x})^2$			50

(2)

$$\text{Variance} = \frac{\Sigma(x - \bar{x})^2}{n}$$

$$= \frac{50}{3}$$

$$= 16.67 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Std deviation} = \sqrt{16.67}$$

$$= 4.08 \quad (1)$$

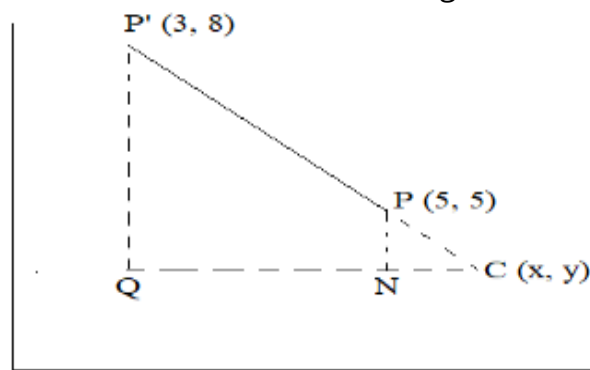
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12. When $x^3 - 7x + t$ is divided by $x - 2$, the remainder is 10, find the value of t .

(5 marks)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } x - 2 &= 0 \\
 x &= 2 & (1) \\
 P(2) &= (2)^2 - 7(2) + t = 10 & (1) \\
 8 - 14 + t &= 10 & (1) \\
 -6 + t &= 10 & (1) \\
 t &= 10 + 6 \\
 &= 16 & (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

13. Under an enlargement scale factor 2, the image of point $P(5, 5)$ is $P'(3, 8)$. Calculate the coordinates of the centre of enlargement. **(4 marks)**



$$\begin{aligned}
 &CP'Q \parallel CPN \\
 \frac{P'Q}{PN} &= \frac{P'C}{PC} = 2 \\
 \frac{8 - y}{5 - y} &= 2 \\
 8 - y &= 2(5 - y) \\
 8 - y &= 10 - 2y \\
 2y - y &= 10 - 8 \\
 y &= 2 \\
 \frac{QC}{NC} &= \frac{P'C}{PC} = 2 \\
 \frac{x - 3}{x - 5} &= 2 \\
 x - 3 &= 2x - 10 \\
 2x - x &= 10 - 3 \\
 x &= 7
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ Centre of enlargement is $(7, 2)$

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14. z varies jointly as the square of x and inversely as the square root of y . When $x = 10$, $y = 4$ and $z = 15$. Find x when $z = 8$ and $y = 25$.

(5 marks)

$$z \propto \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{y}} \quad (1)$$

$$z = \frac{kx^2}{\sqrt{y}}, \text{ where } k \text{ is constant}$$

$$15 = \frac{k(10)^2}{\sqrt{4}} \quad (1)$$

$$15 = \frac{100k}{2}$$

$$100k = 30$$

$$k = \frac{30}{100}$$

$$k = \frac{3}{10} \quad (1)$$

The equation

$$z = \frac{0.3x^2}{\sqrt{25}} \quad (1)$$

$$8 = \frac{0.3x^2}{5}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{40}{0.3}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{40}{0.3}}$$

$$x = \pm \sqrt{133.3} \quad (1)$$

$$x = \pm 11.547$$

15. **Figure 3** is a straight line graph.

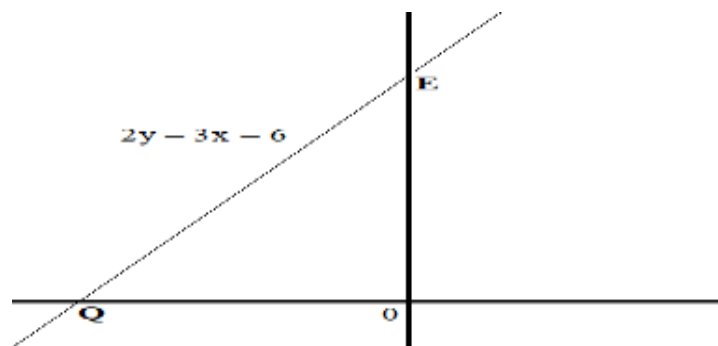


Figure 3

Calculate the length of OE.

(5 marks)

Let $x = 0$

$$2y - 3(0) = 6$$

$$\frac{2y}{2} = \frac{6}{2}$$

$$y = 3 \quad (0, 3) \quad (1)$$

let $y = 0$

$$2(0) - 3x = 6$$

$$\frac{-3x}{-3} = \frac{6}{-3}$$

$$x = -2 \quad (-2, 0) \quad (1)$$

$$= \sqrt{(0 - 3)^2 + (-2 - 0)^2} \quad (1)$$

$$= \sqrt{(-3)^2 + (-2)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{9 + 4} \quad (1)$$

$$= \sqrt{13}$$

$$= 0.6056 \quad (1)$$

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16. Without plotting the graphs, find the points of the following equations
 $y = x^2 - 4x + 5$ and $y + 2x = 8$. (5 marks)

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 8 - 2x \\
 y &= x^2 - 4x + 5 \\
 8 - 2x &= x^2 - 4x + 5 & (1) \\
 x^2 - 4x + 2x + 5 - 8 &= 0 \\
 x^2 - 2x - 3 &= 0 \\
 (x - 3)(x + 1) &= 0 & (1) \\
 x &= -1 \text{ or } 3 & (1) \\
 \text{To find } y \text{ when } x &= -1 \text{ or } 3 \\
 y &= 8 - 2(-1) \quad \text{or} \quad y = 8 - 2(3) \\
 y &= 8 + 2 \quad \quad \quad y = 8 - 6 \\
 y &= 10 \quad (1) \quad \quad \quad y = 2 \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

x	y
-1	10
3	2

17. **Figure 4** shows unshaded region **B** bounded by inequalities.

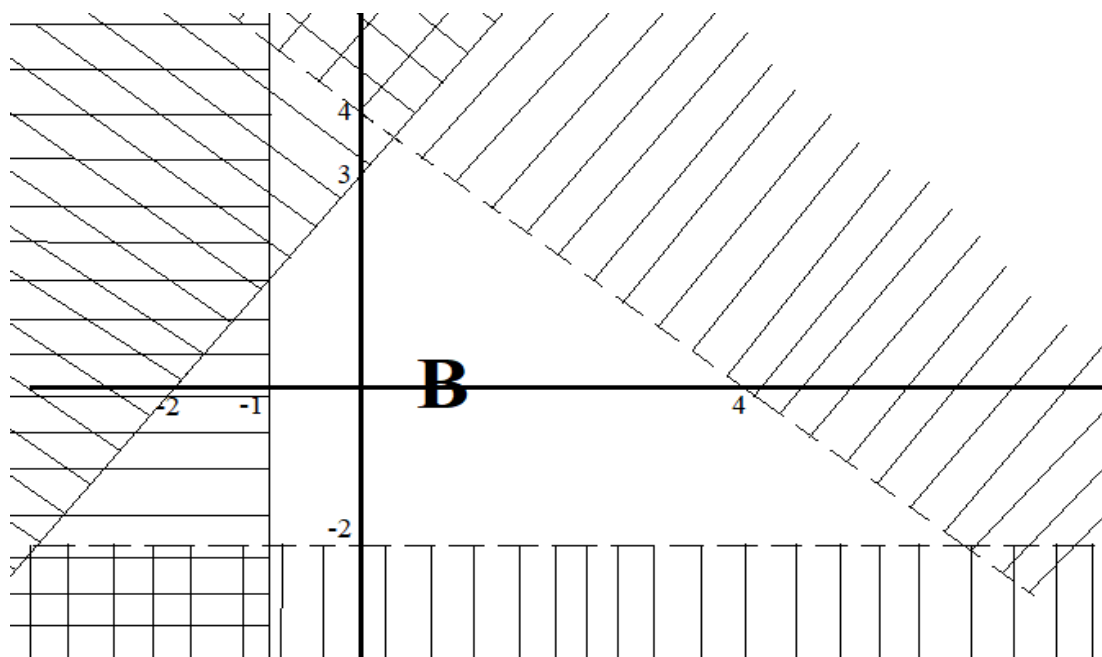


Figure 4

Write down the **three** inequalities that describe region B in addition to $x \geq -1$.

(6 marks)

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$\begin{aligned} &(-2, 0), (0, 3) \\ &m = \frac{3 - 0}{0 - (-2)} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \\ &\frac{3}{2} = \frac{y - 0}{x - (-2)} \\ &\frac{3}{2} = \frac{y}{x + 2} \\ &3(x + 2) = 2y \\ &3x + 6 = 2y \\ &2y = 3x + 4 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$	$\begin{aligned} &y = \frac{3x + 4}{2} \\ &(i). y \geq \frac{3x + 4}{2} \quad (1) \\ &(ii). y > -2 \quad (1) \\ &(4, 0), (0, 4) \\ &m = \frac{4 - 0}{0 - 4} \\ &= \frac{4}{-4} \\ &= -1 \\ &y = -x + 4 \\ &(iii). y < 4 - x \quad (1) \end{aligned}$
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18. **Figure 5** is a speed – time graph.

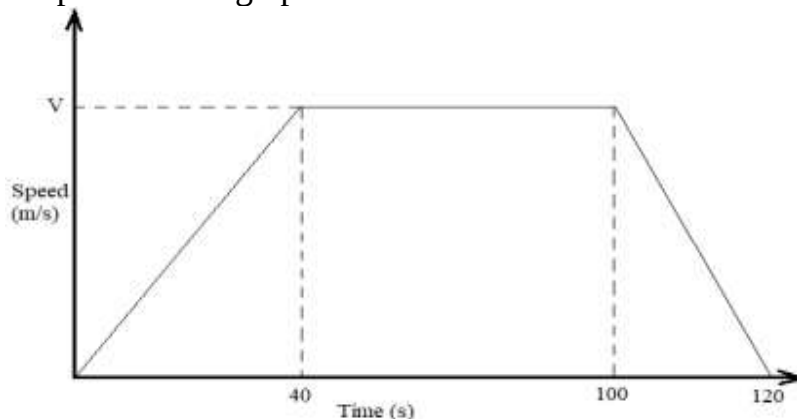


Figure 5

Given that the total distance travelled is 7200m, calculate the acceleration in the first 40 seconds. **(5 marks)**

Total distance = Area under the graph

$$7200 = \frac{1}{2}(60 + 120)V \quad (1)$$

$$7200 = \frac{1}{2} \times 180V$$

$$7200 = 90V$$

$$V = \frac{7200}{90}$$

$$V = 80\text{m/s} \quad (1)$$

$$a = \frac{v - u}{t} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{(80 - 0)\text{m/s}}{40\text{s}} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{80\text{m/s}}{40\text{s}} \\ = 2\text{m/s}^2 \quad (1)$$

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19. In a Geometric Progression (GP). the sum of the second and third terms is 9 and the seventh term is eight times the fourth term. Calculate the sum of the first 5 terms. **(6 marks)**

$$ar + ar^2 = 9$$

$$ar^6 = 8ar^3$$

$$\frac{ar^6}{ar^3} = 8$$

$$r^3 = 8$$

$$r = 2 \quad (1)$$

$$ar + ar^2 = 9$$

$$r = 2$$

$$2a + a(2)^2 = 9$$

$$2a + 4a = 9$$

$$6a = 9$$

$$a = \frac{3}{2} \quad (1)$$

$$S_n = \frac{ar^n - 1}{r - 1} \quad (1)$$

$$S_5 = \frac{\frac{3}{2}(2^5 - 1)}{2 - 1} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{2}(32 - 1)}{1} \quad (1)$$

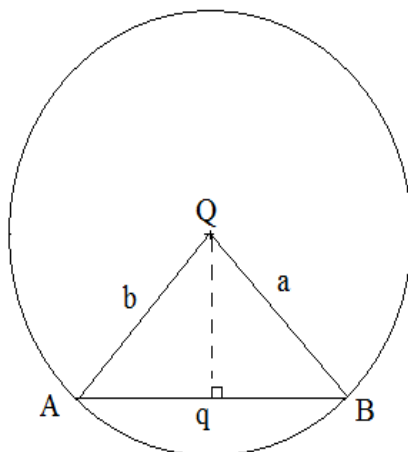
$$= \frac{3}{2} \times 31$$

$$= \frac{93}{2}$$

$$= 46.5 \quad (1)$$

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20. A circle of radius 8 cm has a chord of length 8.2 cm.



Calculate the angle subtended by the chord at the centre of the circle.

(6 marks)

$$AQ = BQ = 8\text{cm (radii)} \quad (1)$$

$$AB^2 = BQ^2 + AQ^2 - 2AQ \times BQ \times \cos \angle AQB \text{ (Cosine rule)} \quad (1)$$

$$q^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \angle Q$$

$$8.2^2 = 8^2 + 8^2 - 2 \times 8 \times 8 \cos Q^\circ \quad (1)$$

$$67.24 = 64 + 64 - 128 \cos Q^\circ$$

$$67.24 - 128 = -128 \cos Q^\circ$$

$$-60.76 = -128 \cos Q^\circ \quad (1)$$

$$\cos Q^\circ = \frac{-60.76}{-128}$$

$$\cos Q^\circ = 0.4745$$

$$Q^\circ = \cos^{-1}(0.4745) \quad (1)$$

$$= 61.67^\circ$$

$$= 62^\circ \quad (1)$$

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